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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the end of our Spring Term. Normally we would be celebrating in school with our Easter Assembly, Singing Squares and Easter Garden competitions. Sadly, none of this has taken place but what we can celebrate is the way that our school community has come together at this difficult time.

Thank you, Teachers

I am sure you will join me in thanking our teachers who have done an amazing job in a short space of time in making sure that the children of Rectory Farm are able to access learning from their homes. Whether it be through the Onenote, Class Dojo, email or through paper packs, children can access home learning every day and so continue to practice knowledge and skills learnt in schools which is great! Thank you, teachers!

Wellbeing at home

Saying this, we are also mindful that being at home with your children, trying to run a household and getting them to do their schoolwork at the same time is not an easy task! Our message to you therefore is please do not put pressure on yourselves. If there are times when you don't feel that you can manage to get all the home learning completed, then please don't worry. As a minimum expectation, we would ask that you please **contact your class teacher at least once throughout the week**, this is so that we know that you are getting our messages, and everything is OK.

Easter Holiday

It may seem a strange thing to say, but Monday 6th April is the start of our Easter holiday for children and teachers. Teachers will not be setting home learning during this time and there will be no communication through Onenote/ Class Dojo or email. Please remind your children of this. Teachers will begin setting home learning again on Monday 20th April. Thank you.

Safeguarding

We want to ensure everybody keeps safe and looks after themselves during the school closures. In particular, we want to make sure that our children keep safe when they are online, as the majority of them will be using the internet more often than usual. We also want to make sure everybody's well-being is good too. Here are some useful websites and contact numbers that can offer help and support:

What to do if you are worried or concerned about a child?

Call the MASH Team on **0300 126 1000** or you can contact the NSPCC on **080 8800 5000**
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/>

Covid-19 Online Safety Advice

Use the link below to go to The Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website
<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/parents-carers/covid-19-online-safety-advice-parents/>



You will find lots of useful guidance on here for different websites and online games.
<https://parentinfo.org/> This website also gives help and advice on keeping safe online.

Mental Health

Use the link below to go to Northamptonshire Mental Health Support Site.
<https://www.asknormen.co.uk/> You will find a range of support for parents and children.

Samaritans

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

You can call them anytime for free on **116123**

We hope that you manage to make the most of the time with your families over the next two weeks. We look forward to communicating with you again on Monday 20th April. I will leave you with an image produced by Zaynab from Year 6.

Warm Regards
Sarah Heslop
Head Teacher

