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Dear Parents,

This is the first week of our summer term. Never would I have believed, when planning the year ahead, that I would be writing to you in these circumstances. The summer term is a firm favourite for lots of reasons, particularly for field days! The staff and I are committed to working very hard at ensuring we support you in every way we can as we move forward and that this term is as equally enjoyable.

Children's Learning

We have moved into a slightly modified way of working by making good use of our website and in providing you with a greater level of flexibility. The structure of each day will remain with morning messages, Multiflex challenges and story time. I will end the week with my message. The Multiflex Team, led by Mr Webb, are doing an amazing job at keeping us fit and smiling! The last forfeit was testament as to how far they will go to keep our spirits up! Watch out for this coming weekend as Miss Babinska and I have been drafted in to take part!

We have three key messages to share:

- Do what you can and when. Do not worry if all activities have not been completed and make time for play and relaxation.
- Only Mrs Hooper and the class teacher can see the work that is posted.
- Don't worry if work is not posted on a particular day – just do whatever is possible. This helps the teachers support every child.

Please use this situation to support yourselves too in your working days and decide with the children what they do and, most importantly, when to fit in with your work patterns. These times demand of us a greater level of flexibility, patience and empathy too. We will keep monitoring our approach and would welcome any feedback. Many families have been very flexible and getting involved in lots of their own activities and projects which is brilliant. This time at home provides that freedom of expression and time together. There has been a lot of baking, gardening, treasure hunts, den building, camping in the garden and lots more!

If any parents are struggling with using the technology or with their devices, or lack of them, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will make sure we solve any issues with you.

Home Deliveries

Despite our best efforts, not all of the resources have been delivered. Due to such strict guidance we can only make these deliveries once everything has arrived. I will keep you informed as to when this will be.

The long-term picture

The press have recently fuelled a great deal of speculation regarding schools reopening. However, the government have been very clear in their public briefings and, in their direct daily briefings to Headteachers. Schools will not be reopening in the near future and, certainly not until there are specific indicators proving that it is safe to do so. I will keep you informed as we go along if there is any change to this and when we do reopen, we will be very clear as to how this is going to happen.

Critical Key Workers

As the days and weeks go by, we need to work together in supporting the children. The advice is very clear that everyone must remain at home if possible, especially children. If, at any point, key workers would need their children educated in school, as they have to return to work please get in touch via: admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

'If we can make a difference we should'

This is a philosophy that is embedded into our daily lives at Egerton and it includes when we are not there. The examples of community spirit and friendship across Knutsford is inspiring! Many parents and families are involved in supporting their most vulnerable neighbours and others by using their skills and talents such as baking, DIY, photography, shopping, sewing, painting and much more!

Mr Webb launched his 3 acts of kindness and payback this week. It is at this time we need each other more than ever. Please take part in this as a family.

Knutsford Celebration Week

This is an opportunity for the children to use the bunting they are going to make. Children could also recreate sanding in the street with coloured chalk if safe to do so. Please follow the link below for more details from Andrew Malloy.

https://twitter.com/KnutsfordTown/status/1253354191889805315?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet

Finally, I want to thank you all for doing the very best you can for your children and supporting our staff in making sure that the children are happy and settled and can continue to learn. We can all have difficult days when we are at a loss to understand our feelings. I certainly have. This is when the story of Pooh and Piglet is so useful. I have attached this for you to use with your children and yourselves. Think about whom your Piglet could be to talk things through. My dad always comes through for me. If ever you are worried, have a question, are struggling with technology or devices or have any feedback please do not hesitate to get in touch via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk
We are here to help.

Enjoy your weekend!
Alison Hooper



The poster features a string of Union Jack bunting at the top. Below it, the title 'KNUTSFORD CELEBRATION WEEK!!' is written in large, bold, red and blue letters. The event schedule is split into two columns: '2ND MAY 14:00-16:00 May Day' and '8TH MAY 14:00-16:00 VE Day (75th Anniversary)'. Each day has a specific theme: 'Decorate your House & Garden red, white & blue competition*' for May Day and 'Dress up as your wartime relative competition*' for VE Day. A central paragraph encourages community participation: 'Let's celebrate these two days as a community in real style by going out into our own gardens, having a picnic, lighting the BBQ and being together in spirit!'. Below this, it asks for photos to be shared on social media. At the bottom, there is a 'STAY HOME' logo with a heart icon, the hashtag '#weareknutsford', and a small note '* prizes to be confirmed!!'.