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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have managed to have lots of quality family time over the holidays. We have loved seeing your tweets, Facebook posts and Tapestry news – all of these have made us smile.

We are now looking ahead to a few more weeks where the children will be at home with you. Whilst we still advocate a daily routine, we also hope that you can make it a fun routine for you all.

Three pieces of advice that all the staff strongly advocate:

- If it does not go to plan know that this is fine (it happens at school too).
- Do what is right for you and your family – it doesn't matter what anyone else is doing.
- Don't put additional pressure on yourself or your children – your health and well-being matter the most!

For those families who would like to access home learning and fun ideas, from Monday, each year group will create a blog which can be accessed from the school website. The idea behind this is for the children to have a connection with the teachers. These will include news, a maths challenge, literacy based task, topic themed activity and a STEM experiment or question.

Early Years will continue to make contact through Tapestry. Class teachers will continue to send a weekly tweet via @archibaldfirst and we will also continue to see what you have been up to via the private Archibald 2019-20 Facebook group. The Challenge of the Day and Skill of the Week will continue going forward.

That said, please remember, we are only giving you some guidance and ideas, we absolutely don't expect you to home school your children or to replace the curriculum, and we really want you to be as relaxed as you can be during this period.

The key message is to take what you need, do what you can, when you can and find the balance/approach that works for you and your family.

Spend the time together that we so don't often have time for. Your children will remember this far more than they will ever remember if they completed their literacy task, mastered a quiz question or finished all their homework. So bring out the board games, complete a family jigsaw, play games in the garden, have a water fight, read the pile of books gathering dust or get the books you loved to read for your children, build dens, cook, bake, learn to tie shoe laces and make beds... even lie on the sofa and have a fully-fledged pyjama day!

Stay well, everyone.

Best wishes

Rebecca Turner, Headteacher

WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW
WE WERE HAVING FUN



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