



*Building the Foundation
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20th March 2020

Dear children,

As we haven't been able to meet for Worship over the last week or so, I thought I would write to you instead.

In my weekly newsletters to your families I often tell them how proud I am to be Headteacher of St Swithun's and this is because of your hard work and your determination to be the best you can be. You are all wonderful people who always bring a smile to my face and I love being able to share your learning with you.

Over the last few weeks' school has changed quite considerably. Your classes have gradually got smaller and you are missing your friends, you have washed your hands carefully and often and together we have supported each other. You have worked so hard and have truly shown our values of friendship, compassion and respect. More importantly you have gone about all of this with smiles and without grumbling! All of your teachers would like to thank you for that.

As from Friday, the school will be closed for most of you. If your parents/carers are 'key workers' then you will still come to school where your teachers have planned some fun and exciting activities. You will still complete the work that has been set for your friends, just in school and not at home. For those of you that have to stay at home you need to try and 'socially distance' yourself from other people so that you and your family stay healthy and well.

Over the last few days your teachers have been making sure that you know how to log into the learning sites that you are all familiar with and we will make sure that your families know how to access this learning too. Your families also know how to contact the school, so if there are any problems then please let them know. There will be plenty of work for you to do, but I also ask that you don't forget to exercise or use the mindfulness techniques that you have been learning in class. These are both very important.

At the moment I do not know when we will all be back together again but I do hope that it is really soon. The teachers and everyone at St Swithun's will miss you all so much and we ask that you take care and stay safe.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers,

Mrs Whitehurst and everyone at St Swithun's Primary School.

