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## Southway Junior School

Learning and Achieving Together





## **Dear Families**

As we continue to find ourselves in difficult and trying circumstances it becomes ever more important that we continue to communicate effectively with you and your children. I am delighted to see that we have 130 subscribers to our YouTube channel and counting. This is an initiative that other local schools have subsequently adopted, no doubt having been inspired by us. I know the teachers have enjoyed reading extracts from their favourite stories to share and we have had a lot of complimentary and supportive emails from parents, which we really do appreciate. We will continue to update our channel over the coming weeks so keep checking in. Whilst I don't currently have a crystal ball that works I can foresee the current situation continuing for a few weeks yet.

All of our classes have a working eSchools class page where we are encouraging children to post examples of their work, share with others what they have been doing at home and to chat to teachers on a daily basis. Some of the work we have seen has been inspiring and it is lovely to see children maintaining such good learning habits. No doubt they are all learning new skills and pursuing other interests beyond the school curriculum which are valuable in themselves. However, I should emphasise the importance of continuing to follow the maths and english timetable we provided a few weeks ago in order to ensure that children do not fall behind. This could have serious consequences further down the line of course.

The BBC have been good enough to provide daily content which covers the whole of the national curriculum. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of this excellent resource. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>

Please don't hesitate to contact either myself or members of staff if you have any queries that we can help with using either <a href="mailto:parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk">parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:head@southwayjunior.co.uk">head@southwayjunior.co.uk</a>.

We continue to be open daily for families that qualify through being key workers. However, I must stress, that should you be able to provide child care at home that you do this whenever possible. This will keep our children and staff as safe as possible and minimise any risks.

In the meantime we wish you all well and hope to see you soon. Stay safe.

Kind regards Mr P Newbold Headteacher



Andrew measured out and made a pair of condor wings following Mr Newbold's assembly on YouTube. What an amazing job.

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