



Hello everyone,

This week has, without doubt, been the most challenging for our school's community since the primary opened. Countless hours have been spent by staff preparing for the unknown whilst we waited to see if the Prime Minister's daily briefing would give us a clearer steer on actions we needed to take.

Whilst the start of the week led us to prepare for both a full or, as it transpired, a partial closure of the school; I struggled at times to keep sight of the implications of these drastic measures. Sadly, due to the uncertainty surrounding the actions of the world's Governments, two of our fantastic staff, Miss Janssen (Art) and Miss Alloend-Bessand (French) have left us suddenly to be back in their home countries. We offer them our full thanks and understanding at this difficult time for them.

It dawned on me during Wednesday evening that we may not come together as a school community again this academic year. We had some fantastic events planned for the summer term that will not be taking place now. Then, my thoughts turned to our fantastic Year Six pupils; already affected by the illness to Mr Peake, who have probably experienced their last day in primary school. I desperately hope we do get to come together again before the end of July, however, having been glued to updates on the Coronavirus, it isn't looking at all likely at the moment. This has been quite devastating for all of us and there have been many tears shed as a result.

We are now entering a period of great uncertainty across the country which is an obvious worry. Our children are concerned and confused and we have done everything we can in school to help them understand the situation as well as reassure them.

One thing we all know is that we have a social responsibility to do whatever we can to minimise the spread of this infection. Whilst we are committed to remaining open to some children, they are undoubtedly better off being looked after at home as we all minimise contact with each other.

We have created plans in school to ensure the children who do attend are looked after and have an enjoyable experience. This will be delivered by a minimum number of staff in order to maintain a commitment to 'social-distancing'. As I write this, we have no idea what Monday will bring. One thing I've learnt this week is that things change from day to day. Should the situation affecting schools change, we will of course update you.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support throughout this challenging time. I know you have all been struggling to comprehend this situation too, yet many of you have taken the time to ask me and the staff how we are. Your thoughtfulness has touched us all.

Evan Hollows



Eastbrook Primary School

OFFICE EMAIL

We now have a new office email that you can use to contact us on.

It is: primaryoffice@eastbrookschool.org

HOME RESOURCES

Twinkl Parents:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>

To get a free month: www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

Code: CVDTWINKLHELPS

TimesTable Rockstars: <https://trockstars.com/>

NumBots (free access 27th April) same password as Times

Table Rockstars: <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

BugClub:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

If you do not have the school ID code, please email primaryoffice@eastbrookschool.org

Duolingo: <https://www.duolingo.com/>

Scratch JR: <https://www.scratchjr.org/>

BBC Bitesize KS1 and KS2- access to all areas of the curriculum: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Phonics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcqqtr>

YouTube- Mr T's Phonics

Alphablocks-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Supermovers-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Cosmic Kids Yoga-

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

P.E every morning Mon-Fri 9am with Joe

Wicks: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

All Year Group Teaching Packs:

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

GOODBYE & THANK YOU

As Mr Hollows has mentioned, we are desperately sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Janssen (Art) and Miss Alloend-Bessand (French). Both of whom have made the most difficult decisions to leave London and move back to Holland and France to be with their families. Thank you both so much for everything you have done for us at Eastbrook.



HOME EDUCATION

During this period of school closure it is vital our pupils continue to learn. We are setting work but are committed to providing opportunities to continue to improve. With that in mind, we will use the communication facility in Class Dojo to maintain communication. We will also move towards another online platform (likely to be Show My Homework) in due course. This will allow our children to be set online homework as well as receive feedback.

This year our pupils have made more progress than ever before and we are desperate this is maintained as best we possibly can.

We can not do this without your help. Please ensure your children complete all homework tasks set.

CONTACT

We endeavour to stay in touch with all of you at least once a fortnight while school is closed. A member of staff will call home to keep in touch with your child and help them with any problems they may have had with their work.