



HT's Daily update for families, 22.04.2020

★ Good morning my fabulous RHPS family!

★ I hope this email finds you well, having had a good break over Easter in whatever form that was for you and your family.

★ Sorry for the lack of update from me yesterday but I was in the Hub from 7.15am until 6.15pm and didn't stop!

★ Please know I was thinking of you all and hope that you got my brief Twitter message to let you know you were on my mind.

★ I just wanted to check in as we enter this new term and a further period of home learning. The most challenging aspect at the moment is the scaremongering and rumour spreading the national press are engaging in, making it really unsettling and difficult to get into a routine whilst your mind tries to process how long this new life style and learning approach will continue.

★ My advice is simple. Take one day at a time.

★ This is a brave new world for us all and one which we have to explore together.

★ Please continue to focus on the fact that the learning your child will experience will be very different from the norm and you should put yourself under no pressure to teach them in the way they would be taught at school.

★ Be kind to yourself and to them.

★ I will continue to send out daily updates with my thought of the day, information and activity suggestions.

★ We will continue to use Twitter to share ideas for all, photos of your learning and links to a variety of resources to support you and your family with home learning and supporting your health and well being.

★ Please continue to send us your photos and links as we are keen to share them.

★ We are keenly aware that as this way of learning is going to be longer term than we had at first anticipated, after discussions with our fabulous staff and our Parent Council before the end of term, we have agreed that we are going to use an online platform to ensure your teacher is in contact with your child in a virtual way!

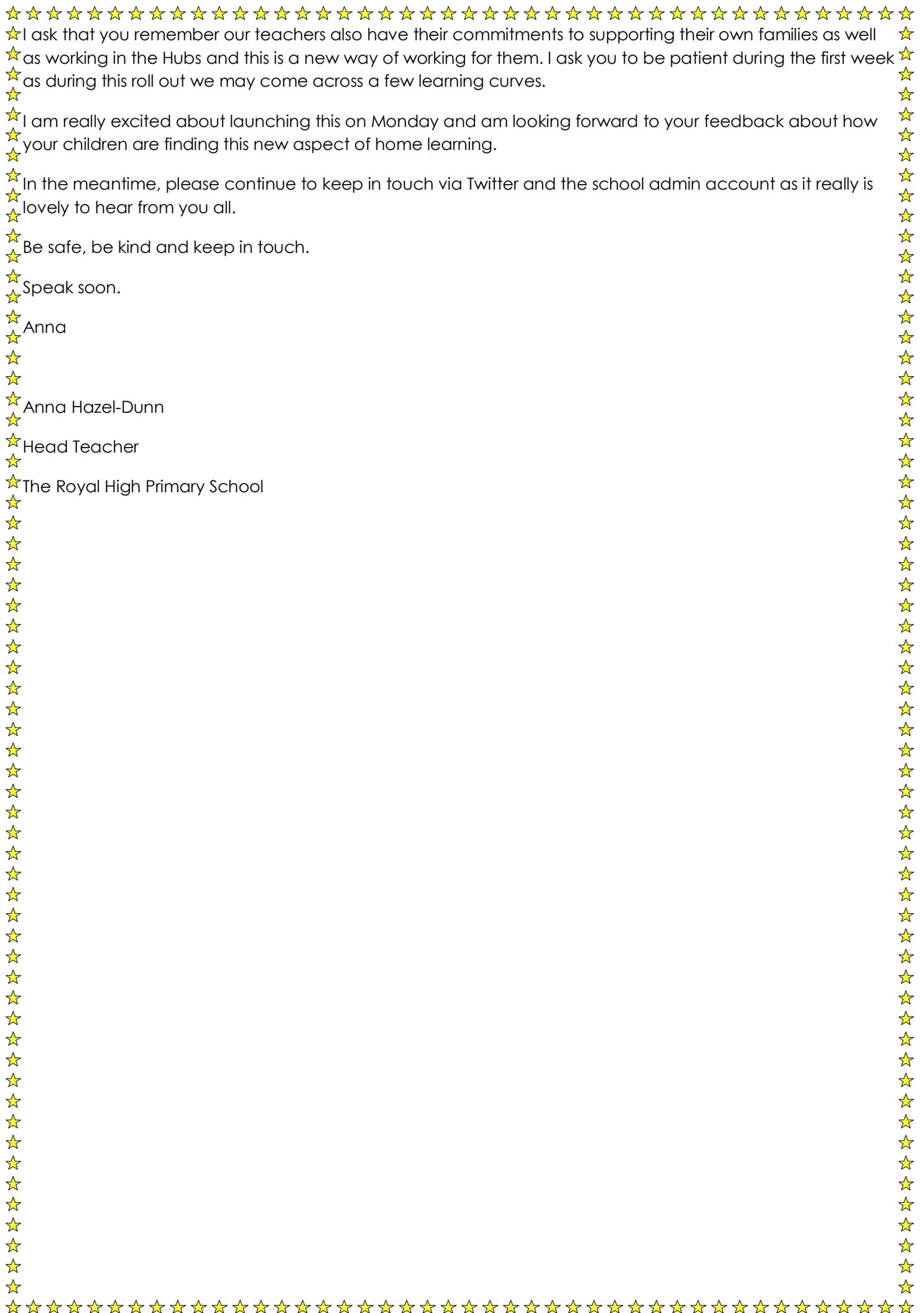
★ We will be using SeeSaw for our online learning. Every teacher will be setting a daily challenge and each day will comment on one piece of work your child uploads.

★ This morning Mrs Evans will be sending you out a letter with a more detailed explanation.

★ You will be emailed your Home Learning Access Code by Friday so please look out for this.

★ The first Daily Challenge will be live on Monday 27th April at 9am.

★ This is the first time all of our staff and community will be using SeeSaw. I would like to stress that there is no expectation for you and your children to engage with this online platform. It is just another option to support your family with home learning.



I ask that you remember our teachers also have their commitments to supporting their own families as well as working in the Hubs and this is a new way of working for them. I ask you to be patient during the first week as during this roll out we may come across a few learning curves.

I am really excited about launching this on Monday and am looking forward to your feedback about how your children are finding this new aspect of home learning.

In the meantime, please continue to keep in touch via Twitter and the school admin account as it really is lovely to hear from you all.

Be safe, be kind and keep in touch.

Speak soon.

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