



**Fernhill  
Primary School**

## The Kite Family of Schools

**Our Mission: Together we inspire a lifelong love of learning which enables children to achieve more than they ever believed possible**

The Kite  
Academy  
Trust  
Flying high  
together



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### Email Addresses

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Our School Values:

**COURAGE**  
**Confidence**  
Curiosity  
**Co-operation**

### PCs & Laptops

Please notify your class teacher if your child does not have access to a PC, laptop or tablet or sufficient data

### Inset Day

**Our next inset day is  
Friday, February 12th**

If you feel you may need help or assistance from one of our Family Support Workers, the Kite Hub or access to a Food Bank, please email :

adminoffice@  
fernhill.kite.academy

Dear Families,

From all of us at Fernhill Primary, we send you our very best wishes. We hope you are all safe and sound and adjusting to this new lockdown.

While the speed of the news came as a surprise to us on Monday also, we have been preparing to deliver home learning since last term. We launched our online learning platforms: SeeSaw (Years 1 to 6) and Tapestry (Year R). And, thanks to Fleet and Farnborough Lions, provided laptops and computers to families. It is possible to use an Xbox to access SeeSaw but please contact school if your child does not have access to any device or if you do not have sufficient broadband or data as we may be able to help.

This school closure is different to the previous one. We are not providing childcare in school – we are continuing education as usual. The learning you are receiving at home is the same learning that is taking place in school. I have seen some fantastic work done so far and well done to everyone who has been online!

Without a doubt, lockdown can be isolating and both SeeSaw and Tapestry provide a way to communicate directly with your child's teacher. I hope you and your child(ren) have enjoyed reading the comments on their finished work and have found them useful. We are looking at ways of also providing live catch up sessions for each class using Microsoft Teams. Please look out for further information about this next week.

In the meantime, wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Nicky Slater,  
Academy Head

### ON LINE SUPPORT

There are very helpful videos on line for families using SeeSaw or Tapestry which can be found at:

<https://web.seesaw.me/parents>

For families using Tapestry:

<https://tapestry.info/parents-carers.html>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ3n56SGxrg>



### Celebration Assembly

Due to a technical hitch, we haven't been able to post the link to this week's Celebration Assembly. Well done to all of the following for their outstanding work. If you are not in school, your certificate will be posted to you.

Alana, great spelling. You used your phonic knowledge in your home learning!

Sienna, amazing effort in phonics

Diana, super writing at home. We can tell you've been a tough tortoise and persevered

Dylan S, fantastic basket making in science, you've been very resourceful and super writing!

Jacob S, super resilience in your home learning

Logan D, you have made an excellent start to home learning on line! Super effort

Logan C, Wow! Your online writing was brilliant—super effort!

Rebecca S, Amazing effort in maths and English and French and Science! I hope you enjoyed the science scavenger hunt!

K'la, What a fantastic effort this week—you've been so focussed on learning—great example to everyone!

Daria, super enthusiasm for your home learning

Ethan, great focus in school. You can be very proud of your hard work!

### Tapestry Tips for Reception Class Parents

Below is some useful information to help you access Tapestry home learning for your children

1. Home learning is sent via ACTIVITIES.
2. "Activities" is visible on the APP version if you have an IOS device which is running the latest version of IOS. It is not available on the Android app at the moment. (Tapestry are working on this)
3. If the activities tab is not visible on the APP then you need to go into tapestry via the web browser. This can be done on a smart phone, tablet, laptop or PC.
4. Parents can use the questions box to ask questions, but need to show their children's work using the – REPLY WITH AN OBSERVATION button. You can upload, picture, videos, voice memos and write comments.
5. Notifications have been set up so that parents receive an email when an activity has been published for the children to complete.

You may also find this link helpful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ3n56SGxrg>

## Online Learning

School is still open – we haven't closed and teaching staff are teaching both children in school and at home. If your child has any questions about their learning or needs any help, please use SeeSaw or Tapestry to communicate with the teachers who will respond as soon as they are able during weekdays. Please be mindful teachers are also teaching so replies will not be immediate and may be the following working day.

From us, you can expect:

- Morning registration activity—please complete this by 10am
- A daily video from the teacher with updates, effort recognition shout outs, and an outline of the day's learning
- A daily maths, English, spelling/phonics and reading activity (with instructional videos)
- Weekly lessons in a range of other subjects
- Feedback from teaching staff on completed learning
- Story times with teachers and/or teaching assistants
- Regular phone calls to say hello

Weekly assemblies will continue that can be accessed on line via an emailed link.

Successful learning, whether in school or completed remotely, is a partnership between home and school. From home, we expect:

- Registration activity to be completed by 10am each day.
- Your child(ren) to access all their set learning each day
- Your children to respond to their learning by completing online activities or sending photos and/or video clips
- Please keep up daily reading and spelling activities

Do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions. Don't forget you can use SeeSaw or Tapestry to contact your child's class teacher directly.

