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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you today to keep you updated with the news from our school, to applaud your efforts and successes teaching at home, to recognise that you are all dealing with day to day challenges, and finally celebrate the achievements of children.

Weeks 3 and 4 Home Learning resources are accessible from the school website under the tab, and copies have been printed, prepared and are ready for collection for those children who require hard copies because they are unable to access the internet fully at home. If you are unsure of where to find them then please follow the link. <u>https://www.warbstow.org.uk/web/home_learning/460055</u>

Tintagel school remains the local Hub School for our area that is looking after key workers children, 8 am to 6 pm. At present we do not have children in attendance but staff from our school have been working there and will continue to do so on a rota basis (I thank them for their commitment and service). A link will be put on our website each Friday should you be a keyworker needing a place for your child/ren.

The staff are in regular contact with each other and I have become quite apt at conducting video conferencing meetings. It is there that we discuss how the children are progressing, the input that we can see evidence of on Google Classroom, SumDog, IDL, other online platforms, and how we can support you, the children and each other.

Well done for your continued efforts teaching from home and uploading your children's work. I am uplifted with the content and recognise the extra effort that some parents are making here. Some are key workers themselves and are doing really well managing their time!

If you have not yet uploaded your children's work or tried to use the resources please give it a try, your teachers will see your efforts and your achievements will be rewarded! I do appreciate that there are challenges to make this a success, from technical know-how to what expectations you feel are required from you. Just give it a go.

A small number of children of course cannot upload their work because they are working with the offline packs. Please work in your home Learning books and your work will be recognised and rewarded. Send a picture via email perhaps.

For those of you parents and carers using Tapestry in Early Years, please continue to upload and share your children's experiences. Ella and Ami are working on Home Learning activities for you too and we see real value in your participation here.

The Arbor App is being used by 95% of the school community now and reports as to its ease of use and functionality are positive (although change is difficult and not everyone likes it). It is a way to communicate with the school and has replaced eSchools messaging.





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I would like to celebrate a few children who I know have been working hard at home. If your name is not on the list and you have been working hard, please upload to your teacher and try and share.

Well done to; William, Jack, Jowan, Bella-Rose, Sophie, Isabella, Ruby, Bella, Mabel, Henry, Abby and Oscar (Class 3 not included but will be as Mrs Provis is on a well-earned break).

Finally, I would like to invite all the children to take part in a competition!

Each child can produce a drawing or image that represents one of the first 5 letters of the alphabet (a, b, c, d or e).

The image should represent - for example – a is for apple. KS2 children could possible put this in their Wonderful Book. I have put a couple of examples that I have drawn at the end of this letter.

House points to be won and a prize. I will judge the entries on Monday the 20th April.

Upload to Google Classroom (if no access email).

From now until then, stay well in body and mind, remember we miss you and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes

Mr Ellis

Head of School





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