

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020



Dear Families,

I am conscious that we do not overload families with information, but as we end the second week since our school closed, I thought you might appreciate an update on one or two things.

Like very many families up and down the country, we understand that it is not easy to juggle working from home with supporting your child's learning.

Please don't be hard on yourself. If you had a picture in your head of a morning of lessons, fantastic craft activities, an exercise session, some home baking and then the whole family laughing together whilst playing a board game and it hasn't quite matched up to that - then please don't worry! There will be good days and bad days and everyone is just doing their best.

As our second week of school closure comes to an end (for the majority of children), we trust you are keeping safe and well at home with your families. We also hope you have accessed the home learning on the website and have been able to make contact with your child's class teacher. Please do let us know if you are having any difficulties with this, either by emailing the school or telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answering machine.

**Easter Hat/Craft Gallery** - a fun craft activity for Easter, as we are not setting specific academic work.

Obviously we will not be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade this year so we thought the children could still make the hats or crafts and we will put them on the website. Please send the photos to my email ([head@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk)). Please send them by the 9<sup>th</sup> of April if possible.

It is more difficult to enjoy our favourite exercise routines at the moment. Maybe you usually go swimming, dance or do martial arts. Some of these are quite tricky when we are at home all day.

To help ensure you get exercise each day, here are some tips/ ideas:

1. Try getting out in the fresh air if you can, even just for a short time.
2. Try a Super Movers dance each day. Find these at the following website: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers)
3. Create a mini fitness circuit to complete in the house – star jumps, running on the spot and the plank are just a few ideas! Jo Wicks (online fitness instructor) is also holding live PE lessons each morning from 9.00-9.30am Monday-Friday.

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Website: [www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk)

Click here to go to his YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/thebodycoachtv> There are lots of other free workouts available online so do take a look to see what's available and let us know if you find something amazing.

We continue to explore different methods of technology to share your child's learning. These are being coordinated by the Warriner MAT and we will keep you informed. **The current arrangements are-**

**Year 5 and 6** - Google Education to complete and submit work to Mr Elson and Mrs Whitehouse. This class can also use 'hangouts' and message each other.

Mr Elson is able to read the conversation history and these contacts need to take place in a space that is used by the whole family i.e not their bedroom. Mr Elson has enforced certain restrictions/block onto Google Educate. The accounts can only be used for Farthinghoe pupils - it will not allow you to email external email addresses. Any misuse of the accounts will result in them being closed.

**EYFS - Year 4** - The teachers' emails are to be used for showing any pictures or tasks completed. They can also be used to request a phone call or for any queries. The children in Years 1-4 have been given Google Educate emails addresses (sent by Mr Elson) these can only be used for 'hangouts' and messaging each other and they must be supervised by an adult.

We would like to stress that even though the children have been given email addresses from school; when they are at home sending messages it is the parents' responsibility to monitor these conversations.

**Discuss cyberbullying with your child:** ask them what their understanding of cyberbullying is and how it is different to physical and face to face bullying. Often young people can confuse bullying with 'banter' and are reluctant to talk to others for fear of being seen to 'not be able to take a joke'. Ask your children how they would react if they were being cyberbullied, or if their friend was being cyberbullied.

In summary, try to keep expectations to a reasonable level and try not to be too hard on yourselves. We are all very much in uncharted waters and will eventually become used to the new 'normal'. We are very much enjoying the photographs families have been sharing with us. Please keep them coming!

Happy Easter,  
Take care and stay safe.



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