

27th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you all had a lovely weekend. We have extended our garden allotment space by taking some of the plot at our small community allotment space just 50 metres from our house- this means that we will have even more lovely fruit and vegetables to eat over the summer and autumn months ahead- so it was a weekend of digging, planting seeds and lots of watering for the Frainer family!

Ebony is enjoying spending lots of time with our 2 other dogs and they have spent the last few weeks either basking in the sun or running around the garden. I know she misses all the children lots and is keen to be back at York Road with you all for lots of cuddles and fun in the garden.

We have sadly had to cancel this year's traditional arrival of the hatching eggs to York Road. We were due to have ducklings this year, so as an alternative, I am trying to arrange some duck eggs to come to my home and if all goes well, I will send videos of them hatching and some regular video updates on the ducklings having fun. We have an old bath I have kept which will become their pond! Watch this space for an update....it should all happen in a couple of weeks time.

We hope that you have enjoyed the teaching and learning story videos that the key teachers are sending. This is a new way of story telling and I am sure you agree they are doing a wonderful job! As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, if you are trying different website links that the teachers are recommending, please remember that we have not been able to check these and you still need to be responsible for your child's e-safety at home. This will mean checking the website first to ensure it is safe to use.

We are still 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

I have been sent some helpful information regarding child health support and also for mental health and well-being;

"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.

I have some more news to share with you that sadly, Shirley Parker and Helen Brazier are both going to retire at the end of this school year. They have both written a letter to you all which will come out this week for you to read. I am sure you all agree they are both wonderful teachers and I personally want to thank them both for their longstanding commitment to York Road and for everything they have done to help create the success of York Road Nursery School in the Hitchin community.

Have a safe and calm week, I hope the sun continues to shine for you all and please do remember that we are still all here for you. No question is too silly and keep sending vidoes and updates to your child's teacher on Tapestry so we can see how they are all doing!

Yours faithfully

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