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Dear Parents / Carers

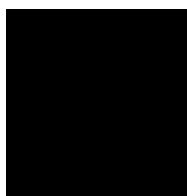
Once again, you have 'smashed it' this week! Another remarkable achievement which truly deserves recognition ... please enjoy your special award - goodness me, haven't you all earned your Easter break!

That said, a number of families have asked us to continue to provide home-learning throughout the two-week Easter holiday. I am delighted that you have all been taking part and enjoying the daily opportunities which have been provided for you. Once again, please remember to do as little, or as much, as you wish. We do not want anyone to feel additional pressure (you know what is best for your child/children), we are simply trying to assist you in establishing a routine that works for your family over the next few weeks – all children feel safe and happy with established routines.

Throughout the past two weeks, we have all worked hard and we all deserve an Easter holiday. However, I am mindful of the very unusual times we find ourselves in, and, therefore, if it helps any of our families to maintain the current structure over the next two weeks, Team Walford are more than happy to assist. We, therefore, propose the following:

- Children can use (if they wish) the 'Home-Learning' packs that were provided before the partial school closure commenced (Friday, 20th March 2020).
- Class Teachers will continue to offer a daily update.
Please note, this will be different - rather than specific English and Maths activities, there will be a strong focus on STEM, creative and outdoor garden challenges.
- There will be one daily opportunity to engage in a dialogue with Class Teachers (10.00am-11.00am).
- There will no expectation for teachers to be marking work.
- Everyone must enjoy their Easter break!

We are becoming increasingly aware that children are missing their friends and daily social interaction. In order to find a way to enable all of our children to have contact with each other, we have worked hard to set up whole-class face-to-face online sessions using the platform, Zoom.



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This, of course, is completely optional and there is absolutely no pressure for anyone to take part. If, however, you would like your child(ren) to take part, you will need to do the following:

- **Download the Zoom app or program onto your device, or ...**
- **Link in through your internet browser: [zoom.uk/join](https://zoom.us/join)**

Sessions will be organised by the teachers who will be the host.

Children do not need, nor should they create their own Zoom account.

In order to adhere to relevant safeguarding practices, everyone involved **MUST** follow the rules set out below:

- Parents/Carers **must** give permission for their child to take part by messaging the class teacher (via email or Showbie before Monday, 6th April 2020).
- A parent/carer **must** be present in the room with their child(ren) during a Zoom session.
- Photographs / recordings **must not** be taken during a Zoom session.
- Every child **must** adhere to the usual school Code of Conduct, e.g., appropriate conversations.
- Every child **must** be wearing appropriate clothing, e.g., no nightwear.
- Every child **must** be in a central space within the house, e.g., the lounge / kitchen. Zoom sessions should not take place in a bedroom.
- All details of the session, including IDs and passwords, **must** be kept private and confidential.
- All links / Meeting IDs and passwords will be sent to children's Showbie accounts on the morning of their session.
- Sessions will be no longer than 40 minutes.
- There will always be **two teachers** present in any Zoom session taking place.

How it will work:

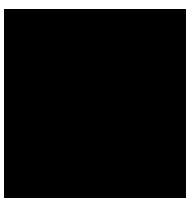
- Your child will receive the Meeting ID and the Meeting password via Showbie on the morning of their session.
- These details need to be inputted into Zoom (**[zoom.uk/join](https://zoom.us/join)**) just before your allocated time so that your child(ren) can be a part of the session.

Timetable:

Monday, 6th April: 10.00am - Year 5
2.00pm - Year 3

Tuesday, 7th April: 10.00am - Year 4
2.00pm - Year 6

Wednesday, 8th April: 10.00am - Year 1
2.00pm - Year 2



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Thank you all for your patience, hard work and continued support of all that we do here at Walford. Please remember, we are only a phone call or email away – do not hesitate to get in touch, if we can be of assistance.

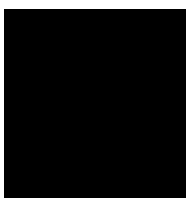
On behalf of the team, I would like to wish you and your family a very peaceful and enjoyable Easter break.

Keep safe all and keep smiling.

Very best wishes,



Ms L. George
Headteacher



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