



West Vale Primary School - part of The Greetland Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well and have managed to have some rest over the Easter period. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us after the dreadful arson attack. We have been overwhelmed with kind messages and donations. It shows what a fantastic community we have. The PFA have done an amazing job fundraising and hopefully the children will have some wonderful resources to play and learn with when they return.

Following the announcement from the government that lockdown and school closures will continue I am wanting to inform you how we will continue to keep in touch and support you with your child's home learning.

The NSPCC have some excellent advice on ways to support your child and manage home learning and one of the key points is routine. Here is a link to the website for further tips on how to cope during lockdown <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>

With routine in mind we have created a learning program that will help support you at home. Every Monday the class teachers will share on Seesaw, a learning overview for the week. On here will be what your child will be learning and the knowledge they need to retain over the week. This will be in Maths, English, PE, PSHE and Topic.

Daily, teachers will post activities for your child to complete in maths and English. This will be supported by a video clip or similar to aid understanding. We ask that your child completes these tasks in the morning and then posts their work to Seesaw. Teachers will be available on Seesaw between 1pm and 3pm to comment on your child's success with the task and offer support.

There are also some excellent learning links on the school website <https://www.westvale.calderdale.sch.uk/learning-links>

If you are struggling to access the online learning please get in touch via seesaw or [admin@westvale.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westvale.calderdale.sch.uk) alternatively you may contact the school office on 01422 372804.

We are very aware that this is a very difficult time and many of you are managing workloads and children within the home environment. We are trying to produce something which will aid you to create a productive home learning environment. As none of us have any idea how long this will continue we are still aiming to follow the national curriculum and provide as interesting an education as we are able for our children.

Please help by supporting us to support you. Sharing the success your child has at home with their learning will help staff continue to develop the activities that they set in the upcoming weeks. Keep the photos coming and return work daily for staff to comment on. This will help your child feel connected with school and aid their motivation to learn.

Every Friday teachers will continue to award Star of the Week based on the work set for that week. There will also be stories read and a daily greeting from your child's teacher so that they can keep in touch. Fridays will also see a weekly quiz which will be questions from your child's learning over the year. This will help with their understanding and retention of knowledge in a fun way.

Once again, can I thank you for your cooperation and wish you and your families all the best. We miss the children greatly and hope we will soon all be back together.

Kind Regards, Mrs Fiona Gardiner

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