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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we cannot thank you enough for your continued support over the last few weeks. It has been a period like no other and we have all greatly appreciated the positive messages and encouragement from parents and children alike.

We have been really impressed by the engagement in the eSchools online learning platform and Class Dojo pages. Continue to look out for learning activities set by class teachers and explore some of the interesting online links shared also. 'P.E. with Joe' has been a firm favourite with many of our families this week, as have various interactive livestreams from places of interest such as Chester Zoo and celebrity nature and wildlife expert Steve Backshall!

There are a small number of families who have not yet been in touch using either eSchools or Dojo. If this is you, please do try and log in and see what is available to support your child's home learning. Class teachers are keen to hear from everybody over the course of each week. If you are having technical issues please do email enquiries@mount-charlessch.org A member of the admin team will direct your query to the most appropriate member of staff.

If your child is usually entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM), you will have received communication from us regarding the FSM provision that is in place through the CELT Hub at Penrice. The link to the childcare booking form was emailed home yesterday for you to book places for next week. If you have any queries regarding FSM or childcare please contact enquiries@mount-charlessch.org

As we enter the 'Easter Holiday' period, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and healthy time. Please do continue to follow and support the government's 'Stay Home – Protect the NHS – Save Live' campaign. We all have our part to play and I have been bowled over by the way our school community has played its part so far.

Finally, I want to thank the incredible Mount Charles team that serves our children and families. I have been so impressed by the way in which our staff have pulled out the stops in recent weeks to ensure our children's health, safety and well-being. Although the Penrice hub will remain open to critical key workers during this Easter holiday period, teachers will not be online to set or respond to online learning. We kindly ask that you respect their time to recoup after what has been a very busy and stressful few weeks. We look forward to saying catching up again; sharing new and exciting learning, activities and experiences at home from Tuesday 14th April.

Stay well and take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bunting'.

Claire Bunting
Head teacher