

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy term. Even with the extraordinary circumstances that we have all found ourselves in, the Berrymede Junior community of pupils, Staff and parents/carers have adapted and done their very best. Everyone has had their own challenges to face, but all the staff are very proud of the children. They have all done remarkably well.

As we now move into the Easter Holidays, the 'stay at home and stay safe' policy remains on us for everyone's safety. The school will be closed for the duration of the Easter holidays and shut to all pupils. At the present time we do not know when the schools will reopen fully but the Summer Term will start on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and school will again be partially open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

During the Easter holidays we would encourage all pupils to continue reading on a daily basis for at least 20 minutes, it is vital that all pupils read something of their choice for pleasure. Pupils can also continue to if they wish to make use of reading plus and Timetables Rock Stars. We would also recommend parents and carers to work with their children on practicing multiplication facts and mental arithmetic skills.

Many of you will have also seen the post on class dojo where we have asked pupils who would like to, to keep a diary to show how they have dealt with the current situation in which we find ourselves. Entries can include, written thoughts, artwork, poetry, newspaper cuttings – basically the children can be as creative as they wish! If you have your own paper at home that is fine if not you can collect an exercise book from the school office.

Class teachers will continue to provide work for all pupils to complete via the various online portals as of 9am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, following the Easter break.

- Class Dojo  
<https://www.classdojo.com/>
- Reading plus  
<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>
- Collins connect  
<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx>
- My maths  
<https://login.mymaths.co.uk/>
- Sumdog  
[https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign\\_in](https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in)
- Times Table Rockstars  
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Teachers are available via class dojo should you have any questions or queries and we will also continue to update the school and class stories with other useful links to learning as well as key information; so please regularly check both of these.

If during the Easter holidays, there is an emergency and you need to contact the school, please message either myself or Mr Cotton directly via class dojo.

## Free School Meal (FSM) Entitlement – Voucher Scheme

We have been advised by the DfE this week that a national voucher scheme has been launched. We will be looking to transfer to this scheme when we receive further details. Please note this will be after the Easter holidays and is only applicable to pupils who are entitled to FSM. If you feel your child may be entitled and are not already registered, please get in touch with the school office.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with the current system we have in place to provide a packed lunch for our FSM pupils. If you require a packed lunch for you child, please ensure you inform the office at least 24 hours in advance.

We appreciate your support and cooperation at this time

Wishing you and your loved ones well over the next few weeks, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

N.Patel

Mrs Patel  
**Acting Head Teacher**