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Families Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your messages of support, care and understanding for our school community at this time. It has been a very challenging time. Your messages have provided great encouragement and comfort to us. It doesn't seem possible we are writing this letter to you all and it is with great sadness that this time we weren't able to prepare our little fish for saying goodbye.

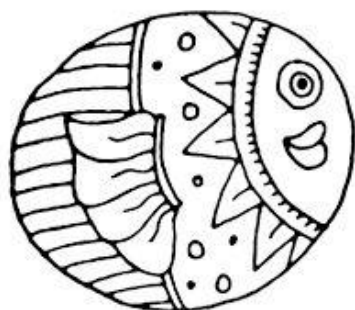
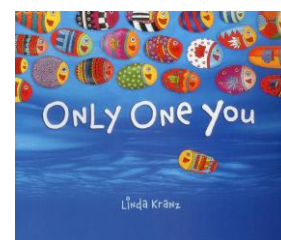


For those of you who will now be learning from home, we would like to assure you that we will continue to support you during this time. We are passionate about staying connected with you and supporting your family; this letter sets out to explain how we will do this.



We will publish a weekly Learning Letter for each year group which will be uploaded onto Seesaw in preparation for the new week (Tapestry for those children in Crocodile class) and on our school website. This will give you information to support learning in reading, writing, maths, other areas of the curriculum and your child's wellbeing. We can provide hard copies of these letters to be collected for those families who would like them and we ask you to phone the school office if you would like to order these.

Our first learning letter will look a bit different and has been written for the whole school community to be able to access - there will be a particular focus on wellbeing in the letter as we recognise that many of our children (and families!) will be in a state of shock about the events of the last 24 hours.



Please do start today by sharing with your children our whole school assembly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmX_LrtO3ec reminding us of our vision for our school. This is the vision of our school that we -live and breathe each day - we talk about it all the time! At the bottom of the letter is a template of a fish. Please encourage your child to decorate their fish and to stick it in one of the windows in your home. In March 2020 we did this with rainbows and the joy of seeing them pop up around Fishbourne was really very special. We are very proud of our Fishbourne vision and it means so much to us - as children, staff, families, governors and members of our community. Let's spread our vision throughout our community with pride! Do send us a photo of yours; we will add it to our website. Look out

on your daily exercise for the fish popping up in the windows at school too!

In the coming weeks, we commit to ensuring:

- There is a 'welcome to the day' film on Seesaw for the children to enjoy each morning that sets out to hook them into their learning for the week ahead.
- There will be an emphasis on 'new learning' as well as the consolidation of prior learning to ensure we continue to deliver the national curriculum to our children.
- There will be content that is filmed and uploaded to Seesaw of your teacher giving inputs to support the children's growing understanding where we believe this will be helpful. This will look slightly different across year groups.
- We will sign post you to specific online videos / content that we have selected that will help you support your children's learning at home.
- Your class email addresses and Seesaw accounts will be checked each weekday and the children will receive feedback where appropriate.
- The children will have the opportunity to take part in a weekly whole class Zoom story time and circle time with their teachers and class mates! More news to follow about how to access this!
- There will be a Families Newsletter on Thursday each week with news from school and a link to an assembly to watch at a time of your choice.

We ask that you, in return, you commit to:

- *pledge to support children's learning at home each day by giving the children the time, space, support and encouragement they need to engage with learning.
- *check your child's completed work each day and celebrate the effort and progress that is being made.
- *post an update on Seesaw or send an email on at least a weekly basis, sharing pieces of learning that the children feel proud of. This will enable the teaching team to gauge how well children are progressing through the curriculum and make adaptations to the Learning Letters as needed.
- *to contact your class teacher if you require support of any kind or if you have any concerns about the tasks being set.
- *Be mindful of the wellbeing of both yourselves and your child, encouraging children to take regular breaks, play games, get fresh air and relax

We are also available at school if you have any worries or concerns and we warmly encourage you to pick up the phone. Between 10am and 11am we have a teacher on the phone line who can support any queries or concerns you have about home learning - we would be very happy to help in any way that we are able!



You can also contact your class teachers using your class email address:

Reception - Crocodiles@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y1- Hippos@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y2 - Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y3 - Penguins@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y4 - Koalas@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y5 - Panthers@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Y6 - Tigers@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Keep up to date with what's going on via our school website, twitter (@FishbournePrim1), Instagram (fishbourneprimary) and YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=fishbourne+primary+

Remember our beautiful Book Box available outside on the path and our collection of books for those children who may be feeling anxious or worried which will be located in the entrance hall.

We care very much about your family. If we can support you in any way, it would be our privilege to do so. Please do keep in touch with us.

Kindest regards,

Naomi Day

