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Dear Fishbourne Families,

We have settled well into our new rhythm and routines in school and have been really thrilled to see how quickly our little fish have adapted back into school life. Children in Rainbow class are now in two smaller bubbles and our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have the opportunity to attend school for two days a week in their new class bubbles. School feels calm, happy and purposeful despite it being very much quieter. We miss the rest of our school family very much indeed and look forward to when we are able to welcome more of you back to school and be reunited.

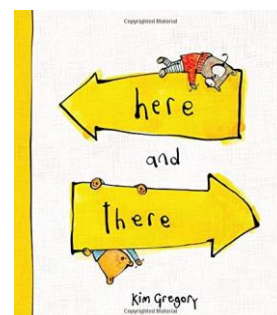


You will have seen the announcement from the government on Monday 9th June that the ambition for all primary aged children to return to school for a month before the summer break is not realistic. We are working together as a leadership team to explore a range of different models for moving forward as a school community in the coming weeks and we will be in touch again next Thursday to let you know the outcomes of these discussions. Please be reassured that we are keeping the wellbeing and needs of all our children at the forefront of our decision making.

This week's story builds beautifully on 'We Are Together' and is hot off the press, having just been published. The author, Kim Gregory said: 'it was written to mark the year when we all missed somebody but when we also realised how many miss-able people we had!' As soon as we saw this book we knew it was an important one for our school family - it's a super little story and an important reminder to us of how valuable relationships are. You are now able to watch this film on our BRAND NEW You Tube channel which we decided to set up to make our growing film collection more accessible to you all. Follow the link here:

<https://youtu.be/IVXLol2B8kU>

Please do share these films with your children. We make them to help them to feel connected to the school, and to remind them of the important message in the story: ***'Not being in the same place together just means we are in different places together. I guess the important thing to know is I'm here for you and you're there for me - they're the two best places to be.'***



We are aware that children at home will be potentially spending more time using the internet and thought families may find some of the following links helpful for accessing support in relation to how to keep children safe during this time:

Internet matters - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

London Grid for Learning - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

Net-aware - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC

Parent info - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

Thinkuknow - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

UK Safer Internet Centre - advice for parents and carers

We are also pleased to let you know that the project we told you about in the Families Letter on 14th May is now underway. If you missed this, details are below:



Our amazing FOFS team have been hard at work growing an idea. After a flurry of emails this week, the idea grew and grew, blossoming into a really big, exciting and wonderful idea which we would love everyone to get involved in. FOFS are inviting you to contribute to a giant piece of Fishbourne artwork which will be made up of 240 smaller canvases, one to represent each of the children and staff at Fishbourne Primary. Soon, you will be able to collect from school a little paper bag which will have in it - a canvas, a paintbrush, some acrylic paints and a set of instructions. We would love you to create a canvas that represents your experience of this time at home. The installation will be called: 'Reflections' and be a reminder of this time. Get your thinking hats on!

The bags are now ready to collect and Mrs Martin will be in touch with you, via parentmail, to let you know how to collect yours! Please do take part, we would love every single one of our school family to be represented in the final installation!

Naomi Day

