



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Summer Term II 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a great week. You would probably have seen the Government's message on Tuesday that schools will no longer be expected to open for all children this academic year. More information is supposedly coming our way next week to suggest what we can do instead. We have had a few more requests for spaces over this week and the classrooms are now full, so we will now have to prioritise any future spaces for children of critical workers who are unable to work from home. This is likely to be in a makeshift classroom within the hall.

This time of the year is usually a busy one for FOG with the Summer Fete, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Obviously, this is no longer able to take place. Our focus this year has been to update our library and class books. The fundraising efforts so far this year, Quiz Night, discos, Mother's Day shop and Christmas Fete have all contributed to being able to start replacing some of the outdated or tatty books. However, we are anticipating that we will need to spend in excess of £5000 to really overhaul our current stock. We are currently in the process of setting up an Amazon wish-list and hope that instead of the usual donations to our summer activities you are able to purchase a book instead from the site. We hope to have this up and running by next week.

Many of our families who are not coming into school at all would now have had a call home this week from one of our learning support assistants. We hope you have found these useful. They will be able to chat with your child about their learning and relay messages back to the class teacher. These will continue through this half-term. We have also been exploring Google Classroom. I know some of you have already signed up to this. If you haven't been contacted by your child's teacher, then, please be patient, we are all still getting to grips with it ourselves. Eventually, all of the home learning will be stored on the site for you to access rather than the multitude of emails that you have currently been getting.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Stead back to school – she is currently overseeing our key worker bubble on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. I'm sure this is not how she envisaged her return to be! Mrs Dynes will continue as Class 3 teacher until the end of term.

My latest assembly can be found on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/.S9L8m6zC3pE> Thank you to those children that shared some of their home learning and achievements this week. I have also included some photos from the children in Reception who have shared what they have been doing this week. Can I ask that they are emailed to the school office ([admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk)) by lunchtime on Thursday – anything after that will feature in the following week's video.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)