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Dear Parents,

In these first two weeks of term I have been able to visit some families who live close to school, some who needed advice and support and others that were very ad hoc. I will try to visit you all over time. The deliveries of resources still have not arrived but the staff have organised everything that we do have so when the remainder arrives we are ready to go. Hopefully, it will be next week but you will receive a message beforehand.

Children's Learning

The teachers and I have received very positive feedback regarding the use of our school website for the children's activities and therefore the reduction of notifications on seesaw. The structure of each day will remain with a morning message from teachers, Multiflex challenges and story time. I will end the week on Friday afternoon.

Three key messages are central to your daily lives:

- 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.
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Egerton News

I have the great pleasure of announcing that Mrs Sumser is expecting her first baby. She is very well and she and her husband are very much looking forward to welcoming this new addition to their family in the Autumn. She will return for a very short time before commencing her maternity leave.

Mrs Rowland will be moving on to take up a post in a school in Chester in September. This has been a monumental decision for her to further her career as she has been at Egerton for 12 years and has played a vital role in ensuring our Reception children get the very best start at Egerton. She has also worked tirelessly in promoting and developing global learning and has visited Egerton in Kenya twice, supporting our partnership. This year saw our school awarded with a Silver Award from UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools' programme. Mrs Rowland led on this initiative and was instrumental in our school receiving this prestigious award.

Miss Padmore will also be moving on to take up a teaching post at a Stockport school in September. This will help support her in furthering her career as she began her second year of teaching with us at Egerton. Miss Padmore's enthusiasm is infectious! She throws herself into everything she does and has led a number of visits to Pensarn. She visited Egerton in Kenya in February of last year. This was a huge success and she was filmed and interviewed by the British Council. She has also supported Miss Capper in coaching the Netball team.

We wish both Miss Padmore and Mrs Rowland every success in their new jobs. However, 'Once and Egerton Teacher, always an Egerton teacher.'

I am in the process of recruiting teachers to replace Mrs Rowland and Miss Padmore as well as a teacher to cover Mrs Sumser's maternity leave. Once this is completed, which will not be until after the half term break, I will write to you all again introducing these teachers.

Hidden Talents!

This week has been wonderful! Both staff and parents have shown many hidden talents! We have had some parents send in videos as mystery readers. They were amazing, making effective use of different voices for characters!

Mrs Sumser, Mrs Levinsohn and Mrs Kendall put together an amazing video of them performing a Spanish dance to the music La Bamba! It was just brilliant! The children loved it as part of their new

theme of 'Spain' and lots learnt it and posted their videos. This will be shared with all classes later today.

Mrs Gibson delivered a yoga session to class 1 this week and Mrs Broadbent filmed a mindfulness session, which was beautiful.

If you have any hidden talents you would like to share please let you children's teachers know via tapestry, seesaw or the school admin email. Can you play an instrument, dance, make something, tell jokes..... The children would be inspired to see you and it would bring so much joy to our school community.

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

Knutsford Celebration Week

Starting tomorrow with the May Day celebrations in gardens across the town this is an opportunity to mark what would have been the Royal May Day Parade in the town. Display your bunting with pride and please post your photographs on twitter if you can tagging in the school: 'EgertonPrimary and we will like and retweet and spread the happiness!

Friday 8 May – Bank Holiday - Learning activities will not be set for the children on this day. It has been earmarked as an opportunity for us all to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It would be great for the children to learn about this. Captain Tom Moore has certainly been an inspiration to us all! The Town Council has set a competition to dress up as a wartime relative.

Finally, I want to thank you all again 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. The Bug Club, our new online reading scheme is very popular. This is very cleverly designed to develop the full range of reading skills for the children by ensuring they complete the activities as they read the books. 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