

Dear School Family

Our Virtual School closes today for the Easter Break—Teachers will be turning off the ability for children to comment on Google Classroom and Tapestry for the next two weeks. In Google Classroom the online activities available for children to access. Children and Staff have been having a great time learning new ways to keep in touch and new ways to learn. In the Beetles household even Mr Beetles has taken to doing the daily Joe Wicks workout and Mrs Beetles had surprising success this week at growing pasta plants on April 1st. I have really enjoyed the supportive and appreciative messages children have been sending to each other—absence certainly has made the heart grow fonder in some cases!



Our school will continue to be open for Essential Childcare of critical key workers, staffed by our Teachers and TAs. Should you need this service bookings can be made in the usual way through our school website.

Free School meals provision will recommence after the Easter break. We have been delivering meals to families in the village and vouchers for those who live further afield. If any of you, not just FSM families, are experiencing hardship at the moment Skipton Foodbank are making deliveries in our area. The service is very discrete, just like a home delivering service from a supermarket. Families are not able to refer themselves, so just send me a quick email and I'll sort it quickly for you. If you are not sure whether you are eligible for Free School meals now might be a good time to check it out.

The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found here: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

Now that Google Classroom and Tapestry are established and working well our staff are beginning to make phone calls to your child. Your child might be initially shy that their teacher or teaching assistant is ringing. Encourage them to have a few words, it's a great life skill and it's another way of helping your child to feel connected to school during the time that we are apart. Virtual Classrooms are brilliant but there is not replacement for a good old 'chin wag'! If you have your own worries or concerns we can also signpost you to support.

Easter is a time of hope, and with the trees beginning to blossom and with some sunshine on the way I am sending love from our school staff to your family.

Mrs B x



I took this photo yesterday. I had set a task for pupils to write a message to someone they are currently unable to see and to hang these on a message tree in their garden.

Those who didn't do the task (or don't have a tree) were asked to send their messages to me. I have hung them in our sensory garden in the Chill Out Zone. There are some lovely messages! Thought you might like to see them in situ!

Love from

Miss D x

Lots of pupils have been brushing up on their times tables using Times tables Rockstars.

Here is the current top 10 of Studio speeds. Well done.

TTrockstars Top Ten 3/4/20

Rank	Name	Studio Speed	Rock Status
1	Alfie O	0.90	Rock Hero
2	Stephen P	1.02	Rock Legend
3	Harry H	1.04	Rock Legend
4	Liam B	1.19	Rock Legend
5	Rhys T	1.28	Rock Legend
6	James W	1.31	Rock Legend
7	Angelica D	1.36	Rock Legend
8	Finlay H	1.38	Rock Legend
9	Benjamin S	1.41	Rock Legend
10	Charlie H	1.42	Rock Legend



## Easter Garden Competition



Design & make your own  
Easter Garden

Take a photo, and post to our Facebook page: [ubscl](#)

The winner will be chosen on Easter Day and will receive a prize!

Gardens can be any size, any material, in the garden or in the home.

Be as creative as you like.

**STAY AT HOME** 

**PROTECT THE NHS**

 **save lives**

## Essential Childcare

We have asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for our school to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

You can book a place by visiting the [Activities](#) section of our school website.

Obviously the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children (and staff) in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Children with a parent or carer who is listed on the government's critical worker list will be considered for a school place, so long as their job cannot be done from home.

Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Thank you

[Visit Gov.uk](#)

People struggling with their mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will be offered additional online support and practical guidance to help them cope.

Recognising the unprecedented challenges which the outbreak and extended periods of self-isolation can pose, Public Health England has published new [online guidance setting out principles to follow to help people to manage their mental health](#) during this difficult time, such as:

- maintaining contact with friends and family via telephone and video calls or social media
- keeping a regular routine and sleeping pattern
- focusing on a hobby or learning something new

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

[Full guidance on staying at home and away from others can be found on gov.uk](#)

You should only leave the house for one of four reasons, and one of these is to provide care or to help a vulnerable person. Even when you are doing this, you need to do so safely. You should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres (6 feet) apart from anyone outside of your household.

[This guidance outlines how you can help and importantly, how to do this safely.](#)