



MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. This would normally be an end of term letter and I would be wishing you all a happy holiday and informing you of return dates, but instead I am writing to check in on you and offer support during these difficult times.

Many families may be settling in to home learning routines now but other families may be experiencing a wide range of difficulties and be overwhelmed by the wealth of materials that are available to support you with home learning and the immensity of the news that we hear daily.

I would like to remind you all that you are your child's prime and most important educator and this has been your role since day one. What you do at home and the support that you give your child by being there for them listening to them, loving them, sharing, playing and learning together is the most valuable type of learning. Please don't feel pressured into 'teaching' them. You are all doing an amazing job in extremely difficult circumstances.

For those of you who wish for support we will be uploading further resources to our website and Tapestry, some of these have been made by your child's teacher and will explain some of the teaching strategies that we use in school and you may find them helpful, it is your choice if you use them.

After Easter we will also have some new learning packs for you to collect from the front playground. These will be linked to the work set on Tapestry so please log on to find out more. I will write to you further about how you will be able to collect these if wanted.

The school will be remaining open over the Easter period to provide childcare for parents who are Critical Workers and also for some of our vulnerable children. The office will be open from 9:30am -2:30pm to take any of your calls if you require our support and, once again, if you need to contact me directly please email me at head@montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk

Below is a link for support with mental health.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

I hope that you can enjoy the Easter period with your family. You are all very missed by all the staff at Montgomery and we look forward to the days where we can welcome you through our gates again.

Please stay safe and follow the government guidance on social distancing during the coming days where we are forecast with good weather.

Take care and keep in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ene Bridgeman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Miss Bridgeman

Headteacher