

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very different Easter holiday and I hope that you did get at least some time to relax and rest with your families. Please can I congratulate you all on the wonderful job you are doing running a school for your children at home. Teaching has been my only job since I left university but there is no way I could teach my own children. A few rather tense conversations with my children when they were at primary school , convinced me of that long ago! Despite telling them that I was actually a qualified teacher ,I was very firmly put back in my place and told that I did not explain things as well as Mr Linus. It was a very difficult experience and all I had to do was help with homework once in a while ! However, every day you are all managing to accomplish Mission Impossible - teaching your children whilst managing so many other things. You are doing incredibly well. If anyone is finding things too much, please do contact the school and we will get back to you. We are running a very reduced staff at the moment, but normally there is someone close to a phone. Please do not struggle on if there are things we can help you with.



I am using this time to write the School Improvement plan for next year and we have some really wonderful things to look forward to. I find it helpful to focus on the future when so much is uncertain. However, one thing that is going brilliantly at the moment is our garden in school. We are indebted to Mr Adams and Mr Gregory as well as Mr Norton who have worked so hard to get our garden to the fantastic place it is now and you can see from this picture that our strawberry plants are coming on a treat. Mr Gregory has called this photo 'a sprout of hope'. We had hoped to invite all parents to a garden party to have an official opening of our garden and I think this is something that we can all plan to do together , hopefully later on in the Summer and who knows... we may even be eating Moat Farm strawberries by then.

This is not an easy time for anyone. Please know that you are not on your own. We can be contacted and we will do our very best to help you , even if you just need a bit of a chat . We will get through this and we will have many good things to enjoy once again.

Stay safe and well,

Ms Stone