

MEREVALLEY FEDERATION

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking Mrs Avola and all the staff who have ensured that the school is open for the Key Workers' children of the Merevalley Federation.

On average we have had 5 children and 11 staff daily. I thank all of you for following the Government's guidelines, by keeping your children safe at home.

The school will be open during the Easter Break, except for Good Friday and bank holiday Monday. We will not provide packed lunches during the official Easter Break, however from Monday 20th April, all the children who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to receive vouchers, on-line. Mrs Batt will send out the guidelines on how to access the vouchers.

The teaching staff will carry on uploading weekly learning objectives for their pupils and they will respond to the finished tasks. Daily reading is very important, please encourage your child/ren to read every day. Spelling words for every year group is on our school's website, children can learn how to spell and use them in a sentence, and children are encouraged to learn 10 words a week.

Mr Vlok, our Chair of the Governing Board is in regular contact with the school, he is pleased with the level of devotion and commitment of all the staff to the community that we serve.

You will be receiving an interim report for your child in lieu of the Parent's Evening which was due to take place this term. This will be sent to you by Parent mail.

Today is Mrs White's last day at EVS. On behalf of all of us, children, staff, parents, governors and the Local authority, I thank Mrs White and wish her a fantastic retirement.

At this point I would like to inform you that after 18 years Mrs Parker has decided to retire, she had made this decision sometime ago. I hope that we can reconvene at school again and thank Mrs Parker for all that she has done for EVS in person.

Thank you to all of the parents and children that have engaged so far with Google Classroom. As you can imagine, getting a whole new procedure set up and running in this period isn't easy but the teachers are working hard to populate this for you. We have received some feedback on this and are reviewing how we use this to its full potential. Thank you for your feedback. (Mr Mortimer)

Please keep well, keep safe and hopefully see you soon.

Mrs Mathison



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Executive Headteacher