

## Home Learning

As we near the end of the first two weeks of schools being closed to the majority of our children, we would like to take a moment to thank our families for all of their efforts with home learning. For some, this may have been an enjoyable time for sharing memories and learning together but I am sure for many, it has been an experience you will not forget easily! We love to see what you have been doing via our school's Facebook page – please keep sending us photos and comments to share with everyone!

As teachers, we have chosen education as our way of life and have therefore prepared for many years to provide an education for children in a purpose built environment designed for children to excel. We appreciate that 'Home schooling' is usually a life style choice and a life time commitment. It is something you prepare your whole life around, something that includes visits to the library, museums and galleries, all of which we are unable to do at the moment.

We acknowledge that for many of you, you will be attempting to work from home whilst also entertaining and educating your children, which is no easy task. We acknowledge that this is a different time for us all. Our children are isolated from all of their friends, they are stuck in houses with a total loss of their usual routine and many may be confused, scared and upset.

At this time, to place educational demands on families that could cause further tension in the home seems counterproductive. If we want our pupils to return to school in a good place mentally; resilient, calm, positive, then we need to support family harmony not add to family anxiety.

For those of you wishing to access learning resources, there are some links on this page which will take you to resources and practical activities to keep the children entertained and engaged with learning.

All learning resources and ideas are completely optional and we encourage families to get through this together, however they can by enjoying each other's company, playing together, cooking together, and partaking in daily workouts with Joe Wicks together!

Now is the time to try to support calmness, love and togetherness – to celebrate and support the value of 'family'.

Best Wishes to you all from the Stallingborough CE Primary School Family