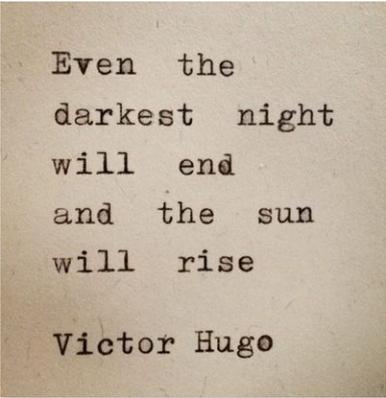


3rd April 2020

Dear Parents

As this term finally comes to a close I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for their continued hard work and professionalism in what has become the most challenging period in living memory. They have been overwhelmingly positive and have kept their stoicism as well as their sense of humour throughout.

I would like to thank all of you and your children for your amazing work too. You have fully embraced 'home learning' and it has been so gratifying to know that you are doing the very best that you can for your children during these tough times. As a dad myself, I know how difficult it can be motivating your own children, so I take my hat off to you all. Thank you.



Even the
darkest night
will end
and the sun
will rise

Victor Hugo

We have now completed two weeks of social distancing and school closures, but we have many more weeks of uncertainty ahead of us. Disturbingly, the worst is yet to come and this situation will not start to improve for a long time yet. We must remain strong for each other and help one another when and where we can. One thing that I have really seen over the last couple of weeks is our sense of unity as a community and our willingness to help each other. I know this will continue until this is all over. I would also like to thank those parents who are frontline key workers as well as those parents whose work behind the scenes is helping our country get through this. On behalf of all of us in the federation, **THANK YOU.**

As you will have read from yesterday's letter, there will be no specific work sent home from the teachers over the Easter holidays. Please do however, consider a STEM project. If you are stuck for ideas the link below may help provide some inspiration:

<https://thestemlaboratory.com/stem-activities-for-kids/>

The teachers will be in touch with you again after the holiday with new tasks and challenges for the new term.

Best wishes as always. Stay safe. Stay well.

Top tips for teaching#7



Don't change an explanation halfway through in an attempt to make things easier - children will be still trying to work it out based on the first explanation!

If you need some childcare
Be sure to email me,
The day before you need it
Please let me know by 3!