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Dear Parents/Carers, Children and all of our families,

Well what a strange time we have found ourselves in over the past few weeks.

We have all found ourselves adjusting to a very different way of life. Whilst it has definitely been a challenge in so many ways for so many people, we have to be able to take positives from what is happening too.

We are social creatures. But often we only realise how precious something is once we lose it. Once we all 'get through' this, I believe we're all going to be kinder. Kinder to one another; kinder to friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues as well as complete strangers. I have already seen a growth in 'community feeling' – I now know who lives across the road from me when we go out for our weekly 'pots and pans' bashing for the NHS workers and all the other key workers who are keeping our country safe.

Neighbours are waving to one another from their windows. Every time I feel a little down or a bit unsure of what is happening to the world in which we find ourselves in - I remember how important it is to be grateful and how important gratitude is in times of uncertainty.

My mornings are now slightly different. When I wake up, I take 5 minutes and write down 5 things I am grateful for. These can be anything - but it just helps me to start my day right.

My main positive, as well as having time to enjoy fresh air and attempt to join in with 'Joe' everyday at 9am, is that I have had the absolute pleasure of receiving many emails from the children and families everyday, showing me and their teachers the wonderful efforts made by you all at home to continue with your children's education. I have seen videos, children wearing their uniform at home, primary school signs made for the kitchen and an abundance of amazing learning. For that, I am truly grateful and appreciative to every family that takes the time to still email their adventures at home. It reminds me that we are such a strong and united community.

As it is now the Easter break, we will not be setting 'Home Learning' until Monday 20 April. However, we have devised some daily challenges for the children to take part in over the next two weeks, should they want to... as we realise that the days can roll into each other at the moment. We have also attached an Easter Bingo grid which the children could complete and some useful websites to visit.



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Easter Challenge Tasks

- Design or make an Easter bonnet and send a picture to us. We will decide on the top three entries and announce the winners on our website
- Easter baking please send in pictures
- Make an exercise video for us to all follow for when we return back to school. It should last approximately 20 minutes, with breaks and a warm up and cool down.
- Complete our running challenge. If you are able to send us how many km you have run or walk from Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April. I will announce the winning class on the website on Monday 20 April.
- Times Table Rock Stars Wednesday (8th and 15th) Challenge Battles have been set up for the children to compete against other classes. The children will have between 8am - 2pm to battle against their opponents. The winners will be announced on the website by 4pm on those days. On Friday 17th April there will be a 'School V's Teachers' battle. This will be at 8am – 12pm. The winners will also be announced on the website.
- Teddy bear hunt please see the link. How many teddies can you find on your daily walk? https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52124055
- Make a miniature garden in box, for your window sill or in your actual garden. Please send us pictures.
- Make an Easter Bunny and send us the pictures
- If you have a garden, balcony or a window outside your kitchen, make a bird feeder.





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Easter Activity Bingo



Have a look at these ideas to keep you busy over the Easter holidays! You can continue to do Mathletics, Lexia, Numbots and TTRS and other learning if you choose. And don't forget you can go for a walk, run or cycle each day!

Do some <u>origami</u> . You could decorate your own paper too!	Draw or paint a butterfly with exotic colours	Make your own sock puppet	Design and make a parachute to protect a bolled egg	Make a castle using an empty box	Make some cornflake or <u>rice</u> <u>crispy</u> <u>cakes</u>
Make a <u>papier-maché</u> sculpture	Design a mask for yourself – it could be an animal, warrior or something else!	Make some shadow puppets and put on a show	Use spaghetti or toothpicks and marshmallows to build 3D shapes	Make an Easter egg hunt using real or paper eggs	Go for a walk and take some photographs
Make some <u>playdough</u> or clay and build an animal	Make your own monster bookmark	Make a rocket using recycled card or plastics	Collect some nature things make an Andy Goldsworthy picture or collage	How many times can you throw and catch a ball with a family member without stopping?	Video call a family member
Make a den in your house or garden using fabric, cushions etc.	Read a joke or fact book on myOn WE 2 2 READ ON	Design your own superhero with superpowers	Make a friendship bracelet out of thread, beads or wool	Design an exercise circuit in your garden or house for your family to complete	Make musical instruments out of things you find in your house
Join in with a BBC Supermovers video	Make your own board game	Design a new Easter egg and make a poster advertising it	Make a collage of your favourite things using magazines or drawings	Do an Oti Mabuse dance class on YouTube*	Walk or run a daily mile
Paint rocks and turn them into rock pets	Create a poster showing healthy and unhealthy foods	Make a colour wheel out of objects in your house	Create a bird house or bird feeder to hang in your garden	Make your own kite	Do a Joe Wicks workout on YouTube*

Adapted from The Mum Educates and Seascale School

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Useful Websites

https://www.science-sparks.com/easter-stem-challenges/

https://frugalfun4boys.com/paper-horse-that-walks/

https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/maths

https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/?utm_campaign=02_04_2020_25_Games_Activities_Blog&utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=em_ail&utm_context=text

I know the next few weeks and months will provide us all with worrying and stressful times, but we need to remain positive and always remember that we are lucky that we belong to such a supportive community. If any of you need anything or just a listening ear over the coming times, please never hesitate in emailing or calling us.

Thank you for the lovely emails; the staff and I are so appreciative of everything you send to us. Thank you to the staff for setting work in a way in which we have never done before and thank you to the staff for always being readily available to work with the children of our key workers and vulnerable children.

Thank you to all of our parent NHS workers, volunteers, carers and key workers. I am humbled by your courage and selflessness for us all; to keep us safe and well no matter what the sacrifice is to yourselves and your families.

Lastly, I wish you all a wonderful Easter. On behalf of myself and the entire team at Farnborough, we can't wait to see you all again.

With Love and Best Wishes,

Stay safe, stay happy and stay positive.

Angela James and all the staff at Farnborough.



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