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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were able to enjoy some family time over the Easter holidays and were able to make the most of restrictions beginning to lift. The children have enjoyed sharing with us their Easter holiday highlights since returning to school.

Core Value of the half - term: Wisdom

This half term, we are focusing on the value of Wisdom. The children will be sharing their thoughts and ideas on the theme of wisdom through assemblies and PSHE lesson and we will be celebrating examples of wisdom in our celebration assemblies. If you would like to share an example of your child showing wisdom outside of school, please send an email (include photographs if you wish) to twitter@benhurst.havering.sch.uk and I will be more than happy to share these on Twitter.

Royal Mail Stamp Competition

We are delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. The designs of eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will be chosen and turned into a set of postage stamps. There are a number of prizes available for overall winners, regional winners and regional runners - up. Full details of the competition can be found here <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/> including information about how your child's data will be used and how to withdraw your child's entry should you wish.

National survey of children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently launched The Big Ask - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have been asked to share this with you to enable you to support your child completing the consultation. If you wish for them to do so, please click here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back which can be found here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adult-survey/>

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.



England Does The Daily Mile

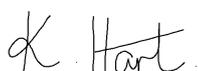
This Friday pupils across the LIFE Trust schools will be taking part in a National event called 'England Does the Daily Mile' and we are very excited to be joining them!

The Daily Mile want as many primary schools around England to get moving on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health. Each year group will be given a slot in which to complete their mile around our school site. Full details of this event can be found here: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Many thanks to Mr Light for his help in organising this event. Photographs will be shared via Twitter.

As we enter the final term of the school year, we are beginning to think of our usual end of year events such as Sports Day and how these might be affected by ongoing COVID Restrictions. We hope that by the end of term we will have much more freedom in organising events of this kind. We will of course adhere to any future guidance as we move through the Government Road Map and will write to you with more details nearer the time.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart
Head teacher

Key Dates

These are also on the school calendar - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Monday 19th ~ Thursday 29th April ~ Parents Consultations (See letter 15.03.21)

Monday 3rd May ~ Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May ~ Last day of first half term (Normal finish time)

Monday 7th June ~ Planned INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 8th June ~ All pupils return to school