



# Fishbourne CE Primary School

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## Families Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Had everything been operating as normal, we would now be preparing to write our mid-year learning reports. At Fishbourne, the children are actively involved in this process, writing reflections about themselves as learners, readers, writers and mathematicians that our teaching team then respond to. Typically we write our reports at this point because we want them to have the maximum impact on children and families. This year everything is so different and we have made the decision to work differently!



Our plan is to postpone our written reports until the summer term. This academic year these reports will be more summative and less reflective, releasing maximum time for the teaching teams and children to really crack on with their learning and catch-up with some of the missed opportunities they have had during this time. We believe this approach will have the most positive impact on our children and their learning. Next academic year, we will return to our mid-year report writing as we truly value this reflective and collaborative process.

Instead of report writing this half term, we will hold learning review meetings again. In these meetings, we would really value the children being present and part of the discussion with you about their learning. In preparation for the meeting, we will be asking the children to reflect on the following four questions:



YES, THE TEAM IS ALL HERE.

- \*How are you finding your learning at the moment?**
- \*What are you proudest about?**
- \*What is the biggest challenge?**
- \*If we could improve things for you in any way, what would it be?**

These questions will pop up in the learning letters next week and we really encourage you to help your children to engage with them before the meetings!

By holding these reviews, we will be able to use the information we find out through the discussion to refine your child's remote learning for after the half term break.

These meetings will take place during the weeks beginning 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February and we will be in touch with you all at the beginning of next week with details about how to sign up for your learning review meeting. Do keep an eye out for this information! We will be using a platform that has been designed especially to support the booking of these meetings and which will (hopefully) mean we can operate without any glitches!



We are passionate about staying **connected** with you during this time. Please do keep tuning into our assemblies on our YouTube channel which will be put up on a Monday and a Thursday morning for your children to enjoy. Our weekly Class Catch-Up

zoom meetings are designed to be fun and have a focus on wellbeing. We hope your children are enjoying being a part of these sessions. Remember we also have our twitter and Instagram feeds - please be reassured though that any critical information will be emailed to you through Parentmail!

We plan to hold a Cuppa and Chat for any parents who would find it helpful to share their experiences or ask general questions about learning at home. These meetings have no fixed agenda but are an opportunity to share your ideas and reflections on school life. We know life is particularly busy for everyone at the moment and felt it might be best to schedule the next Cuppa and Chat for an evening so we have booked one in for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. It would be lovely to see you there! If you would like to take part in this opportunity, please do email the school office for details about the Zoom address.



# Feedback



Our huge thanks to those of you who have been in touch with feedback for us - we have received some lovely comments with lots of encouragement. We will continue to reflect on our provision, refining it where we can to make it the very best it can be. If you have feedback you would like to share, please pop it in an email:

[head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk) or give us a call. By receiving this feedback centrally we will get an overview of the experiences of our whole learning community.

We send our love and best wishes.

Naomi Day

Your feedback:

*'The care, dedication and love the staff show for the Fishbourne school community is quite simply amazing.'*

*'We will all get through this and we are feeling so grateful to be a part of the Fishbourne family.'*

*'We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and all the teaching staff from the bottom of our hearts.'*

*'We have never felt so supported and consider ourselves so lucky to be part of the amazing community that is Fishbourne primary school.'*

*'The daily videos from the teachers and zoom meeting today have made a huge difference to the boys. The connection is just vital for them.'*

*'This week's learning letters, daily videos, recorded lessons, supporting resources and comments and feedback via seesaw (the kids love the voice messages) have just blown me away! I feel we have all the support we need to guide both our children in their learning - and understand clearly what we are aiming for with each topic set.'*

*'Different classes use different methods to upload work which is really confusing, can it all be added as an activity so it is easy to find vs some being there and others being lost in amongst the messages. Zoom classes are a really good chance for the boys to interact with the teacher and the rest of the class. It would be great to do this every day, with the option to join live and be inspired for the day.'*

-Our teaching team meet each Wednesday afternoon to share ideas and good practice to refine and develop their strategies- this always continues via WhatsApp groups and emails.

-All learning is now being added to Seesaw in the 'activity' section.

-The capacity for daily live lessons is limited due to: scheduling to avoid multiple class sessions taking place simultaneously, staff supporting rainbow bubbles in school, staff supporting with their own young families at home. We believe the recorded sessions enable families to engage at a time of their convenience and re-watch sections to clarify instructions. However, for our oldest children in Y6 we will be moving to a second zoom session each week - please do look out for correspondence coming to you about this early next week,