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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievable to think a week has passed already. Thank you for your feedback as it helps keep us meeting the needs of families in addition to supporting home learning.

If you didn't see the 'whole country' assembly this week, here is the link. Really quite impressive. <https://www.tes.com/news/watch-archbishop-canterbury-leads-national-assembly>

So much has happened this week. I will attempt to keep this short but signpost you to different bits of information that have gone out.

- 1) Home calls - we have sent a ParentMail to you. We have been in contact with many families, but from Wednesday we will start a process by which all pupils will receive a call from the team at EMS. The number is likely to come up as 'withheld' or 'private' as this call will be made from staff devices. It would help us immensely if you could answer it.
- 2) Hegarty Maths - Mr Brennan has worked hard behind the scenes for EMS to use this excellent online resource. This is something that we will be subscribing to from September after successful trials at Lockyer's Middle.
- 3) Home Learning - excellent engagement, thank you. So many pupils are completing their three tasks each day. Thank you for your positive feedback regarding timing of release of lessons and dropping to three sessions.
- 4) Endeavour - keep it going! We are constantly reviewing our materials. We have started to use quizzes and video footage to keep the engagement. The work remains focused on re-visiting and re-capping rather than new work. We are also tapping into national resources such as @oakacademy that you may have heard about in the press. We do however check they are suitable and of a standard required for our pupils.
- 5) Facebook page - this is nearly ready to go live. Another way of staying up to date with the latest information. I anticipate this will be live by the time I write to you next week.

Other news includes work on transition for next year, building the new timetable and working on developing the quality of teaching and learning. We really do miss you all, but also want to reassure you that whilst we are working really hard remaining in contact, provide home learning and opening school for our key workers, we are also preparing for the next academic year. Such that, if we are to return before, we will also be able to hit the ground running for everyone.

Lockdown in the rain has been a different experience for us all this week. There is thunder and lightning rumbling around as I write this! I am pleased to see next week we return to warm sunshine!

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Stay safe, stay positive and let us know how you are doing! Have a great weekend.

Mr Christopher