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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coco**

Coco has settled in well at home and enjoyed her first visit to the school this week. She met the children and staff, loving all the attention and cuddles she was given before settling down for story time. We cannot wait to introduce her to the children properly and get started with her training when we can return to school.



### **Home Learning**

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support and dedication to helping your children to learn from home. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them.

We have managed to distribute laptops to some families to allow children to access more online work, including BBC Bitesize which teachers will be setting work from in the coming days and weeks.

We have received some great feedback regarding our story time videos on Microsoft 365 and Tapestry. To access these stories on a daily basis, children need to go on their class chat forum. Please could parents and carers monitor their children on Microsoft 365 when using the video and chat facilities to make sure it is safe and they are following the 4cs.

The first class assemblies this morning were a success! There were 45 out of 76 Year 6 children online which was great to see. The staff really enjoyed being able to see and speak with the children, and we hope the children enjoyed this too. These assemblies will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at a longer time of 15 minutes, staggered so that the core team can attend as well.

Year 6: 8.30-8.45  
Year 5: 8.45-9.00  
Year 4: 9.00-9.15

In the Friday assembly certificates will be given to the children who have made a great effort throughout the week. Please see the updated feedback policy attached for more information.

## House Quiz

We have started the new weekly House Quiz tournament for Upper and Lower school. You can find these on the school website under the [Mindfulness and Wellbeing page](#). The teams with the most correct answers will earn 10 points, second place 8 points, third place 6 points and fourth place 4 points. Winners will be announced in Friday's assembly time.

## Welfare

We realise this is not an ideal situation but everyone at team Twydall is engaging and children are continuing to learn. We do miss children being in school but it is important children are safe and enjoying family time at home.

The Welfare team are continuing to distribute food parcels but unfortunately we haven't had any food from Aldi to share widely. Many thanks to the staff who are in school with a number of key worker and vulnerable kids from Twydall Primary, Rainham Mark and St Thomas of Canterbury. They have had fun working together, gardening and joining in with the Joe Wicks workout. As ever if you need any support don't hesitate to email the office and a member of staff will contact you.

The Edenred vouchers are being purchased by the school to cover those entitled to Free School Meals. They will be changing so that all siblings will be on the same voucher and each voucher will cover 2 weeks of meals.

## Social Media

Thank you for all of your comments and photos that have been posted to the school Facebook page. It is lovely to see what you are doing at home with your family and to be able to hear about your home schooling journey. We are also building up our Twitter following, if you have a Twitter account please pop over and follow us [@SchoolTwydall](#).

## Transition

If your child is in the Nursey and has been offered a place in our Reception Year, please accept your place via the office email address at the top of the page.

We are putting together transition package to include a video of the Year R classes and a teach meet as well as ensuring that all relevant information is being supplied to the secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Mrs Johnstone and the SEN team are working with the Year 5s who are choosing settings for EHCPs.

Please continue to check on the school's Social Media and website for information and useful links.

Most importantly, please stay safe!

We are missing you all.

Mrs. Logan and Team Twydall.