



Dear Parents and Carers,

3rd April 2020

Well - what a very challenging and unusual term this has turned out to be! Not what any of us have ever experienced before and not what we would have wished for. I do hope that you are all keeping well and safe with your families.

Firstly, on a personal note, can I say an enormous thank you for the many kind messages of support that so many of you have sent regarding Mr Arnold and his recent stay in hospital. He has been at home nearly a week and is continuing to make steady progress in his recovery. We are entirely grateful to the staff at Arrowe Park Hospital who, thanks to their amazing expertise, got him back onto the right path of health. It was fantastic that last night he was able to stand in the window at home clapping and supporting the NHS workers like, no doubt, many of you also did at home. He still has a long road to full recovery but is now getting there.

Secondly, I would like to thank the staff at Poulton Lancelyn and across the Multi Academy Trust. The last two weeks have operated as smoothly as possible with such ever-changing and difficult times because of the professionalism, positivity and dedicated staff that I am so fortunate to work with. We were clapping them and the many other key workers across the country too!

Thank you for feedback we have received from you at home - it has been wonderful to see and hear the many creative and exciting activities that the children have been doing at home, some school work that they have been completing, as well as fitting in some much needed family time. Please keep sending us photographs and messages via Twitter, the class teacher 'help me' emails and the school office email as this enables us to maintain our sense of togetherness which is of course so important at a time when we must be apart. We are continually adding to the dedicated School Closure and COVID-19 information tabs on our website so do please keep checking that each week.

As we bring this term to a close and begin what would ordinarily have been our Spring Break, I wanted to let you know that school will remain operational for a small number of key worker families. As such, for their well-being, staff will have their holiday entitlement but this will operate across the next 3-4 weeks instead. An 'out of office response' will temporarily be on the 'Help Me' email during the weeks that your child's class teacher is on holiday. For anything urgent please email the school office as this will continue to be monitored daily.

Work and activity ideas continue to be available via the website but I would urge as many of you as possible to limit this over the next 2 weeks as the children will still very much need their 2-week Spring Break and enjoy time reading, playing in the garden, watching movies, playing family games, baking and so on.

On behalf of all of the staff and Governors, continue to look after yourselves and families during this time which remains challenging for us all.

Kind regards,

Mrs Arnold
Headteacher