



Dear Parents/Carers,

3rd April 2020

Well, the end of our second week of isolation! I hope you and your families are all keeping well. I can see from the class blogs that the children are keeping up with their learning. It's wonderful to see photographs of what the children have been up to – we do miss them – so it's great to see their faces!

All of the teachers are communicating with their classes through the class blogs: <https://hermitageandoaktreeblogs.net/> and are working hard to set a variety of different tasks and work for the children to have a go at. However, I have asked the teachers to post 'holiday homework' for the Easter holidays. I would like them to take the two weeks as a break from school, so have asked them not to comment on the blogs until after the Easter holidays. Most of the teachers and teaching assistants are still coming into school on a rota basis to care for the children of key workers – this is continuing throughout the Easter Holiday period, including Good Friday and Easter Monday. I'm sure you understand that they too need to relax and process what has been happening recently. Your children can of course continue to use the blogs, but won't receive comments from the teachers during the holiday period.

A new set of tasks for the children will be posted on the blogs from Monday 20th April, but over the Easter holidays, there are a wealth of resources on our website, 'Children's Area' to help keep your children occupied: <https://www.hermitage.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Children%27s+Area&pid=8>.

We understand the difficulties many of you are facing by trying to work from home and keep your child's education going. I hope what we are doing is supporting you with this. If you have any comments about the home learning resources, please will you email me: head@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk. Please include comments about:

- a) What is working well
- b) What type of activities are engaging your children
- c) What is not working as well
- d) What more do you think we could be doing to support you

One activity that you may want to get involved with is our Easter Egg Competition. This is a yearly competition for the children to create 3D pieces of artwork with an 'egg' theme. Please see below two entries that I have received so far:

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Abby - Sycamore



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If you would like to get involved with the competition (all the prizes have been bought and are currently sitting in my office at school!), please take a photograph of your child's entry and email it to me: head@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk. The winners will be announced during the first week of the Easter term – so plenty of time to get your child's entry in.

Sending all of you warmest regards – from the whole Hermitage team. Take care of yourselves and your families and we hope to see you all again very soon.

Kind regards

Mrs J Harrup
Headteacher

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