

Dear Parent,

You've made it through another week, well done! These are difficult times so don't be surprised if you are finding the novelty is wearing off and you are struggling a bit more now. That's normal. I've been really impressed by all the ways you have been covering the learning on Tapestry and it is great to see the children getting some time outdoors too, where they can and while the weather is good. It's always more difficult when the weather is wet and miserable. Whilst we are still open over the holidays, via Piddle valley, it is a time that we will be easing off on the planning for the week and providing home learning in the more traditional way. Hopefully you will find that this is something you can all be involved in within the limits of the current confines and it gives everyone a bit of a break.

Please see attached Easter home learning ideas.

It was lovely to hear that you have organised contact between yourselves via whats app and zoom supporting each other and allowing the children the opportunity to keep in touch. What a fab idea. Robins, I don't think you have this but maybe someone could set one up?

Staff have been working hard to keep in contact in a safe way that is mutually convenient and most effective. If you haven't booked in for a phone call from your child's teacher you still can through the online parents consultation booking system.

You should now all have received your child's parent consultation slip with the information to date and key areas to work on. This should help to target some of the learning over the coming weeks.

Apologies that you weren't able to see my assembly last week. I have changed the settings and I believe this works now. If you haven't seen it on the website yet, **Miss Grimshaw's assembly** link is below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYeI0WbnqJE>

Please remember if you would like your child's pictures to be added to the weekly slide show showing school learning please send to Mrs Andrews.

Doodle continues to be well used by most children. You can track this too on the parent Dashboard which parents are finding really useful and informative. Please see the information below from Doodle,

Parent Dashboard features have been increased to allow parents to support their children's learning even more at home. This means that linked parents can access parents.doodlemaths.com and monitor their children's progress, recalibrate their accounts and add Extras. We are also running daily parent webinars guiding parents on how to use Doodle to support learning at home.

Now more than ever, children need something fun and engaging to look forward to - cue our DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish Spring Challenge! Between Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 30th April, we're running two very exciting Challenges in DoodleMaths and

DoodleEnglish - the #DoodleMathsChallenge and #DoodleEnglishChallenge! Taking part in one or both Challenges is a fantastic way for pupils to continue their learning while they're not in school. Plus, they can earn an exclusive pinbadge and certificate by taking part! See www.doodlemaths.com/spring-challenge/

In addition to this, children will now also find their Easter accessories in My Pages! Within DoodleMaths children can spend their hard earned DoodleStars buying Easter eggs and unlocking Easter bunnies, and within DoodleEnglish children can visit Spring Island!

I am very sad to inform you that **Miss Charlotte Grimshaw** has handed in her notice before the school closed and will not be with us in September. Charlotte has quickly settled in to Milborne and will be sorely missed by Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils alike. We wish her every joy and happiness as she marries (hopefully still goes ahead) this summer and takes up a full time position in retail.

It is a sad loss to MSA and the teaching profession but I sure you understand the pressures of teaching (even more so now perhaps) and sometimes the workload is just unsustainable. I'm not sure that this is something you want to share with the children yet. I think it will just cause unnecessary anxiety and there will be plenty of time to say goodbye properly. Miss Grimshaw will come back in September to any arranged activities we have for Leavers. I wanted you to know that we will be advertising for this post next week, but that too will be done in a different way.

As you are aware, I have been doing Trauma Informed Schools training which I said I would share with you and had started to, but circumstances have changed. I have been thinking about how I can still do this as it is probably more relevant now than ever. I will try to work something out, so watch this space.

Please see attached letter from Mr Chadwick Executive Head of GTAT in case you missed it.

The books have just arrived for Year 3 and Year 4. If you weren't able to collect a copy then please collect it on Monday between 9-10. You can catch up with Jow Wickes afterwards! Please remember to follow the instructions as last time for everyone's safety. The main gate will be locked so pedestrian access only.

There has been no significant change in guidelines or information sent to schools daily regarding the current situation. Usually you will find out in the news as I do. In the meantime, as we all try to carry on as best we can and keep ourselves and others safe, if we can help you in any way please do let us know, but carry on helping each other. It sounds like you've nailed it!

Have a Happy Easter, albeit a different one, and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Sharon Hunt