



# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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## Family Newsletter No. 11

Dear Fishbourne Families,



**As we come to the end of the summer term and this most unusual period of time,  
we would like to finish by saying THANK YOU!**

Firstly, to those children who attended school since the beginning of the lockdown. While their parents supported the critical work needed to fight Covid-19, they came together to form our Rainbow bubbles. We have had the privilege to spend time with your children and have been both humbled and amazed by the way they have come together as a little family of their own to learn together, eat together, play together, support one another and have fun! They have had to adapt and change on numerous occasions as the school has slowly opened more widely and they have been simply brilliant. We are so proud of them and of each of their families for their contributions to the national effort. Thank you!

To our Hippos, Elephants and Meerkats, almost all of whom have now returned to school. They arrived with the biggest smiles on their faces, a skip to their step and have thrown themselves back into life in school- playing, learning and supporting one another. We have been so impressed by how well they have settled and happily they have engaged with the new-normal at school. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care during this time.

To those children and families who have supported our Outdoor Learning Days and come along to re-connect with their teachers and classmates - sunshine, rain and wind! Thank you for your understanding and patience while difficult decisions have been made. We have really valued the time we have spent with the children in school and seeing them re-connecting with their friends has been a real highlight of this time.

To all those families who make up our school community, each with a different set of challenges presented to them during this time, for coming together and making the very best of this difficult situation. The learning that has been happening in your homes has been incredible - we have loved being able to share this with you and work in partnership with you during this time. Our thanks go to you for all the lovely emails, phone-calls, cards, and letters of encouragement that have supported us throughout this time.

To the fabulous staff team who make up the Fishbourne family!

The teaching team have been incredible - adapting over night to a very different way of working, refining their practice and providing both the children at home and those at school with opportunities to engage and connect with their learning. For the value that they have each placed on the 'power of connection' and the way in which they have continued to support each and every one of the children in their care.

To our amazing team of learning support assistants who have been here throughout this time to nurture, care and support those children in school - always going above and beyond to provide the children with some very special opportunities.

Our office teams who have supported families and staff with advice over the telephone, prepared resources for those who need them, supported the use of IT both in school and at home, addressed many hundreds of postcards, and quietly completed many other unseen jobs that have helped our school to keep ticking over.

To our premises team who have kept our school sparkling clean - working late into the evening and early in the morning to ensure that the school is ready and prepared.

It's been a true team effort and our staff have proved time and again that 'there is no 'I' in team!' They have been magnificent.

To our governing body who have been a very real source of support and encouragement throughout this time, meeting weekly (and sometimes more!) to support many elements of the provision in school throughout this period of time.

A lovely reminder of the words from the beautiful book 'We are Together':

*'On our own, we're special, and we can chase our dream.*

*But when we join up, hand in hand, together, we're a team.'*

Every member of our Fishbourne CE Primary School family is incredible. There is only one you in this great big world... thank you for making it a better place.

We will be in touch again on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September with a presentation for you to share with your children ahead of their return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We look forward, very much, to seeing you all then.

With my very best wishes,

Naomi Day

