

# Fordham All Saints C. of E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy end of Spring term! The oddest and most challenging of my time in education, but in lots of ways- the most wonderful, in terms of spirit and teamwork. I hope that everyone is well and managing to see and feel all the good in these strange and unusual times.

As the Easter 'holidays' are now officially upon us, I wanted to clarify the schools approach with regards to home learning and support for families.

There will be no set home learning for children during the Easter break. We really feel that this is a much needed period of 'down time' for families already under tremendous pressures. This is a chance to come away from the timetables for a couple of weeks and explore some more relaxed family time. The staff and pupils have worked tirelessly, and I really want everyone to step away from their class dojo, their laptops and planning, and enjoy a well deserved break. This is not to say that a continued routine for your families isn't important, but one that is free-er and filled with tasks for pleasure set by yourselves, with your families needs in mind. I was told by Essex County Council in recent communications that this is a 'marathon and not a sprint', and so I really need everyone to have a rest, and come back to home learning feeling refreshed and ready for the challenging term ahead.

The new planning and activity matrix for each class will appear on the website when we return, and will be available on the new classes page. The theme for next term is 'Going for Gold' and was originally planned with the Olympics taking place in Tokyo in mind. Although this is not now happening there's still lots of opportunities to look at the history of the olympics, Greek mythology etc too, so I'm sure this next theme will be an exciting one!

We will continue to follow the same format, with using class dojo to upload your child's progress and for you to be able to keep in communication with staff during school hours. I feel that this has been a really successful way to approach home learning, and can see lots of wonderful work that has been going on, well done to you all.

As it currently stands I have no idea what the term ahead will look like in terms of schools reopening. We have no more information today than we did on the day we closed the doors. I suspect we won't know more for a long time and so for now, we will continue to do all we can to support the amazing workers who are on the frontline by keeping school open for the families that need it, when they need it. Thank you to all of those people in our community that are helping the efforts- you're true heroes and I'm ever grateful for all the work that you do, and continue to do for our country.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, albeit, a very different one this year! Stay healthy and stay safe. Please know that should you need us, we are here for you.

Wishing you all well,

Mrs Sibley  
Head Teacher

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