



**HT Daily Update for Families, 03.04.2020**

Good afternoon RHPS family.

Well, we have made it to the end of term in what is possibly the most bizarre end of term any of us have or will ever experience!

Can I just say thank you for all your messages of support and encouragement to my fabulous staff and me?

Can I add a HUGE thank you to my fabulous staff for keeping in touch in various forms and giving you home learning activities for you to use as suits?

Can I suggest you ALL give yourselves a hearty pat on the back for taking on this home learning model and doing your utmost to fit it into your new way of life?

It's been no easy task and we should all be extremely proud of ourselves :) I feel that the RHPS family are stronger than ever and have made bonds that will bind us together even tighter.

Our school staff have been working really hard behind the scenes and we have had a directive from both the Council and the EIS Union that they are to take their two week holiday and steer very clear of work. They need to recharge and refresh and have that time for adjustment in their home life. I know you will wholeheartedly support that and wish them well.

Please make sure you have a look at our Twitter page, #RHPSwholeschool, as all the teachers and some support staff have sent messages for the children. I have had the best day tweeting them. It really did bring some joy to my day and I hope it does for you too.

I will not be sending you my daily updates as I am under strict instructions to have a break myself. However if I come across something worth sharing, I will tweet it to you so please join up to our page if you can.

I will sporadically check the admin email account so please send me a message through there if there is something urgent.

After the Easter break, in the first week of term, we, as a staff team, will be finalising our updated home learning provision. We will pull together guidance for you and your families and the new model will be launched soon after. The key difference will be in how we communicate to you. Something to look forward to in the new term!

My activity recommendation is two-fold today.

Firstly can I direct you to the National Competition that SUMdog are running from the 3rd to the 9th of April. Miss Torrance has added all classes so if you can round up 10 children from the same class they can all enter. It'd be great if we could feature in the winners' list!

Secondly Ms Cairns shared a lovely document called 'Easter Holiday Day Trips', which gives lots of suggestions as to places you could 'visit' each day during the holidays. I'll attach that to the document.

My thought for the day follows on from the webinar excerpt I shared yesterday. Find that time to be kind, to be happy and to make positive, hopeful memories.

Remember one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day!

I hope you have lots of positive moments in the coming fortnight.

Keep well, be safe and stay in touch, my precious RHPS family!

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