



Fellgate Primary School

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Children, Parents, Carers and Governors,

This week has been **#Kindness Matters Week**. It has been fantastic to see how many of you have acted kindly to your family, friends and neighbours. What a difference small acts of kindness make to people. Well done to our stars of the week, who continue to impress us with their home learning and perseverance.

We are currently preparing and planning to reopen school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 this will not be until Monday 8th June at the earliest. Year groups will return in a phased approach.

School will only reopen when it is safe to do so and when the Government's 5 Key Tests have been met. We **all** want our children to return to school but only when it is safe for our children, our staff and our parents to do so.

Currently myself and our Governing Board are agreeing Plans and Risk Assessments for reopening. These are in the process of being agreed with Unions and Health and Safety. Our Plans and Risk assessments can not be fully shared until they have been agreed. I will contact you with them once they have been agreed, but let me reassure you that we will strictly adhere to all social distancing guidelines. I will be in a position to inform you of our plans week beginning Monday 1st June. Our Key Worker class comes back to school as usual on Monday 1st June.

Next week is our half term holiday. I hope that everyone takes the time to refresh. Our staff have been working tirelessly since we had to close school on Friday 20th March. Our caretaker, cleaners and kitchen staff have been in school every day, except the 3 bank holidays. I would like to thank them all for the extra care and attention they have taken over their tasks to ensure our safety during this time. Our teachers and teaching assistants have continued to support home learning, whilst also coming into school on a rota to cover our key worker class. Our office staff have ensured that the vouchers for Free School Meals have been sent out promptly. Helen, our Family Support Worker, has supplied food parcels to families who have requested them. **I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking our fantastic team at Fellgate for their hard work.**

School will be closed next week to all. This gives everyone a very well deserved rest and the chance for certain deep cleaning tasks to be completed. Staff will not be posting on Class Dojo or contacting you via telephone

Staff have been contacting each member of their class by phone. This has been very successful and will continue next half term. If you change your number please let the school office know.

The coronavirus has put additional economic strains on some families. Please get in touch if you think we can help. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please see South Tyneside Website alternatively you can call 0191 427 7000 for further information.

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/36382/Free-school-meals->

Helen, our Family Support Worker, will continue to provide food bank donations and can offer further advice on grants that are available once school reopens.

As always if we can do anything to support please get in touch. Take care everyone, keep safe and have a lovely half term holiday. Mrs Tones

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Star of the Week goes to ...

Lemons: Lita for always being super sensible when out on a walk with her family. Well done Lita!

Oranges: Dexter for his enthusiasm and engagement when listening to recorded stories by the class team

Red Cherries: Harrison for trying (and enjoying) a new food this week

Apples: Will for his lovely work for mam at home and has also been learning about and trying lots of new things. Well done Will!

Blueberries: Matthew for telling me all about the great things he's been doing and learning about at home.

Plums: Tom for some great work on telling the time

Acorns: Clara for a lovely cheerful attitude to everything she's doing at home

Maples: Holly for having a great attitude to learning at home

Hawthorns: Niamh for her beautiful friendship picture

Chestnuts: Oliver for working really hard to improve his handwriting and practice his times tables. I can really see a huge improvement—well done!

Willows: Keanu for still trying his best to complete his home learning tasks even with a broken arm!

Sycamores: Daniel for continuing to read everyday whilst working from home. He has now achieved over 250 karate reads!

Oaks: Alex for always being so positive and being a great friend during lockdown

Our Vision

JOKE OF THE WEEK—

**KNOCK, KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
SMELL MAP
SMELL MAP WHO?
EWWW NO!
(THANK YOU MRS
MARSH & FAMILY)**

At Fellgate Primary School, through an ethos of respect, challenge and resilience, we aspire to create an inclusive, safe, vibrant, happy school where each member of the school community - children, parents, carers, staff and governors - feels valued and are encouraged to be the best they can be.

We celebrate individuality, striving for everyone to reach their full potential and “shine” in everything they do.

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