Dear Parents

We recognise that the current health situation is stressful and ever-changing picture for everyone. Despite this, it continues to business as usual here at Franklin as far as possible as you will see below. Please rest assured that we continue to be vigilant at Franklin to delay the spread of coronavirus. We are following national guidance from Public Health England which is regularly updated.

**Current guidance**
Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:
- a high temperature (37.8°C)
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home – just inform us as normal re attendance.

Should school close we have put in place measures to allow for off-site learning. In the interim, should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**Our Week at Franklin**

It has been another busy week here at Franklin. What a joy it has been to see the focus and effort children have been putting into their work across all areas of the curriculum. Some highlights below:

**Geography Fieldwork**

*Year 6*

Over the spring term, our pupils in KS1 and KS2 are undertaking geography fieldwork in the local parks of London. This week year six headed to Richmond Park – below you can see them quietly spotting a herd of deer in the distance!

**Baking Bread**

*Year 5*

This week, as part of their DT learning, year five students have been baking bread rolls with the help of the kitchen staff. Early reviews were positive about their creations!

**Athletics Tournament**

*Year 3 & 4*

On Wednesday a group of year 3 and 4 students headed to an athletics tournament in Brent. Though the competition was fierce, Franklin performed strongly – congratulations to all involved!

**Phonics Screener**

*Wednesday 18th March*

This parent workshop, starting at 09:00, is for year one parents regarding the upcoming phonics screener check. It will explain how we as a school are approaching this national assessment and how you can support your child. This meeting will be held in the dining hall – please enter via the school office.
Adventure Day  
Year 1

LSE class really enjoyed their adventure day in the school grounds on Monday. As part of the session they built structures and investigated how different animals live. Thank you to Miss Pritchard for organising.

Digestion Experiment  
Year 4

Year 4 have been in the science lab this week learning about the process of digestion.

New Laptops!  
KS1

It has been great to see our new set of laptops up and running in KS1 this week. Year two have been using them to create pictures based on famous artists. Thank you to our technician Owen for getting them up and running.

London Marathon  
Sunday 26th April

Chris Newton, Freddie’s in year 3’s father, will be running the London Marathon on 26th April for MIND the mental health charity, and also in memory of Jenine Hull, Erin’s mother, who as you know, left us last year after struggling with depression. If you would like to sponsor Chris, please follow the link below:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=chrisnewton29&pageUrl=1

Mindfulness taster session  
Thursday 30th April

Franklin will be hosting a mindfulness session on Thursday 30th April from 19:00 – 20:00. This session, led by Uz Afzal, will cost £5 and will be a lead-in for a four week course starting on 4th June. Email Jessica Nash (year 4 rep) on jess@sistahstudios.com to book your place or to find out more.

Spring Awakening

Due to the current health situation, the Spring Awakening planned for 27th March has been postponed until the summer term.

Thought for the week:

Never stop learning because life never stops teaching

Have a wonderful weekend.

David Williams
Deputy Headteacher