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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well.

I would like to start by thanking all of you for supporting you child/ren with their online learning. Some of you have requested the photocopied version of the learning programme and thanks to Mrs Avola, that has been arranged for you. The most important activity during this period is to ensure that children have a routine, have opportunities to revise and to relax.

Reading is one of the most therapeutic and engaging activities that children can take part in. This is a good time for children to extend their horizon and read beyond the boundaries of Accelerated Reader recommendations. Please encourage your children to write their own stories, Jensen in Year 4 loves writing and illustrating stories about pirates and pirate ships, he was on his third book before the lockdown and Milosz in Year 6 was working on a very interesting story, I look forward to reading them.

Mrs White is using the Google Classroom to read stories to children and she will be conducting our Celebration Assembly every Friday by announcing the names of the children, recommended by their teachers, who have done exceptionally well during the week, either in their learning or as a citizen.

Mr Mortimer has been in touch with some of the Parent's Forum. Our school's Twitter account is being used very well indeed and it is great to see the variety of the activities that are taking place by both children and staff.

At this point I would like to mention that Charley M in 4SM, is raising money for NHS charities, by taking part in a marathon. If you can, please support him.

Ms Emmett has initiated a sports challenge to all MK schools, the idea is to encourage as many children, parents and staff to get involved. More information will be provided very soon.

I would like to thank all the staff who selflessly come to school in order to ensure that the children of the Key Workers are being looked after, in a safe place. These are truly unusual times and working together, following the guidance and advice of scientists and the government official, will enable us to come through it and return to new normal.

Please take care and keep safe.

Mrs Mathison



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