

# Homework –

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**Mrs Taylor**



Dear Parent/Carer

The last homework front page I wrote was all about Christmas – and now we are almost at Easter. Just a reminder to parents that the school is having an Inset Day on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at the beginning of the holiday and we will all be back together on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April for the summer term

We will definitely be celebrating Red Nose Day (or Comic Relief) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. It's funny to think that this time last year, we were expecting Look North to visit our school with their big sofa in order to meet Terri Harper (World Boxing Champion) who was going to do some work with our children. That all disappeared as the reality of Covid struck and they decided that a Sports Relief fundraiser was inappropriate at the time. (Although Terri did still come to the school and did some great work with our children☺) What a year since then! I know that we are all hoping that schools have been disrupted for the last time and that we can just get on with school life...

So for Red Nose Day next Friday, we would like children to go for crazy hair, dress as a superhero or wear appropriate colours and clothes – whichever they like. We are not selling red noses at school as we cannot get hold of enough – though I think they have them in Sainsbury's. The purpose of the day is to celebrate the brilliant event that is Comic Relief and to raise awareness and a bit of cash for the excellent cause – to that end, we would like to ask for a donation of at least £1 please.

For the second time of reopening, children have returned and been absolutely wonderful: the behaviour is great and children seem really to be enjoying the classroom environment, and learning alongside their friends and teachers once again. There is a determination amongst staff that we have to make this a wonderful place to study and a place of happiness and safety for children. We are still constrained by rules that tell us we shouldn't be organising trips – but we are doing our best and will continue to do so.

I did wrestle with the question of whether or not we should go back to homework – but I came back to my original idea when I introduced it (in 2006) that it gives parents a clear understanding of what their children are studying in school, it allows me to communicate with parents and it allows children and parents to work together – that still sounds like a good idea to me, even when parents can do go headteacher and class teachers and get a reply within minutes. The purpose of the homework is to benefit families – it is not supposed to be a difficult exercise: the more parents know about what their children are doing in school, the better.

**Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...**

<b>Signed:</b>

**Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.**