



Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term! We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing your child's class teacher or the school office. The school telephone is not manned regularly at the moment.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with our home learning via the class pages. If your child's book is becoming full, please do email their teacher and we will arrange for a new one for them.

Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on their class page. We are looking into ways we can provide more reading opportunities for the children. The school has a duty of care to all them and we are therefore asking that you either contact the class teacher by email or use Seesaw or Tapestry to share their learning regularly so that we know you and your family are well and safe.

The school remains open for critical workers children who have no other child care. Can I please ask you to complete the parentmail form that is issued for your requirements by Friday each week so that we can ensure we have enough staff in school and can provide as much social distancing as needed.

We continue to update the website, coronavirus page as and when we get new information, so please do keep checking this. Recently we have added, information on wellbeing, a letter from ECC along with DfE guidance—you may need to scroll to the bottom of the page for some uploads. On the "Class & Groups" tab there is support, guidance and links to support your child's education whilst closed along with weekly winners of TT Rockstars and Numbots.

The government have now provided food vouchers for all of those children who are entitled to free school meals (FSM), this is not the same as universal school meals for EYFS, Year 1 and 2. The vouchers are being emailed directly to you from Edenred. If you have not received your vouchers then please email the office.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Keep a lookout on our "latest news" tab for messages from the children and staff coming soon.

