

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Over the last 3 weeks, staff have worked hard to implement the ever changing government guidelines. Staff are eager and proud to support our school community. From the very beginning and they continue to do this amongst their own personal anxieties, whilst caring for their own family. Once again, thank you to all the parents and carers who have sent messages of gratitude and support – it really does motivate and makes a difference!

This week we merged St Peter's Elwick and Hart childcare provision for those families who, due to their selfless critical worker role, have no other care options available. This solidifies our motto of 'together we are stronger' and now, more than ever, this is true for our schools, the community and the nation.



For those families eligible for school Free School Meals, we are currently working to implement the latest government guidelines and our admin team are endeavouring to get in touch with you. If you need any information support with this, please contact info@hartelwickfederation.org.uk. If you would like to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the Benefits Team at Hartlepool Borough Council on 01429 284188

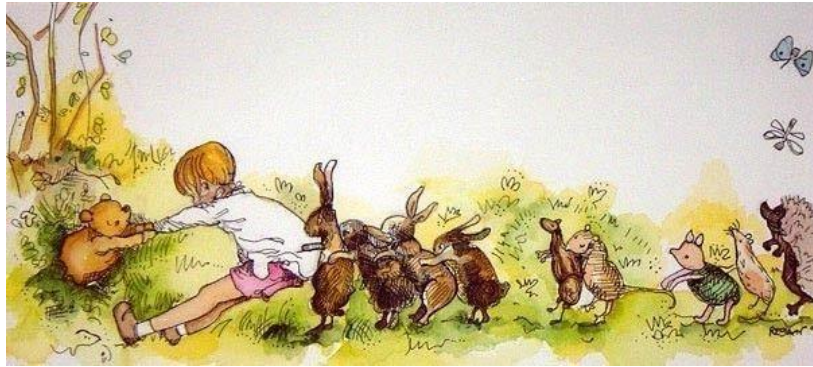
At this time of year, I would usually be writing my Head Teacher newsletter wishing you all a joyful Easter and bidding farewell for the Easter holiday. To further support the school community and the COVID -19 critical response, staff have agreed to open to the families of critical workers whose roles are invaluable during this period. In order for this to happen, staff have selflessly volunteered to come into school over this holiday period to provide care for the children who need it. During the Easter period, staff will not be responding to non-urgent emails or sending their weekly newsletters. However, as always, safeguarding is paramount and we will continue to respond to any safeguarding issues promptly.

Please continue to share the class teacher letters with your children. It is great to hear that they have enjoyed reading and listening to them. I eagerly await the next class teacher letters which we aim to send you by the 24th April.

Reverend Canon Janet has kindly shared a prayer

'Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night. You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill. You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried. Today I am feeling (name how you are feeling) because (reasons you are feeling this way). Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen'.

I take this opportunity to wish you a happy, although unusual, Easter and I leave you with this final image ...



... And we all pulled together (A.A Milne)

Please take care and be safe
God Bless
Mrs Hill