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Good afternoon everyone,

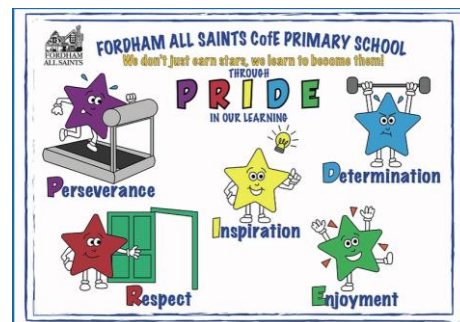
I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the home learning, we know how challenging this can be. One of the teachers came in this morning and felt very proud of herself as she had managed to work with her children to complete their home learning yesterday. I have to say when she said she had been up at 5am in order to achieve this I was very impressed with her resilience and commitment. As a staff, we have discussed how difficult it can be to encourage the children to complete activities when they are being asked to do them for a parent, even the teachers find that difficult with their own children. So please do not think you are alone in this!

Thank you for joining me last Monday for our first whole school assembly via Zoom. You will be pleased to know that Mrs Macmillan has helped me to be able to share the sound from my laptop so we will be able to have words and music for our song this Monday. I have posted the link to the Zoom assembly on Class Dojo, there will be a waiting room and I will let everyone into the assembly just before 9.40am. It is lovely to see so many happy faces and I know the children enjoy seeing their friends on screen. The assembly will be quite short, no longer than fifteen minutes but it is a lovely way to start the week.

I know Mrs Macmillan has delivered another set of Golden Assemblies and I was able to hear some of the conversations as I was in school on Thursday. It is important to acknowledge the work and effort of the children with their lockdown learning. I would also like to acknowledge your support and hard work with your children. It is often hard to remember that parents are their children's main educators, especially once children start school. However, if you think back, you are the ones who have taught your children to speak, feed themselves, walk and know how to behave. You are stars.

The teachers are going to have some class Zoom meetings next week. Talking on Zoom is really quite different to talking in real life. The teachers at Chappel have found their second set of Zoom meetings felt more natural, they found the first meetings really quite stressful. I know our Fordham teachers will have given their meetings a lot of thought to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible

If your personal details or consents have changed please notify the office.



Upcoming Events

15th February review of National Lockdown in England



More Important News

Mrs Macmillan has had a lovely idea to break the monotony of Lockdown learning. She will be introducing Theme Thursdays. Each Thursday will have a theme which you can choose to join in with. Next Thursday (28th Jan) the theme is "Spreading happiness - the yellow colour monster!" You are invited to wear something yellow, accessorise yourselves with yellow, decorate your zoom background with yellow - etc.... No pressure to join in at all but we know in Fordham how much you love a theme day.

You may be aware that the Government has set up a system for school staff to carry out self-testing for Covid, starting next week. We are expecting our Lateral Flow Tests to be delivered to school on Tuesday. Staff are encouraged to carry out self-tests twice a week if they are asymptomatic. If a member of staff tests positive they will need to seek a PCR test to confirm the result but will be required to self-isolate whilst awaiting the result. This may mean we have to close bubbles at short notice. In the event of a bubble being closed I will send a message via School Ping to let you know what is happening.

There has been a great deal in the news this week about life in hospitals during the pandemic. It really is very grim for all of those who are working in the middle of it all. I happened to meet someone who works in a hospital and it brought it home to me that the NHS staff have families and loved ones just as we do and how their work must impact on the wider family. I just wanted to thank all those who are working in hospitals, we know you are doing the most amazing job in them most difficult of circumstances. It takes incredible people to do these jobs and if we can give our support I hope this helps in a very small way to show how much we appreciate them.



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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THANK YOU FOR CARING:

When someone takes the time to listen,
When someone reaches out,
When someone does a thoughtful thing
That makes you warm throughout.

When someone lends a helping hand,
Finds ways in which to share,
When someone makes you feel secure
By always being there.

When someone senses there are times
When you have special needs,
When someone gives you inner strength
Through words as well as deeds.

When someone seems to take an interest
In just how you're faring,
It's time to tell that special someone
Thanks so much for caring!