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Dear parents and carers

I just wanted to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break and to give you a few updates.

Holiday activities

Although it will be a holiday, it may seem like a long time to be at home with limited opportunities to leave the house. Teachers will therefore be sending their classes a grid of activities the children can do to keep them occupied and engaged over the next two weeks. These are simply fun and creative activities that link to the curriculum but are not compulsory – just some suggestions for things you may want to do to keep their minds and bodies busy! We have tried to keep the activities similar across all year groups so that if you have children in different classes, you can all do the activities together.

Childcare over the Easter period

Although the school will be closed to pupils over the holiday period, we realise that a number of working parents may still be trying to arrange childcare. If you are struggling, it is worth looking at the Islington childcare webpage on www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare

Songs for Easter

One of the highlights of our Easter service is always how incredibly well the children sing the hymns. If they feel like a good sing-up then try the links below for some of the songs they would have been singing today! Parents are very welcome to join in!

Glory and honour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FdNq221I3s> The children can teach you all the actions!

Our God is a great big God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8> Again, actions add to the performance!

City on a hill <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg2We2iK7og> You guessed it- more actions involved!

Doodle update

It's so encouraging to see more and more children accessing the Doodlemaths and making such good progress. We normally award a trophy to the best class each week in assembly so the award this week will be flying via the internet to Year 3!



It was really close in terms of the percentage of children in the 'green zone' – Y3 - 58%, Y1 - 47%, Y2 – 46%, Y5 – 46%, Y4 – 27% and Y6 – 18%.

If your children are spending a lot of time on TT Rockstars to get on the leader board, encourage them to give enough time to Doodlemaths to help them stay in the Green zone.

In case of emergency

Although the school office is closed, you can still contact myself, Mr Turpin or Miss Andrea via admin@st-johnsholloway.islington.sch.uk

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Mr Welsh

