



The Mill Messenger



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Update Letter

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Good afternoon from all of us at The Mill! As many of you will know, we haven't had any further updates from the Government regarding schools reopening. As always, we will make sure to keep you up to date as soon as we hear anything. The Mill is still functioning in the same way it has since we closed the school to all but key workers' children and vulnerable pupils on the 20th March.

Office:

This week our office staff have been really busy following up enquiries from parents and families who have not yet received their vouchers. A lot of the voucher system is completely out of our hands. Once you have made an application to West Sussex it is pretty much a waiting game. I know it is a very strange and really quite difficult time, but we are doing all that we can to support our families in this process. We thank you all so much for your patience.

Wellbeing:

Today we sent out a launch letter to you all regarding well being webinars available to our families. These are being designed and led by TKAT:

'Starting on Thursday 30 April TKAT are running 10 weeks of webinars for parents and students all about the amazing human brain. They're 40 min webinars with opportunities for questions at the end. Each session will end with strategies to support learning or well-being which participants will be encouraged to try out between sessions.'

If this is something of interest to you please follow the instructions on the letter.

Websites:

Our Class Google sites have been up and running again this week with lots of great learning ideas for children to do from home. Through our phone calls with all of you we have heard of some wonderful ways that you have been teaching your children from home too, from gardening together as a family to History lessons over the phone with grandparents. All wonderful ideas! Here's a reminder of the link to thousands of online books that your children who use Accelerated Reader in school can read and then log in to take AR quizzes on-just like they do at school.

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

Thank yous:

Thank yous this week go to all of our office staff, who work remotely each day and our premises staff who also work on a rota to ensure the school site is safe and clean. Our thanks go to Mr Noble, Miss Dearle, Mr Smith, Miss Nair on the teaching staff team. Finally a huge thank you to all of you at home for doing your bit to help your children with their learning and supporting our school with your positive emails and phone calls. Thank you!

Kind regards

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