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Dear Parents and Carers, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you all had a lovely weekend.

It feels like Lockdown has been with us for a long time now and I hope that you are still managing to enjoy the good things from this and that life has not become too difficult. We still do not know what early years will begin to look like for our children either returning to York Road or starting Primary School. As you can imagine keeping young children at a 'safe social distance' would be a genuine challenge!

For those of you who have been disappointed by the allocation of your child's Primary School place, this is unfortunately an annual occurrence. Hitchin is such a busy community that there just isn't the space for every family to get the school they had hoped for. If you are planning on an appeal, you need to go through Hertfordshire Admissions rather than through us. I would like to add though that I truly believe all the Primary Schools are good in Hitchin. I work closely with all the Headteachers and they are very committed and experienced.

I told you last week we had to cancel the duckling eggs arriving, well today I am ordering the eggs to come to my home. After a busy weekend gathering a suitable box for them to hatch in and finding my lamp, I am ready to go! I will hopefully be able to video them hatching and enjoying their first few days in the world and send you some videos to share with your children! The plan is to have some 'Indian Runners'- apparently they lay lots of eggs and are good-natured. I do hope our chickens and cockerel like them too!

The teachers are busy providing teaching and learning opportunities for your children. It is up to you what you choose to access and use, we just want to be able to ensure for those of you who like to be able to have resources to hand that we have sent you a range. Of course please still take time to enjoy the weather, getting outside as much as you can, planting, exercising, dancing, cuddles and story times too!



We are supporting some families who are going through a difficult time financially. Please do ask for help if you need to. In the first instance please contact me on head@yorkroad.herts.sch.uk

This was in last week's newsletter, I have kept it in this week for anyone that needs this support:

"There is a School Nurse on duty every weekday that can support with any concerns a school may have about a child's/children's health and wellbeing.

The service is continuing to accept referrals for children and young people requiring support for low level mental health, emotional and wellbeing concerns including anxiety, low mood, anger, behaviour, self-esteem, stress and sleep issues."

So, if this relates to any of your children, please do contact us and we can have a chat and if needed, make a referral to help you and your family.

Have a safe and peaceful week, I hope the sun shines for you all and please do remember that we are here for you. Please send videos and updates to your child's teacher on Tapestry so we can see what they have been learning and enjoying at home.

Yours faithfully

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