

Monday 27th April 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second week of our Summer term. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well in these incredibly challenging times. Here at Stamshaw Infant, we are missing you all and thinking about our lovely Stamshaw Stars! Hopefully you will have seen our little message to you on the website. During the days and weeks ahead, you are very much in our thoughts and we will continue to do all that we can to support you and your families during this time of crisis.

We are pleased that you have found the class emails system helpful. If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate in getting in touch with your child's teacher by emailing her. You can also make contact through the general school email, enquiries@stamshaw-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk and the Office Team will direct your questions to me, Mrs Fancey or Mrs Watson if we can help further. Class Teachers will continue to ring you each week to offer emotional support and to help with any questions you may have regarding the Home Learning on the website. Thank you for all the kind messages of support we have received. We really are proud of our amazing Stamshaw Community.

We recognise the importance of sharing the lovely activities that you have been undertaking with your children. One of the projects we would like to do, is to capture some of these centrally. We shall be pulling together a whole school '**Diary**' which will showcase all the learning and activities that your children are doing at home as a memory forever of these days of isolation.

We would be grateful if you could upload photographs onto your class emails of images you would be happy for us to share in the Diary For example:-

- ✓ Photos of your children trying something at home like cooking, gardening, care of pets etc.
- ✓ Perhaps your child could draw some lovely pictures to include in the diary thanking our NHS with beautiful rainbows and colours.
- ✓ Maybe your child could write a poem, story or song expressing their feelings about this time of lockdown.
- ✓ Perhaps you have some funny family pictures of dressing up or singing or other creative ways in which you have passed the time.

We would love them all!

As you know, we cannot say with any certainty when we will see a return to school. I am working daily with the Academy Trust and the Department for Education to ensure we follow all the appropriate guidance and advice. Our priority will always be to keep our children, parents and staff safe and when the time arises, we will make all the necessary decisions to ensure that we are fully prepared and ready to address any issues, both academically and emotionally, with our very young children.

For now, please let me thank you all again and send my warmest wishes to you and your families. We are always here if you need us and we continue to send our love to our lovely Stamshaw Stars.

With best wishes,

Mrs J Cooper
Headteacher