

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER : 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Last week we welcomed back some more of our children into school. Despite all of the anxieties and concerns that we all have had about a wider reopening, it has been wonderful to see the children and to hear more laughter and chatter around school. Yes, school does look different, but the children have adapted to this new normal brilliantly. It continues to be a pleasure to also receive the completed learning, photographs and news from those of you still at home. We are so very proud of everything you are doing. As soon as I hear more about the potential opening for the rest of the school, I will let you know.

### Google Meets:

I hope you agree the Google Meets are a good way to link children who are at school to their friends who are learning at home. Bear with us, there were teething problems but we hope these will iron themselves out as the weeks pass.

Timetable for Google Meets daily assemblies (**there will be no assemblies on Wednesdays**)

- 9.10am : Year 5 and 6 Assembly and setting of work for the day
- 9.30am : Year 3 and 4 Assembly and setting of work for the day
- 10.00am : Keystage 1 (year 1 and 2) Assembly and setting of work for the day (held on Zoom)
- 10.30am : EYFS Assembly (held on Zoom)

### Reading Challenge

I am really pleased to be able to pass on information from Trish Savill the librarian from Brackley Library. She wrote to me and said It feels very odd not to be visiting us at school with leaflets about the Summer Reading Challenge, however she does have good news....The Summer Reading Challenge is on this year, it is all online and it has already started! She would love as many children to get involved and they can sign up at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) (parents **MUST** give permission.)

In July the Brackley and Towcester Library Facebook pages will be posting some YouTube videos of poems and activities and they have also set up a Brackley and Towcester Libraries Summer Reading Challenge group on Facebook which will be full of games, activities, crafts, maths, recipes etc. The aim being to provide ideas for parents as well as trying to keep in contact with the children.

Many kind regards,  
Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

## Well-being Wednesday task – Make a Time Capsule

**Making a time capsule** is a fun activity and a great way to preserve memories. When you open it years later, it is like looking at photo albums, going through old yearbooks, or opening a box of childhood mementos. A time capsule generally centres around a specific event or moment in time. Sometimes these events are simply a

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birthday or a new year, while others focus on life-changing or history-making events such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Time capsules can be as elaborate or as simple as you wish. You may choose to include a lot of different items, or just a few signature things. Your family might want to chronicle just the moment in time they started sheltering at home or choose a timeline that includes before, during, and for a set amount of time afterwards. You might want to include photos, drawings, objects, letters, articles, and personal writings and observations, or just a snippet of information. Each person may want to create their own, or you can do one as a family. It's your capsule — you get to choose!

As the name suggests, a time 'capsule' is a container of some type that holds all these memories. That container may be as simple as a cardboard box or a flash drive, it can be sturdy and/or locked, or you can build something from scratch. You can be creative and make it into a spaceship or time machine, decorate it with mementos or seasonal images, or just leave it plain.



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