

17th April 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you have had a good Easter Holiday period and enjoyed the great weather that we have been experiencing. Thank you for all your kind comments relating to the staff video that we shared on Facebook. We were amazed to note that the clip has reached over 23,000 people! Thank you also for your ongoing kind comments and gifts to our staff who continue to work to ensure that provision is there for critical workers.

We appreciate that the government's decision to continue the period of lock-down, does bring with it challenges for many families around the country. We will do whatever we can to ease this pressure and will continue to provide children with learning tasks and opportunities throughout the coming weeks. As before, we suggest that a simple routine is best, with learning tasks kept to realistic lengths and combined with other more practical and creative games and activities. Some of you may still have activities left from the packs sent home with children when school closed.

This week, all children in Year 1 to 5 have been sent log-in details for **Purple Mash**, the on-line portal that we will be sharing additional tasks and learning. Letters were emailed to parents and carers, for those who normally receive emails, or by post for others. Once received, please follow the instructions to access the site and allow children time to familiarise themselves with the apps and resources. Teachers will be setting tasks from next week, which will appear in each child's 'To do' section. If you have not received your log-in letter by Monday next week, please email admin@starbeck.n-yorks.sch.uk to let us know and we will email the letter to you.

Next week we will contact parents and carers of Reception children with log-in details for **Mini Mash**, which is a linked site to Purple Mash and contains lots of useful phonics and early years activities.

Year 6 should continue to access Google Classroom as they were doing before the 2-week holiday. Children should begin to log-in again from Monday to access new learning and tasks set by the Yr 6 teachers. Any problems, please let us know.

In addition to the above, we have now added lists of links to age-appropriate learning websites on our school website, which will provide you with further activities. You will find these in the '**Class Pages**' within the '**Pupils**' section of our school website – www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk then choose your child's year group.

Please continue to stay safe and we wish you continued good health.

Yours sincerely,

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