

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to The Flying Bull Academy Newsletter! I really hope you are well and managing in These difficult and strange times. Remember, there is someone on the end of the phone at School every day from 9am until 3pm. They may not be able to help immediately, but they can pass the message on to the relevant people. When you ring just follow the last option to talk to a member of staff, not LAPS or Provision.

I am sorry that April's newsletter is a little late but I wanted to wait until we had some clarity on a few things.

Obviously, there are currently no dates for the term. Summer Term officially starts on Monday 20th April. When or if we return to school at any point during the Summer Term is still unknown.

From Monday, there will be work set weekly by the teachers. This is under the Home Learning Tab. There is also work for children from the Provision and for children with EHCP's. Each Year Group will also have its own email address that you can use to contact the class teachers, e.g. Year3@fbacademy.co.uk, Year5@fbacademy.co.uk etc. Class teachers will also be contacting you once a week to check in. Your phone will say 'Number Withheld' when they contact you.

Welcome to all the children that have been accepted in to our Reception Year Group for September 2020. We are currently looking at different ways of welcoming your child into their new school. Currently, we cannot carry out meetings in school, so we are looking at how we can use IT to help the children become familiar with their teacher and their new surroundings.

We will continue to post helpful information on the website. Coming soon, there is a letter from the NHS and also information about the new and temporary Children and Families Service Hub.

Children who qualify for Free School Meals will now be receiving weekly vouchers by email. A big thank you to all of you that have given us your email so we can make this process as smooth as possible. You need to follow the instructions included in the email to reclaim your voucher. Please let us know how you get on. If your circumstances have changed and you are now receiving benefits, you can claim Free School Meals by contacting the Civic Centre.

Over this weekend, there has been a lot from the government about Home Learning. After looking at the offerings from Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize, I believe what our teachers are planning is more appropriate for your child. They know your children and they know the National Curriculum.

Mr Petrie, the new teacher for the Alternative Provision, is starting on Monday 20th. Mrs Needham will be making the calls for 4E.

And finally..... Mr Dallinger, our amazing Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. He will be greatly missed by children and staff alike. He has been an absolute rock for me during some very tricky times. The good news he is staying with the University of Chichester Multi-Academy Trust as he will be taking up the position of the Headteacher of Kingsham Primary School in Chichester. We wish him all the very best!

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