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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have all had a rest over Easter and your family continues to be healthy and safe. We are ready to complete some more home learning activities with your children starting from today. Currently, we expect the home learning programme to last for another 3 weeks and possibly longer.

We understand that with 210 individual children in school comprising of different households with different structures, routines and expectations, home learning is challenging in many different ways. If you are unable to access our online learning or do not have time due to important key worker roles or your own working from home commitments we would still like you to practice some important key skills with your children:

- Daily reading/ sounds
- Daily times tables
- Daily mental maths
- Daily writing (to keep up hand strength)
- A physical activity of 20 minutes or more

We are really pleased with the number of children that have engaged in the activities and shared the work with the teachers. We look forward to receiving lots more work over the coming weeks. Pupils who will continue to attend the Hubs, will have the opportunity to complete some of this home learning whilst being in school should they want to.

We are aiming to further our communication with parents, pupils and teachers via Purple Mash and Hwb therefore;

- An email functionality in Purple Mash will be opened up from today and pupils will be able to email friends and teachers directly. We would like to remind pupils that we must always be good 'digital citizens' and all messages will need to be approved by teachers. Hopefully this will also allow pupils to ask questions related to work they may be stuck on or require more support.
- In Hwb the pupil can message the class teacher via the email and message systems built in to these platforms.

Please, can I ask that Hwb or Purple Mash emails to teachers are sent between the hours of 9.00 and 3.00 please, and understand you may not get an immediate answer. Teachers will not be expected to respond beyond normal school hours, nor the days they are working in the local Hub Schools.

Please remember our online reading platform Giglets will continue to be available to all pupils. In addition Hwb allows all pupils to download Office 365 and Minecraft Education Edition for free. Next week, we hope to launch a Minecraft challenge for all pupils – details to follow next week.



Parents whose children are entitled to free school meals should now know about the arrangements during the school closure. Please contact Monmouthshire or the school if you are unsure about these arrangements. Once again the Llanfoist Hub is open for children of Key Workers and as staff we continue to run the school remotely.

I hope you stay fit and healthy and please remember to follow Public Health Wales guidelines around social distancing or self-isolation.

Finally, In addition to being a parent, if your daily role involves front line, essential work making sure the UK is functioning and keeping us safe, thank you on behalf of everyone at the Federation of Llanfoist Fawr and Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary Schools. We are proud to have you as part of our wider school family.

Yours sincerely,



Stewart Davies - Executive Headteacher

