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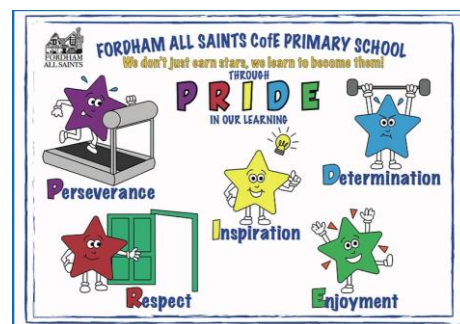
Good morning everyone,

I hope you are all staying safe and well. I am sure that many of you will have an end of term feeling as this period of home schooling comes to an end. I would just like to thank you for all you have done over the last eight weeks. It has been a tough time and you have all risen to the challenges we have passed on and your children will have learnt all manner of useful things (not just school work). Just take a moment to think how far you have come as a family. This has not been wasted time, you have made history and memories to share with future generations. Be proud!

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday. It has been very quiet without the majority of children in the building. I have sent out a comprehensive letter giving details of how we are striving to keep children, parents and staff safe from catching the Corona-virus. I am sure you will understand why we have put the restrictions in place and will wish to support us to ensure that our school stays open to all. Whilst schools are re-opening all other Lockdown Legislation still applies.

I have really enjoyed the Zoom assemblies on Mondays, they never fail to make me smile to see how excited the children are to see their friends. From Monday I will be leading assemblies for both Chappel and Fordham classes; so these assemblies will not be open to parents. My IT skills will be taken up linking nine classes together!

We are allowed to offer wrap around care from Monday as it will help those parents who need to work. Please do remember to book your child's space with Mr Askew.



Upcoming Events

4th March World Book Day

8th March Everyone back to school

8th March Science Week

11th March Governor Training on Small School Sustainability

19th March Comic Relief Day

23rd March Full Governing Body meeting

23rd March Easter Assembly (virtual)

26th March Easter Egg hunt

29th March – 9th April Easter Holidays

12th April Summer Term begins



More Important News

As we return to school the teachers will be working with your children primarily to settle them back into the routines of learning. This has been acknowledged by Amanda Spielman (Head of Ofsted) as the very first step in the recovery and return to learning. It is also something which will not be completed in a week, for some children it may take a few weeks before they return to the learning habits we had instilled in them before lockdown. We will be using science week as the perfect vehicle to welcome the children into school with some exciting activities and opportunities to work with their classmates and get used to being in a larger group of people. Teachers will also be giving their children opportunities to think about how they are feeling and to discuss their thoughts on the return to school.

Before Easter we will be assessing what the children have remembered and learnt since December so that we can plan meaningful work for them in the coming weeks and term. We will acknowledge their achievements beyond home learning and help build their confidence to revisit and build upon skills previously taught. This will all be planned and delivered to build on the children's enthusiasm about their return to school.

I read a poem on Facebook yesterday which asked "What would you like your children to take away from this whole year?" We could focus on some of the negatives about catching up, missing out or being behind. Or we could focus on the uniqueness of the experience, reminding them of the fun things they have done. Family Zoom calls, clapping the NHS, the feeling of safety and togetherness amidst the chaos. Our children are special and amazing because they have been through so much. It will shape their lives for a long time. How we present the experience will shape their attitudes and resilience.

Have a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

In the Community

School website

I will be adding information and updating the website over the next few weeks. Please do visit the site to keep up to date with all that is going on in school.

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A Prayer for Positive Thinking

Dear God,
I believe in the power
of positive thinking,
but lately I need
your help to get there.
Please fill me with
faith, hope, and optimism.
Thank you for helping me
to be genuinely positive.