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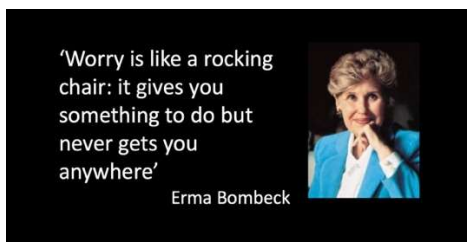
THE FUTURE'S NOT CANCELLED



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

With just another week before all the children return to school, I have found the BBC slogan strangely comforting! It is not that this is a new idea or that I have doubted that God has the future in hand, even if I have struggled to see the way forward. Supposedly having a road map for completely lifting lockdown by mid-June should give us confidence. But the reality is that each stage is weeks ahead and right now you will be very preoccupied with the welcome but challenging task of preparing for the 8 March and beyond. School corridors and classrooms filled with chattering children and the joy of teaching them in-person is probably quite a daunting yet a professionally rewarding expectation.

Maybe we have learnt to live with uncertainty and even the tension of not knowing what the future holds. It is never easy but is a reminder to live each day as though it counts as much as any other. Jesus said: *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6v34)”*. Easier said than done! But it's worth remembering that...



Our need and prayers for each other are surely summed up in 'The Blessing':

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6vs24-26)

These are the words that inspired the UK Blessing, still needed today: <https://youtu.be/PUtl13mNj5U>

Thank you for all you have been part of in meeting the needs of children and that your commitment to them will entail each and every day. God bless you.

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