



# Godwin Newsletter 20th April 2020

## Head Teacher's Message

All of us at Godwin hope that you and your families are safe and well. We would usually be welcoming the children back today, after the Easter break, enjoying the last term of the school year.

In these unprecedented times we come to realise the things which we hold most dear – the ability to see family and friends, to go for a leisurely stroll and take a break to enjoy the sunshine, to relax when we are walking around our neighbourhood; we now recognise the value of things we have taken for granted.

It is difficult for our children – they miss their friends, playing outside (especially when the weather is as lovely as it has been), even the routine of school (the novelty of school being closed quickly wears off when faced with the reality of being trapped at home). It is inevitable that, as much as we (and they) try to make the best of a difficult situation, this uncertainty will affect children's behaviour – anxiety, anger, protests that they can't do 'normal' things, feelings of loneliness.

At Godwin we recognise the difficulties for parents/carers trying to support their children's learning at home – it just isn't the same as school and many of you will be juggling childcare and working from home or balancing the competing demands of your children. As today sees the start of the summer term, we will be setting new home learning, but the last thing we want is for this to create tension at home. Please do feel that you can be creative with your children or teach them skills which you are confident with, whether it is knitting, card tricks, cooking, learning to tie shoelaces, creating a 'tent' in your front room...the list is endless! All of this in conjunction with the work class teachers are setting will contribute to making your child a happy, rounded individual.

None of us is sure how long this situation will last, so we need to make sure that our family relationships stay strong, we stay sane(!) and that we get through this together.

Wishing you all a safe and happy week

## Home Learning

Teachers are creating new home learning packs for this term. If you need one please email [info@godwin.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@godwin.newham.sch.uk)

If your child is experiencing difficulties accessing Google Classroom, please see the home page of the school website for help.

## Keep smiling!

We could all do with something to make us smile – email your favourite joke and we will print them in Friday's newsletter!

Please do look at the range of resources on the home page of our school website – we are updating these regularly.