



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

With the government's latest announcement of staying at home apart from essential travel, it is vital that we all adhere to this in order to protect lives and the NHS. We all have a part to play in this and it is absolutely crucial that we all do this if we want to eradicate this deadly virus and hopefully have St. John's open again as soon as it is safe to do so. It is also really important that we all stay in touch and support each other, therefore, we will be sending you a newsletter every week with all class teachers writing a message for their class.

In this surreal time it is important to keep healthy both mentally and physically. Ensure that everyone in your household gets enough sleep as it is essential for good health and wellbeing throughout challenging times like we currently find ourselves. Relaxation is also more important than ever and we should all be taking time throughout the day to take a break, rest, and when necessary calm ourselves. Finally, during isolation it is vital that we don't overlook the key role that exercise has to play, again we have included websites that you can use for the whole family to join in.

We are all part of this wonderful community of St. John's School and we are all in this together. Remember to talk to someone if you feel anxious or overwhelmed during this unusual time. Please remember that teachers are available to respond to any queries or concerns that you may have regarding any homework that we sent to you. We would also love to hear how you are getting on – positive news is really important at this time. In addition to all the work that has been sent out by the teachers, there are also lists of excellent websites that have lots of fun things for children to do and also for the whole family to get involved in. Do take the time to look at the following websites:

Childline

Activities for mindfulness and creating calmness in the home:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

Blissfulkids.com

Family mindful games at zero cost:

<https://blissfulkids.com/mindful-games-mindfulness-for-kids-and-teens/>

If you need support in trying to explain the implications of the coronavirus to young children, please look at the following websites for support:

BBC Newsround

Dr X and Dr Chris video on Corona Questions for young people dispelling any myths and fears:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861090>

Child mind.org

Navigating conversations tips for parents/carers

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhVad8ToCiU&feature=youtu.be>

Towards the end of next week we will be sending out more literacy, maths and a whole range of different things that you can do with your child over the Easter break and beyond. In the meantime, don't forget to make sure that you have all designed your St. John's rainbow and stuck it on your window so that people can admire them. Hopefully you are also designing and making different things out of waste materials as part of campaign in the school by reducing waste through recycling or reusing waste products. We will want to see these when you return to school and this will take the place of the Easter bonnet competition. Like the World Book Day competition, there will be three prizes for every class.

This period of time will end, we will get through it and there are many positives to focus on. Please take the time to read the very important message from Father Peter and hopefully you will find support and comfort from this at such a challenging time.

Let's continue looking out for each other and take care.

Best Wishes Susan Notley Headteacher



Father Peter's News

Dear friends,

I hope that you are doing okay amidst everything that is going on.

As many of you will have seen, our church buildings are closed for the time-being. The church, however, is alive and well. We are worshipping together, caring for one another, and continuing to be a community, a family, together.

Here are some things that you can call upon or be a part of:

We are worshipping together, especially in the evenings, mainly through Facebook Live; these services are then uploaded to Twitter and our website retrospectively. Click on these links to follow us on [twitter](#), [facebook](#) and go our [website](#).

This weekend, we are going to upload worship and activities for young families, so do look out for those.

If you are feeling anxious, isolated, or have a prayer request, then don't hesitate to give me a ring – you can reach me on 020 8363 6055. You can also email me at revpetergodden@outlook.com.

If you're in need of practical assistance, then please either contact me, Enfield Love Your Doorstep via this form [here](#), or Enfield Council via this page [here](#).

If you would like to volunteer to help people out, again, you can do so via Love Your Doorstep or Enfield Council.

In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers for you all. Take care, stay safe, and do be in touch if you need anything at all.

Every blessing,

Father Peter

Online Safety at home

Put this link into your web browser and it gives some activities which are split up into different age groups.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK%20ONLINE%20SAFETY%20AT%20HOME%2024_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64889085

Scroll down to 'For Early Years and Primary' and then go from there.

Letters

Official School Closure

In response to a directive from the Government and the Department for Education, St. John's School will be closed to pupils from Monday 23rd until further notice is given.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you are unable to make alternative provision. Please let us know by ringing the school office 020 8363 4709 as soon as possible. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

Home Learning

It is important that the children continue with their education as much as is possible during this time and we will continue to support our pupils' learning in the **following ways:**

All pupils received their home learning pack yesterday with learning activities for at least three weeks. This included a home learning timetable, resources and website links.

Please ensure that your child completes this work to the highest possible standard

Year 2 – 6 pupils should continue to access the Times Table Rock stars website.

My Maths Work will be posted daily from Monday to Friday each week.

Teachers will be contactable on the following email addresses to support you with this learning if needed:

pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Ruby Class

james.stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Sapphire Class

head@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Diamond Class

joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Emerald Class

kamran.ezel@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Emerald Class

What else can you do to support your child's learning at home?

Read, read and read some more! We know that online learning will be encouraging lots of screen time! It is important that children are also away from their screens this is an ideal time to get the children to do jigsaws and play board or card games to support their wellbeing.

Although the school will be closed, contact with the school can still be made via the email at the top of this letter.

SAFEGUARDING

Please note that if you have any safeguarding concerns during the school closure, please email office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk. The email should be headed "Safeguarding". Briefly state your concerns to enable us to determine what action needs to be taken. Alternatively please make referrals directly through <https://cp.childrensportal.enfield.gov.uk> or contact the NSPCC at by email help@nspcc.org.uk or ring them on **0808 800 5000**.

At St. John's we are dedicated to ensuring that every child is electronically safe and that children are empowered to report and manage their digital activity, whether it be on a tablet, computer, phone, social network or whilst gaming. With this in mind, as your child/children will be working from home, please be vigilant when they are working online to help safeguard them from any potential dangers when using the internet. We would recommend that children use devices in rooms that have adult supervision, rather than children being tucked away in their bedrooms, out of site of their parents/carers.

We will endeavor to keep in touch with you as much as possible. Keep well and look after each other.

Susan Notley

Headteacher



ETSP website 'news'

Schools may be closing but the work hasn't stopped... We don't want anyone to feel isolated because they are unable to attend school. To bring everyone together (virtually), we're planning to showcase pupils' work at home each week on our 'news' page to celebrate their achievements, book reviews, creativity and original home-working ideas.

Parents/carers we need your help with this... Please can you email a photo of your child's work including their first name, year group, school and a brief description [click here to send](#). We will try to share as many of your photos as possible. To align with all our schools' safeguarding policies please do not include your child in any photograph. We look forward to seeing your submissions.

Term Dates for 2020/2021

SPRING 2020

INSET DAY	Monday 6 January
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 3 April

SUMMER 2020

Starts	Monday 20 April
Half Term	Monday 25 May—Friday 29 May
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 17 July
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May & Monday 25 May

AUTUMN 2020

INSET DAY	Thursday 3 September & Friday 4 September
Starts	Monday 7 September
Half Term	Monday 26 October—Friday 30 October
INSET DAY	Friday 27 November
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 18 December
Bank Holiday	Friday 25 & Monday 28 December

SPRING 2021

INSET DAY	Monday 4 January
Starts	Tuesday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 15 Feb -Friday 19 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 1 April

SUMMER 2021

Starts	Monday 19 April
Half Term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 23 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update – Key Worker families

Last night, the Government published their list of key worker families eligible for child care provided at the school from Monday. The list with relevant details is below.

In order to ensure adequate staffing and provision for next week, it is essential that you inform us no later than 12.30pm today whether you require school provision from Monday. Please do so by speaking to or emailing the office.

The school will be open from 8.45-3.00 for children of key workers who are required to work during the Covid-19 response. Breakfast Club will continue to operate from 8am but we will be unable to provide after school provision due to staffing.

It is important to note that if at all possible for children to remain at home, then they should do so, as advised by the Government.

Children who are coming in to school next week may wear their own clothes; it is recommended that they are clean on every day. You will need to provide a packed lunch for your child as the school kitchen will not be open. Those eligible for a free school meal will be contacted separately later today.

The list of identified key workers is as follows:

Health and Social Care - This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and Childcare - This includes nursery and school staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key Public Services - This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and National Government - This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

Food and Other Necessary Goods - This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public Safety and National Security - This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport - This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, Communication and Financial services - This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including

sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If you fall within any of the critical categories above, please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Best wishes

Susan Notley

RUBY CLASS Hello Ruby Class, it has been really strange not seeing you this week but I hope you are all having fun, working hard and staying well. The weather has been so lovely this week; although it is tricky to go out at the moment ask your adults to open a window so you can hear the birds singing and you will know that it is now spring; remember the signs of spring we saw on our last walk in Hilly fields. I hope you are working your way through your homework pack and are reading every day. I would love to hear if you have been reading your own books too, perhaps you could draw a picture or write a simple description of your favourite character. We still want to keep hearing about those WOW moments too so mums and dads remember to write down those moments when your child makes you go WOW! Next week we will be sending home some more activities with links that you will be able to access on line. Please remember you can contact me on my school email if you have any questions or you would like to celebrate any work you have completed, games you have played or any creative activities or websites which we can share with others. Keep having fun, working hard and remember all your news which we will catch up on when school returns. I know that we are missing a few birthdays whilst the school is closed but don't worry when we are back at school we will have a big class birthday party to celebrate! Take care and stay safe.

Pat Creed pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS I hope yourselves and all your loved ones are all happy and safe during this unprecedented time and you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Thank you to those parents who have so far contacted me with queries and questions regarding allocated work and those who have completed work thus far. Please continue to email me if there is anything you need/want to ask, as it is crucial that we work together during this uncertain time period to aid your child's education. A reminder that I am frequently checking my emails daily and will reply to your message as soon as possible. I would like to take this time to set out what we would expect to have been completed so far now we have reached the end of week one:

The daily My Maths tasks

Practise with Times Table Rockstar – I am calling this practise this week so we can all become used to and familiar with this program with it being new to us all!

At least one reading comprehension sheet

Y1 only – daily phonic practise using the flashcards and the previous phonic screening tests I sent out

The spelling grid marked 'wb 23rd March with daily practice occurring alongside the corresponding dictated sentences

At least one of the given reading books which has been extended through questions such as how do you think the character is feeling? Why? Would you feel the same? Where is the answer in the text?

At least 2 handwriting sheets

As well as the above however, please also make time within your timetable where the children have opportunities to complete other tasks that are more informal, practical and hands-on. If you are struggling for ideas for this, below are suggested websites with things you could do. I recommend:

Daily 9am PE session with Joe Wicks (see his YouTube channel)

<https://www.businessinsider.com/8-awesomely-simple-science-experiments-you-can-do-at-home-2016-7?r=US&IR=T#instant-ice-6> – Fun experiments children can do/make at home

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2> – Topmarks KS1 Maths games

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/crafts-for-kids/> - Handmade crafts for kids

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/how-to-draw/> - How to draw things – step by step

Even still however, the most important thing is that you remain safe and you look after yourselves and your loves ones. Take care, and please stay safe everybody. **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.**

DIAMOND CLASS It has been so strange this week not seeing your smiley faces and your real enthusiasm to want to learn and achieve your best. Hopefully by now you have learnt all of this week's spellings, completed at least two comprehensions and some of the reading tasks linked to your reading book. Please take the time to check that you are answering the question fully, your answers make sense, punctuation and spellings are correct along with beautiful handwriting and presentation. Get someone in your household to test you on your spellings and your times tables as well. Please make sure that you are reading daily and if at all possible try to read to someone so that you can discuss what you have read with them.

Remember My Maths is posted daily and Mr. Law has his beady eyes on you as he is checking if everyone is completing it daily and may even be sending you an email to remind you! Also keep practising those times tables so that you can be real Rock Stars in times tables when you return to school.

I hope by now everyone has designed and made their St. John's rainbow and stuck it on your window so that people can admire them. Hopefully you are also designing and making different things out of waste materials as part of campaign in the school by reducing waste through recycling or reusing waste products. We will want to see these when you return to school and this will take the place of the Easter bonnet competition. Like the World Book Day competition, there will be three prizes for every class. You were amazing when you did this for your class assembly – I am really looking forward to seeing your wonderful creations!

Please remember if you need any help or support with any of your work just drop me an email at:

head@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

I would really love to hear some positive news as well so if you have made something special or found a really good website or have great ideas for having fun inside, whatever it maybe, let me know and we can share it with others. Remember we are all in this together and it is really important that we support each other. Take care of yourselves and look after everyone in your family, looking forward to hearing from you. **Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi**

EMERALD CLASS I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It is unfortunate that I didn't get to see you after Tuesday last week - I hope there will be an opportunity to see you all at school again before July. We are all living through a challenge that you will all grow up to remember and retell. I know some of the sacrifices we are making are frustrating, but in doing so we are all working towards a resolution that will hopefully be speedy!

Keep yourselves busy with the home-learning tasks, and also try to exercise and be active as much as you can while keeping yourselves safe - I'm following The Body Coach, Joe Wicks, on Youtube and he is posting a 30 minute workout every morning for children across the country - join in! Be kind and helpful to your families at while at home, and I hope you all finish on 'green' for the week! Keep well, **Kamran Ezel**

Hi everybody, Mr Law here. Good advice from Mr Ezel, I am hoping to see you all returning to school as soon as possible super fit and well after all the morning workouts. Make sure you are trying as best as possible to complete your MyMaths each day as I have been checking daily!!! Also there is a great battle going on at the top of the leaderboard of Timestable Rockstars, so keep working hard on this.

Remember to be as creative as possible, I have started a jigsaw on the dining room table of Twickenham Rugby Stadium it is good fun and something a bit different, Jigsaw sales nationally have rocketed!!! The main message from all of us is to stay safe and be as helpful as possible around the house, especially if your parents are trying to work. Remember you can contact me on my email joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk any time. Have a good weekend and be good! **Joe Law**