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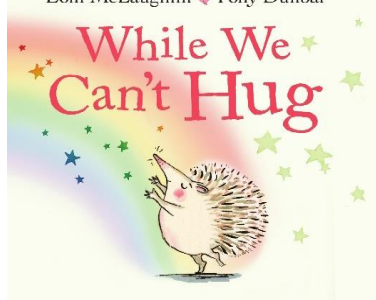
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## Family Newsletter No. 10

Dear Fishbourne Families,

Eoin McLaughlin ♥ Polly Dunbar



Our story this week is incredibly special and that's because our Elephant class worked secretly together to film it and then sent it to us. What a wonderful surprise and the perfect end to our week. A huge thank you to all the parents and children in Elephant class for taking the time to do this for us. Thank you also for allowing us to share it with the rest of our school family. This is an uplifting, inspiring picture book that makes social distancing fun... and it's even better because it's recorded by children at our school for our school: <https://gopro.com/v/96o5DXZeDwdzM>

We are all having to learn to work in very different ways during these unusual times! We have started to collect some of our weekly story films into just one place to make them easier for you to find, access and revisit. In the autumn term, we are planning to add several acts of worship to the YouTube channel each week so that you will be able to share them with your children at home too should you choose to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvQhrZ4DwfJ\\_K-V57ZOKw7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvQhrZ4DwfJ_K-V57ZOKw7g)



As we start turning our thoughts to the autumn term and preparing our classrooms to welcome your children back to school, we would like to ask you all a big favour. **Please send us a head and shoulders smiley, happy photo of your child which we can add to a Welcome Back display in their new classroom.** It is really important to us that every child in our school community feels a part of it so please do make sure your child's face is there too! Please send it to your class email address by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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In our letter last week, we wrote about our preparations to say farewell to our amazing Meerkat class in the coming weeks. Life at Fishbourne will be very different without them. As we know, life moves on and as we say goodbye to our Meerkats, it marks a moment when we prepare to say hello to our next class of children who we are very privileged to work with at



Fishbourne. It was an absolute pleasure to meet so many of our new Reception class children and their parents this week as they arrived to collect their new starter packs and met their new teachers, Mrs Harris and Mrs Allen. They each took home with them a copy of our very special book, 'Only One You', and will be making their fish to join our shoal when they start with us in September. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to our Fishbourne Family!

We were delighted to appoint a new Special Educational Needs Coordinator this week. Mrs Buchan has been carrying out this role in school for the last four years and we are hugely grateful to her for the journey she has taken the school on during this time. We were really pleased to appoint Mrs Angell who will join our Fishbourne family in September. She will be based in school 1.5 days a week and we will be in touch again at the beginning of the autumn term to let you know more about how to contact her. Mrs Buchan and Mrs Angell will be working closely together during this period of transition. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the team. We hope she will be very happy with us!



We are now hurtling fast towards the end of the summer term. Our final day of term for the children is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Staff will continue with an INSET day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July when we will be launching our BRAND NEW, bespoke 2020 Fishbourne curriculum, written for the children at Fishbourne Primary by the staff team at Fishbourne Primary! Throughout the year, we have been preparing a curriculum map for each area of learning, liaising with local secondary schools and professional bodies. Our maps are designed to ensure the robust, rigorous

development of knowledge and skills within a context of irresistible and meaningful learning! Each map begins with an exploration of our 'ultimate end goal' for our geographers, scientists, historians or artists of the future and ends with suggestions about how our children can use this new knowledge and skill to make the world around them a better place to be! These curriculum maps will be available for you to be able to look at on our school website from the early autumn. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and thought that have gone into these documents and really look forward to seeing the impact they have on the children's learning as we move into the new academic year.

We know that the children will need time to re-connect with school and to review their previous learning while staff refine the curriculum offer to ensure that their previous learning has been recovered. This will be our number one priority as we enter the next academic year and we will continue to hold the children's wellbeing at the very heart of our decision making.

Please remember that we continue to be here for our whole school community whether your children are in school or not. Please keep in touch via seesaw, your class email address or by getting in touch directly with me. We are very happy to support you in any way that we can.

Have a good end to your week.  
Kindest regards,

Naomi Day