

**Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, weekly newsletters were replaced with ongoing ClassDojo messages sent directly to parents. Many communications were sent to parents from teachers, but whole school messages have been copied here for information:**

28/4

Good Morning All,

I hope this message finds you all fit and well.

To help keep us fit and active during these unusual times Active Essex have launched the "Keep Essex Active" Youtube channel. This channel features local, trusted instructors who have tailored routines for all audiences from family to over 65's workouts. A live timetable is accessible all week online - so you can plan your week's worth of activity. All you need to do is follow the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tcapECrxjrDHX\\_iDHgGeg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tcapECrxjrDHX_iDHgGeg/)

I have also attached the weekly plan for you to look at.

Enjoy!

29/4

Good morning everyone,

I am conscious that I haven't been in contact for a few days, so wanted to send a message to give you an update.

There are lots of rumours around that schools will be re-opening again shortly, but I wanted to re-iterate that at this time there is no official suggestion from the government that this is the case. As soon as we know more, I will of course keep you updated.

I have talked to all the staff this morning and the feedback is very positive with regard to the communications they are having with you, both from a welfare point of view and feedback about the work being suggested, so it's lovely to hear that you are all getting on well.

One request that has been made by the staff is to ask that you please respond to their Dojo messages in a timely manner, just so they can check in on a regular basis. I have asked that all teachers have at least weekly contact with all families, so please do get back to them to save them having to chase. Please note that this is a welfare check and not a check on whether work is being done or not, as this is not an expectation as previously communicated.

It is usually at this time of year that school reports are being written by teachers, but under the circumstances I have arranged for this timescale to be brought forward. Therefore, reports have been written based on your child's progress up to the point of the pandemic starting, and will be with you by the middle of next week. These will initially be sent out to you electronically via Clasdojo by your child's teacher, with a signed, paper copy then being

sent home when we return to school.

Finally, I have re-attached the list of questions which could be used for the whole school country topic. I know many of you have enjoyed engaging with this open-ended topic and both you and child(ren) have learnt lots of new things about the world. If you wish to continue this work, my suggestion would be to now choose a completely different and diverse country to research, which will allow your child(ren) to compare how different cultures live. Again, just a suggestion, but I am very much looking forward to seeing any of the outcomes from this topic, when we return to school.

As always, I am thinking of you all and sending my best wishes. Please do contact your class teachers or myself if we can help in any way, and a reminder to please telephone me on my mobile (number below) if you need keyworker childcare.

Mr Ashley