

16th April 2020

Dear families of Caterpillars and Tadpoles,

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well. In these strange and uncertain times, we wanted to write to let you all know that we continue to think about you and want to support and help our families in any way we can.

All of us in the EYFS team miss those cheery smiles that meet us at the gate in the morning, along with the hundreds of interactions we engage in each day. There are so many aspects to school life that we all miss right now but we will get through this together and support each other. If anyone needs anything at all, then please reach out to those around you who are willing to help, including us at St Peter's.

As the Easter holidays are now virtually over we hope that you have managed to enjoy some quality family time away from school work and that your children haven't eaten too much chocolate (although if they are anything like Mrs. Marshall there'll be none left!).

Going into next week, we hope you manage to create some sort of routine again and can manage juggling working lives, other children, running a family home and the needs of your EYFS children. It's not an easy ask, especially for families with young children, and it's tough, believe me, we know!

We will continue to set work through our school website. For next week you will notice a lot of activities from Hamilton. We urge you to have a go at the English and Maths activities in particular. There are lots of additional tasks, under the title 'play activities', some of which you may have already done at home but hopefully they will provide you with some additional ideas about how you can get learning through play. Please do not expect to complete all of these during one week – there are so many, so just pick a few. However, the most important thing you can do to support your children at home is to talk to them and share stories. Language development in Early Years is key! The Oxford Owl website provides so many books that children can read to you or a family member and also books that you can read to them.

As we are missing the children so much we have been trying to think of ways in which we can interact with you. This is difficult as we don't use interactive platforms in EYFS at St Peter's. Therefore, we have added ourselves to Classlist and have created an EYFS group where we can share photos of our learning in a safe way should you wish to. There is no obligation!

Finally, we would like to set you a challenge: can you create a family den for reading in? This can be big/small, inside/outside and made however you like. The more creative the better. Have fun making and send up a picture if you can. We would love to see you all. Here are a few of ours to get you going.

Take care all, keep well, stay at home and remember, we are thinking of you!

Mrs Marshall, Mrs Passmore, Mrs Potter, Mrs DeMoraes, Mrs Perkins and Mrs Fassett

Reading Dens



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Marshall's children:
James and Lucy



Mrs Marshall's nephews:
Bobby and Eddie



Mrs Marshall's nephew:
Eddie



Mrs Perkin's son:
Riley



Children in school



Mrs Potter's daughter:
Liv

What will yours look like?