

# Millbrook Matters



*Dare to dream, together we can achieve and flourish...*



## Message from Mr Bell...

First the bad news:

- **We will be closing from Monday to all children until further notice.** We will still be open to children whose parents are key workers: NHS staff, police and delivery drivers.

Now the good news:

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There are many resources available to help your child if they are self isolating as well:

First of all, an app called twinkl has removed any charge for using their resources. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

RM easimaths is an excellent resource we use at school, which can be used just as well at home. Visit <https://www.rmeasimaths.com/> and enter the username and password from your child's homework diary. (Millbrook5 might need to be added in the box after the username) This app automatically adjusts the level of challenge and gives feedback.

For older pupils, Fiction express is a reading resource which gives many books to read, with a quiz to see if your child has understood the text. Log in at <https://en.fictionexpress.com/> with the username and password which again should be in your child's homework diary.

Year 6 pupils can use achieve SATS succs online at [https://www.risingstars-uk.com/achieve\\_sats\\_success\\_online](https://www.risingstars-uk.com/achieve_sats_success_online) Again, your child in Year 6 will have a login and password to access this in their homework diary. Times tables rockstars does what you imagine it might do at <https://trockstars.com/> Your older child will either know their log on or have it in their homework diary. If the log ons are missing, do let me know at [pbell@stbarnabasmat.com](mailto:pbell@stbarnabasmat.com) and I will be able to let you know the username and password.

Pupils from Y3 to Y6 will also have their class work set up on Google Classroom in the event of school closure. Pupils can access this using their St Barnabas Mat logons which are in their homework diaries again.

We are also sending Power Maths text books home for you to work on with your child. Please may I ask you don't write in the book, use the squared paper book your child has. Could you also return them at the end of the closure as well please.

We are also trying to continue to offer a grab lunch to those children on free school meals if we have to close. Please see the paper letter which we have sent out to you.

In other news, it is with great sadness that Lottie Saldanha has had to cut short her student teaching practice with us due to the University of Plymouth closing. Lottie has been a brilliant teacher and will be missed by so many of us. We wish her every success in the future.

Peter Bell  
Head of School

### *Other information...*

**Congratulations to all the children who took part in last week's Sports Relief sponsored mile. You raised a fantastic £521!!**