

Morning everyone!

We hope that you've had a good Easter break and ready for the summer term ahead. I have some updates for you this morning, and will continue to provide updates as soon as I have information. In the meantime, if you need to contact us at all you are welcome to email: support@miltonprimay.co.uk or send a message via Class Dojo, Sesaw or our school Facebook page.

As you are all aware, we have now entered another three week period of 'lockdown.' There has been quite a lot of speculation in the news about schools re-opening and I just wanted to emphasise that the message from Welsh Government is very much that there is currently no date at which schools will re-open at this point. **Schools will only re-open when the scientific advice is clear that it is safe to do so. Safe for pupils, safe for staff and safe for parents.**

Remote Learning

As you will be aware, we began to use a new app called Seesaw for our remote learning. Weekly activities will be posted on a Monday morning, along with resources, and children are then expected to upload a task or photograph (one a day would be great!) to share with their class teachers so that they can feedback on their learning.

I enjoyed having a look at some of the learning going on yesterday, but did notice that we only had around half our children engaging in activities. While I still maintain that the well-being of our children comes first and there is absolutely no pressure with regards to completing tasks at specific times, it is really important that children are engaging on a daily basis- staff would really love to connect and need to be able to see what they're doing in order to best support them.

Learning Packs

We have now created a list of families who do not have a device at home. Unfortunately, due to the high number (approximately 50) we do not have enough laptops in school to be able to distribute to these families as would be our preference. There is a possibility that devices may become available in the future, however until this point we will continue to post learning packs home. Staff will collate and post packs weekly on a Wednesday, beginning this week.

Brilliant Book Assembly

To celebrate the wonderful learning that is still taking place, we will resume our normal Brilliant Book assemblies this week, beginning Friday 24th April. I will post a video on Friday celebrating the learners who have been awarded a Brilliant Book certificate. Keep a look out on Friday to see who the winners are!

Childcare Hubs

Our cluster childcare hub continues to operate for children of keyworkers. If you think you might be eligible, then application details are on the Newport City Council website. Many thanks to our staff who are supporting by working in the childcare hub on a weekly basis.

FSM Hub

There are lots of mixed messages in the press regarding provision for Free School Meals, including the introduction of vouchers. This has **not yet been confirmed**, and for the time being, Free School Meals collection will continue to be on a Tuesday between 10am and Midday at Llanwern High. As soon as there is any further update I will let you know.

School Building Update

Finally, I just wanted to provide an update on our school building. Those of you who have strolled past on your daily walk will notice that the work to replace the Foundation Phase windows is well underway. Mr Pask, our caretaker, is on site everyday overseeing the work by the contractors who have reported that they are making good progress and hope to be completed by the end of this term.

Take care all, and have a lovely week.

Mrs Burke