

# Weekly News

## Badges

We recently received a very exciting parcel... our learning muscle badges have arrived. When we are open again, the children will be able to earn them for showing excellent learning behaviours. So far the children have met 'Responsible Rhino', 'Persevering Penguin' and 'Curious Crocodile'. I cannot wait to introduce them to the other muscles and to finally be able to hand some badges out.

## 'New Normal'

I still have had no further information about what the near future might bring in terms of schools re-opening. I expect to have more details next week. I will then be able to share what the 'new normal' will look like. I want to reassure everyone that everyone's safety will be the first priority and we will be putting in lots of measures to make sure that everyone stays healthy.

## Surprise...

As we can't see the children at the moment, the staff have worked together to create a short video surprise for all families in the federation. You should find it attached with this newsletter – we do hope it makes you and your children smile!

If any children would like to contribute to a video reply, please send a short video clip (no longer than 5 seconds) of them waving to either school office and we will see if we can have part 2 of the surprise ready for next week.

## Google Classroom

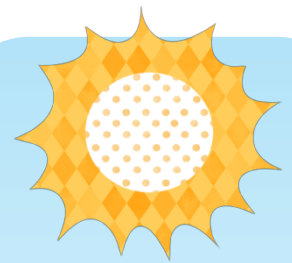
Thank you for your continued engagement on Google Classroom. The message from all of us remains "do what you can, when you can". I hope that the details sent last week helped to outline the expectations from school and put your minds at rest.

In addition to the information last week, I wanted to add that we do not expect children to complete tasks from previous weeks if they didn't get to them... unless they would like to. There is no expectation that they 'catch up' on tasks.

We are still reflecting on how best to use the learning platform but feel that the changes made this week have made it a far more streamlined process. We have even wondered if we should keep it to aid learning in the classroom as well as homework in the future... food for thought.

Thank you for all the feedback, both in how to best use the resource and how children are enjoying it. The aim was to support families and give a bit of structure to each day and it is wonderful to hear that this is the case.

We have loved seeing all the passion, pride and progress being displayed in home learning and teachers have said that it is really difficult choosing their awards each week. Well done for giving them a challenge!



## Awards

Reception Lottie (W) Pride

Ellie-Mai (O) Passion

Year 1 Jayden (W) Passion

Year 2 Leia (O) Passion

Year 3 Archie (W) Progress

Year 4 Jasper (O) Pride

Beau (W) Progress

Year 5 Chloe (O) Pride

Year 6 Chloe & Jamie (W) Passion

## Provisional Dates

8<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday – Witnesham will be closed

30<sup>th</sup> June New intake parents information evening

9<sup>th</sup> July New intake stay and play morning

9<sup>th</sup> July Reports sent home

10<sup>th</sup> July Move up day



**PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS**