

3rd April 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your families continue to be well and are coping with the limitations that are currently on us all. It is such a shame that we were unable to celebrate Easter & spring in our usual school ways including our Easter Bonnet Parade however I'm sure the parade will be back, bigger and better than ever, next year.

Thank you for all your 'Eggstravaganza' contributions on our Facebook page. It was wonderful to see the creativity and ingenious ideas continuing at home. Thanks to parents and carers for posting the photos.

I am sure that some children may be reaching the end of the learning tasks that we sent out when we closed. As I mentioned in my last letter, we are currently setting up a new on-line platform for learning for Years 1 to 5. This will be through a website called **Purple Mash**, which includes a range of learning apps and tools that link to specific tasks that will be set for each year group. Children will also be able to log-in and use some of the apps independently for additional choice learning once they are familiar with the set-up. All year groups from Year 1 to 5 will shortly be sent log-in details and some instructions of how to use the site. Where possible these will be emailed, however, as some parents do not routinely receive letters by email, we will need to text log-in details for some children to their parents. Once we are ready to do this, all parents will receive text communication so that they are aware to check. Year 6 will continue to use Google Classroom in preparation for similar on-line learning tools that they will use once at secondary school.

In addition to the above, we are currently placing a list of links to age-appropriate learning websites on our school website, which will provide you with further activities for now or in the coming weeks. You will find these in the '**Class Pages**' within the '**Pupils**' section of our school website – www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk Links for **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are already there and ready to go. KS2 pages will be added very soon so please keep checking. Within these links, we have included log-in details to **Real PE** – A comprehensive set of videos and activities for home PE to keep children active and fit. These come highly recommended by the Harrogate Schools Sports Partnership and would be a good holiday activity to keep children active.

Please remember that during the holiday period, there would normally only be an expectation for some regular homework to be completed. Do enjoy lots of relaxation time with your families over the two-week period and we will keep you updated once other resources are ready to go.

Do stay safe and we wish you continued good health.

Yours sincerely,

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