

5th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and continue to make the best of these challenging and unprecedented times. A short time ago, we would never have imagined life as it is today.

Thank you to those of you who took part in the poster competition, "What Monksdown Primary School means to you". Look out for the winners on the school website. I hope you are continuing to enjoy the staff bedtime stories each evening and are taking part in Mr Allen's weekly quiz. We have even had some children share stories, which has been just brilliant.

Please remember that home learning is not easy. Some days will be more demanding than others. Many members of staff are also parents and share the joy (!) and pressures of home learning. We really do appreciate how tough this can be- you are not alone! It is our job to ensure that the children have plenty of meaningful activities to complete whilst we are all away from school. Staff are uploading work daily on Seesaw. The children have access to Reading Plus and TT Rockstars, which I know they all enjoy. There should be plenty to keep everyone busy. A number of sites have provided free resources you may access. BBC Bitesize has five podcasts a day and Oak National Academy have online lessons. These are both easy to use and I would recommend them. Please try them out. Staff are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding aspects of learning.

We have been instructed not to use the Liverpool Free Meals service and to use the Government Free School Meal support (Edenred) and as many of you are aware this has been quite problematic not just for our school but for schools all over the city and country. I know Mrs Leadbetter has had several sleepless nights and spent many hours working to provide all our families with the funding they are entitled too. If any of you are still having trouble please contact her via email monksdown-ao@monksdown.liverpool.sch.uk. Thank you for your patience.

I do not have a date regarding when we will re-open but I want to reassure you all that we will be ready to respond. I am sure you will agree that what matters most is the safety of our children and the whole school community. I will update you with any further advice I receive from the Government or Local Authority.

Stay safe.

Mrs Price

Respectful

Resilient

Responsible

Resourceful

