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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you so much for your excellent communication to share how your child is engaging with activities at home and how as families you are adapting to much change.

The check in, check up and check out contacts your teacher has made with you at points throughout the week has worked very well. Teachers will continue this consistent approach with you after the Easter holidays, beginning again on the first day of term.

The photographs and videos you have been sending throughout the week are greatly appreciated and keep us smiling.

The newsletter today will share some of the fantastic activities our school community has been busy doing, not forgetting that today is Autism Awareness Day.

Free School Meal (FSM) Families

From w/c Monday 20th April Families eligible for FSM will be emailed an 'eCode' (a 16-digit number with a value attached). Parents or adults with caring responsibilities for the eligible child can then go online to redeem the eCode against a choice of eGift cards (a digital gift card delivered via email) which currently includes the following food retailers:

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- · Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S food

A small number of parents have had difficulty accessing the digital gift card. If you are unable to access this eCode, please advise us via admin@medeshamstedeacademy.org and we will be able to print off the eGift card and post to you or arrange a collection if it is easy and safe to do so.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter - stay healthy, safe and well.

Best wishes,

Mrs L Ives

Head of School & SENDCO