

## Great Barford C of E Primary Academy

Dear All,

The week 5, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, home learning work is now visible on the school website for you and your children.

As promised, you will see some differences this week. We are using some of the Oak Academy resources as recommended by the Government as well as BBC Bitesize. If your children require additional activities please dip in to the websites in the 'other useful resources tab' on our website as well as any additional BBC Bitesize materials. We have looked at all of these sites and feel happy to recommend them.

We have received some communication around recorded and live lessons with the teachers. We have made a conscious decision around the live lessons and we will not be delivering these at this stage. Once staff are predominantly based back in school we will review the decision again.

Instead, week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May, we will be introducing short recorded messages for each of the classes. The teachers may set activities or challenges, read stories or deliver some teaching points via a video clip. In addition, Years 1-6 will have the blog facility on Purple Mash and we will be encouraging children to share images of their work so the teachers can respond.

Thank you to all those children who have already been sending messages via Purple Mash, we hope you have enjoyed receiving the messages back from your teachers. Just to note, all messages and images are screened by the class teacher before they are published on the platform. EYFS can continue to share their achievements through the usual parent share app.

Some families have been having difficulties printing out worksheets and we know printer ink costs a fortune. So, printing is not necessary in most cases. Any answers can be written in the work books we sent home before the closure or in any other note book or on loose paper. The questions do not have to be written out.

All the work completed on the Purple Mash platform is monitored by staff, as is TT Rockstars. We know the children enjoy receiving responses from their teachers and find it motivating. The blog will help to increase this interactivity so please encourage your children to join in.

We are expecting an announcement from the Prime Minister next week laying out how schools will begin to readmit children. At this stage, we don't know what that will look like. Will it be year groups of children? Which groups? Part-time or full-time? We just don't know but rest assured that we are busy preparing the school for whatever the return looks like ensuring that staff and children will be safe within the new guidelines.

Thank you again for all your lovely messages they really do keep us going. Keep an eye on the home page of the website this week, there is a surprise on its way.

Take care,

Sarah Evans  
Headteacher