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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a strange end to the term we have. We hope you and your families are well and staying safe and thank you for your efforts and patience with everything at this usual time. Over the past couple of weeks we are trying to ensure you have access to plenty of activities to be completing with your children but please note that the school **will not** be providing home learning for the two-week Easter holiday (Monday 6th April-Friday 17th April).

Childcare Facility

If you are using our childcare facility, please remember that we are **closed** on Good Friday (10th April) and Bank Holiday Monday (13th April). A gentle reminder that the childcare facility should only be used if you cannot safely look after your children during this time and there is absolutely no other option, or you fall into one of the three outlined groups we have mentioned in previous communications. We must all play a part in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus and the best way to do this is by staying at home.

Free School Meals

If you are waiting for your Free School Meals voucher, please be patient. We have done everything from our end to send the vouchers out, we are now waiting for Edenred, the company who provide the vouchers, to send them out to you. If you have not provided us with an email address but believe you are entitled to free school meals, please let us know as soon as possible. If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, you can apply at: https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_application

Home Learning

After Easter (Monday 20th April), each year group will be provided with a weekly lesson plan and timetable for you to follow with your children. Feedback we have received from parents is that they would like a little more structure to their day and we hope this will support you with any home learning.

Please do remember during this difficult time that we are not expecting you to “teach” but rather spend some good quality time with your children, completing activities which are fun but informative too!

I wanted to highlight a few excellent online resources to support you during this time:

Get Epic

Get Epic is a fantastic website which all of our children have free access to. The website hosts over 40,000 books including fiction, non-fiction, comics, audio read to me, read with me and standalone books. To get free access all you need to do it to go to: <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in/educator> type in the correct code for the child's class. You can use the website for research projects, reading for pleasure, reading in a group or independently.

Get epic codes are as follows:

Reception: Isu5931	Class 1: lms7480
Class 2: yge6346	Class 3: dnh1659
Class 4: uns5443	Class 5: lms7480
Class 6: muz2218	Class 7: caz1723
Class 8: lms7480	Class 9: mjp3483

Oxford Owl

Oxford Owl (<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>) are providing a wealth of reading books, including Read Write Inc. books which are levelled to your child's ability.

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We have created logins as below:

Username: smfa?	Password: year?
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The question mark just needs to be swapped for your child's year group. E.g. if your child is in year 3 it would be:

Username: smfa3	Password: year3
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The logins can be used across year groups so if one login does not work for you, try a different one.

White Rose Maths

White Rose have created weekly plans for each year group in maths. (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>)

They have included a tutorial video and then an activity for children to complete after.

SMFA Challenge

We will also be introducing a challenge for every child at SMFA to get involved with soon, keep an eye out for a video from our staff to appear on Facebook and Twitter over the Easter holidays with more information.

If you need anything during this time please email us at: updates@smfa.org.uk

Have a lovely Easter and we hope to hear from you all soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Higgins
Head of School