

Dear parents,

I hope you are all well. We are in Week 5 of school closures. It seems so much longer and we are missing our children so much, but we have enjoyed talking to them on the phone. That has been a real highlight for everyone this week.

### **Thank you**

We are thrilled with the super home learning taking place and I very much appreciate the hard work of parents and their support for GC. I also appreciate the amazing work by the fabulous staff team to ensure that our children have access to high quality lessons, resources and creative ideas. Teachers have been impacted by the current situation too, but despite this have shown absolute commitment and dedication throughout to their children and the school. I would like to offer my thanks to the entire team who have been and continue to be fantastic! Thank you.

### **Schools reopening**

There has been much speculation in the press about schools reopening, but this is terribly unhelpful for schools and parents. The Prime Minister will be making a statement on Sunday evening, which will hopefully provide solid information for schools and indicate what the plans are. It is likely that school returns will be staggered with certain year groups returning first.

However, the school can only reopen if it is safe for children, staff and parents. There are many things to take into account and plan for, in order for the children to come back and I assure you that I will keep you informed regarding the school opening, when I have the necessary information and the plans in place for a safe return.

### **Race to Health**

The school has registered to take part in 'Race to Health', an award winning online physical activity challenge that can help encourage physical activity at home for children and their families. Provided by Camden, it normally runs over 5 weeks during the summer term, but adaptations have been made for 2020 so all children in registered schools can take part. William Patten will be competing with other participating schools from across London, with children recording their physical activity, including what they've done, where they did it (home or school) and how long they were active for. The challenge will take place from 11th - 24th May and this year's theme is based on Max's magical journey from his bedroom, in Maurice Sendak's classic *Where the Wild Things Are*. Each minute of physical activity that families do, will be converted into miles and contribute to your child's class and schools' total, helping Max get back in time for his supper whilst it's still hot!

A letter containing more information and log in details will be sent home tomorrow. Participation in Race for Health is completely optional and there is no obligation for you and your child to be involved, but it might be a lot of fun! Thank you to Helen (Imogen 1C) for sharing with us.

### **Super Achiever and Headteacher Awards certificates**

I had a lovely time last Friday reading the nominations and getting the certificates printed and ready to go. Sadly there was a delay with the delivery, but thankfully they have started

to arrive now and I am so glad that the children have enjoyed receiving them. This week we will send out the certificates on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, as it's Bank holiday on Friday. Therefore they might take even longer to arrive this week (!), so I will put the results on our Instagram page on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Wishing our families a lovely bank holiday and please do keep in touch, if you have any queries or questions.

Best wishes

Karen

