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Dear Parents and Carers

So we are now at the end of week 5 (and week 3 of home schooling)

Huge Thanks!

The messages on the railings that were left have been lovely and cheered everyone up –thank you for writing these. The Sensory and Pokémon trails have been very popular, as has the dinosaur trail and the Brownie quiz too. It is great how inventive and creative everyone is being to help each other out.

A quick update on learning packs for you

We have heard back from Parents that you need some new work books; that you would like a 'heads up' on learning packs on a Friday so you can be organised for a Monday and your children would appreciate a Zoom call.

In response:

Learning Packs We have organised for the pack to go on Fridays and so these will go out this evening. Please be aware that the Purple Mash links activate on Monday (so you won't be able to access those links till then). Each pack will have a note for you to explain a few new things for you in the packs that we hope will be a help. Please read that note so you can see how it can help your child, and you!

Books New work books have been ordered and we will let you know how you can collect them from school as soon as they arrive. We hope this will be by the end of next week.

Zooming! We have set up Zoom for classes. Teachers will have a practice this weekend and then teachers will Zoom their class once a week now. By Wednesday you should have had your first teacher time Zoom if you want to join in. You will receive an invitation to Zoom and will click on a link to enter the Zoom meeting so your child can chat to their teacher and friends. Further details will come for you on Monday.

Well-being for all

If you are a keyworkers/essential worker: Please note this information and make sure your employer has shared it with you.

Announcement from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has announced that from today anyone in England **who has symptoms of coronavirus and is classed as an essential worker, and members of their household who are currently experiencing symptoms**, will be able get tested. From today, employers can register online and refer self-isolating staff, and from tomorrow employees will

be able to book a test directly on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for themselves or members of their household who are experiencing symptoms – a high temperature or new continuous.

Well-being –children

We have been really delighted to see the children out and about on walks and putting their cycling skills to the test as they are out cycling. Don't forget to social distance when you see your friends!

Please don't give up on social distancing now!

We are all so relieved that your children ('our' TGS children) have remained, for the most part, remarkably well over the past 5 weeks. National statistics are far worse than in Toddington overall, but there have been local tragedies, and this is not over yet by any means.

Please, please keep going! Families are being quite brilliant and we all want to get through this with every child at TSG, and their family healthy and well. (If you do need reminding or your resolve is waning just click on the attachment from the LA so we all remember why we are doing this).

On a brighter note to finish off for the weekend.

Music is great for well-being too and if the skies turn a bit cloudier this weekend then you might enjoy a sing-along or dance-along.

- Jo Ann who comes to do Collective worship with us in school sometimes - For the little ones <https://youtu.be/PqDwaYw7ZtA>
- or maybe for the older ones who know about Captain Tom you can sing along and support the NHS https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcouA_oWsnU&safe=active
- or of course, for purely a bit of fun and a good march around there is always Peter Kay! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqLLDZvbG-U&safe=active>

Enjoy your weekend as much as possible!

Jane Spencer

Head teacher