



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have managed to make the most of the Easter period and that the children enjoyed getting and eating Easter Eggs.

### **School Contact**

We hope that everything at home is going ok during the continual lockdown, do remember we are here to help if you need anything. For some families we realise that continuing to have credit on mobile phones is an issue. If you can't respond to school messages, please do let us know and we can make sure we always phone you.

As a school we want to check all our children and families are safe and well. Please could you make sure you respond to your child's class teacher, at least once a week, via email. This could be emailing a photo of some work your child has done or asking a question, it really doesn't matter. Any families we haven't heard from will get a phone call just to check they are okay.

### **School Closure**

Schools continue to remain shut for the foreseeable future and we have no idea when they will open. There is a lot of speculation around at the minute in the press and online. It is the question I am asked most by almost anyone I meet and everyone has a different opinion. I have heard rumours that put schools opening anywhere between the start of May and December! My best advice is to ignore it all. As schools we know nothing yet and we are waiting on the government to let us know. My personal opinion is that it won't be for another three to six weeks at least but I think they will try and open schools before the Summer holidays.

### **Transition to a new class in September**

We have had a few parents asking about transition to Junior School for the Year 2 children and moving up to new year groups for Year R and Year 1.

The Year 2 teachers will liaise very closely with the Year 3 staff before the start of September. It may be online communication but that won't affect the information we pass over it will be as detailed as it is every year. If the children come back to school before the Summer holidays, we will make sure we build in appropriate transition to support their move to a new school. For the Year R and Year 1 children moving to new classes the process will be the same. Each teacher will have a discussion with your child's new teacher and ensure that the new teachers know everything about your child that they need to, to ensure a smooth transition.

When the children do come back we have already started planning what we are going to have to do to reintegrate them back into school. It will be a challenge for some and for lots very emotional to start with. We are planning a lot of friendship activities and personal activities to re-establish the bonds that children may have lost in this long period of isolation. After this initial period there will need to be an extended period of catching children up on all the learning that they have missed whilst not at school. That is not to devalue what you as parents are doing at home but the pace of what we can do at school is greater and there are specific areas of the curriculum the children will have missed. It is not clear at this stage how long it will take us to get children back to the expected level, it could take most of next academic year and some of the year after. Much will depend of how long the school closures last for, with children at this age, however, we do have time and they will all catch back up.

Please remember that everything you are doing at home will be helping and will make the transition back to school and the catch up period much easier.

Remember we are here to help and do get in touch if you need us. We have spare books, pens and paper if you need them, just pop up to the school office and ask.

If you have not yet seen the video staff have made please look on the FoBS Facebook page or the school YouTube channel. We think you and the children will enjoy it.

Take care and I hope to see you all very soon.

Matt Greenhalgh  
**Headteacher**