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Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents and carers

Easter Break

We hope you are well and managing during this incredibly difficult time. We know many of you must be feeling pretty cooped up at home and appreciate it is difficult if you are trying to work and look after your children. Some of the following information may be helpful:

Food vouchers for those families entitled to free school meals should have been emailed to you in the last day or so. We are sorry it's taken so long to get these to you but we have found it very difficult to get them organised quickly. If you do not receive your voucher, or believe you may be entitled due to hardship, please contact us on the above email address.

During the holiday, both schools are closed but Bevington School is open if you are a key worker and need childcare.

St Thomas' reopens on Monday 20th April to both St Thomas' and SCSJ children of key workers or vulnerable children. Please contact us by the email addresses above if you would like your child to attend school after the holiday. We're sorry we can't open both schools but we are under increasing strain with reducing staffing levels and have not got the capacity to open both schools.

Learning at home

We won't be posting any new activities over the holidays as teachers need to rest but please be assured there are lots of online activities you can access and there is a list on the main class pages of the websites. The local authority have also sent some information about how the libraries can be accessed on this link https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKRBKC/bulletins/2834a03

Also, from 20th April, the BBC will offer daily programmes to help parents and children with schoolwork at home during the lockdown. Videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles will appear on BBC Bitesize Daily via the BBC iplayer, red button, BBC Four and BBC Sounds.

Teachers will be phoning you after the holidays for a 5 minute phone call during the first couple of weeks to check how things are going and to answer any queries you may have. Please email us if you have any questions about home learning or if you would like to share what you've been doing at home please - take a photo of something you've done this week and send it in to the above email.

Thank you for your continued understanding at this very difficult time. Staff are in contact with each other regularly and all have expressed how much they are missing your children. Life is very different for everyone at present but we all look forward to being together again soon.

Kind regards

All the staff at St Clement & St James and St Thomas

"Promíse me you will always remember - you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." Christopher Robin