



## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

The first week back after our Easter break and we have been very busy here at Virginia. The school may be closed to most of our pupils but the staff have been busy ensuring that every child is accessing learning and making the most of this time away from school. The blogs are absolutely wonderful and it has been amazing seeing how engaged the children are with the work. The feedback we have been getting from the children and parents is brilliant and the work handed in is excellent. Keep it up! We have now added three new blogs, Spanish, Music and Assemblies so do check them out.

Do let us know if you are having difficulty accessing the blogs, the staff are making sure they ring every pupil at least once a week to catch up on their learning, so make sure you let them know.

We are hoping to start a book exchange programme where families will be invited to return books and pick new ones. We will do it on a rota basis to ensure we are following government guidelines on social distancing. The staff will be in touch with you to give you more details.

I hope everyone is keeping healthy and safe, by following the advice provided around social distancing and staying home as much as possible. It is really important however that both children and adults do take daily exercise outside to keep a healthy body and mind. You can go for a walk or exercise in a local park as long as you don't stop and you keep at a safe distance (2 metres) from people outside your household. It is important for children to spend some time outside every day. Make sure your children have a routine that they stick to and that there is a balance of different activities for them to enjoy every day. The blogs on our website provide you with lots of different ideas for activities to enjoy as a family. Do keep checking the news for updates on government advice, the BBC news website provide a translation service too.

For those families who are observing the holy month of Ramadan I would like to wish you all the best during this spiritual time.

Stay safe, healthy and kind

Best wishes,

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