**Update 22/4/2020**

Dear Parents,

This should have been a newsletter welcoming you back to the start of the summer term.

Instead, we have just begun a further 3 weeks of lockdown. Several of you have asked If I have any idea when schools might re-open. I’m really sorry- but I have no more information than you. There has been a lot of speculation – but it is just speculation. No decision has been taken yet.

**Learning at home**

Thank you to you all for the amazing work you have been doing to support your child’s learning at home. It’s not easy- especially if you’re trying to balance work as well or have more than one child needing different support. It’s truly fantastic to see all the amazing stuff the children have been up to. Please do keep sending us photos or videos- we really enjoy seeing them.

There have been some new, and hopefully helpful developments, to support parents with their children’s learning. The first is the **BBC Bitesize** programmes- and more information was put on the Facebook page about these yesterday.

The second is **Oak National Academy**. See information below:

From Monday 20 April, parents can access 180 lessons a week for every year group from Reception through to year 10, through a new online platform, Oak National Academy. The enterprise which has been set up by teachers and is funded by the Department of Education, provides video lessons for students, with each lesson coming with a corresponding quiz and worksheet. The learning resources have been created by more than 40 teachers across the UK and cover key topics such as language, art and maths. The link is: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

If you don’t have access to the internet, please get in touch and we will put some more packs of work together for you.

**Talking to teachers**

If you would like to talk to your child’s class teacher, please get in touch and they will ring you or email you back if you prefer. You can email or ring school and the member of staff who is in will pass on a message for you.

There may be a delay of a day or two because staff are currently in school on a rota.

**Online Safety**

There is a lot of concern nationally about the extra time children might be online at the moment. If you are at all concerned, or want to know more, there are links to some helpful documents on our website.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

This is not just about the children- it is also about you.

Again, there are useful resources on the website but please, please get in touch with me or any other member of staff if you need to talk about anything. We will always try to help.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Jo Trotter