



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I write at the end of the final week of term; not quite the usual final week, but one where staff and pupils alike have been working hard to keep some really productive teaching and learning going. It has been gratifying to hear how hard most of your children have been working and I am immensely grateful to my teaching team for putting their minds to delivering the curriculum in a completely different way and at very short notice.

I am grateful that most parents have been able to heed the government's call to work from home and to keep your children at home if at all possible. Thank you to those of you who are also doing your bit to help the nation through this difficult period. I am sure you will join me in thanking all those parents who are key workers, especially, but not exclusively, those in the NHS who are working day and night to save lives and to care for the sick. They deserve our heartfelt thanks. You will find in this newsletter some helpful advice on dealing with self-isolation.

Thanks also to those of you who have written in with supportive and encouraging emails, attaching some lovely examples of work that your children are doing at home. Your words have been kind, thoughtful and uplifting. Please keep sending us photographs of what your children are doing at home as we will start to put these on our latest news section in our website for everyone to enjoy and keep in contact. Do take the time to look at the drawing videos from the illustrator Rob Biddulph. You can do them together - you can share them on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #DrawWithRob and he responds to what you have done which the children love. It is really therapeutic - half an hour where you are completely absorbed, young or old! He releases new videos on Tuesdays and Thursdays and has said he is going to do so throughout the pandemic. I first heard him talking on the Today programme on Radio 4 and followed it up. Link to the videos here: <http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>. What a lovely way to keep the household busy and include other families as well.

This week all teachers sent out the next pack of work, including the login details for Reading Eggs for all pupils in KS2 so that everyone can ensure that they are continuing with their reading. Please take the time to have a break over the Easter period and then you can continue working on this after Easter. We are currently working with our IT support team to explore more remote learning options to support the teaching of writing in particular. We are currently trialling this with some pupils and hope to start to roll this out after Easter. We will engage with more variety as the summer term begins in order to provide a more varied learning experience. We are investing more in microsoft platforms with appropriate training to allow greater opportunity for real time interaction. It is important to note, however, the lessons learned from those schools in other countries that have been isolated for longer; that the effectiveness of remote learning and teaching is not solely about IT, but remains fundamentally dependent on the quality for the teaching staff. We will, collectively, get better at this new, but temporary, teaching format. Rest assured we will be doing everything possible to deliver the normal academic curriculum next term, albeit in a slightly different, innovative and exciting way.

This has, indeed, been a stressful time for us all and what a truly wonderful community this is and it is at times like this that our care for and support of one another shines through.

I wish you all the best of health over the Easter break and trust that you can all have some quality family time. Thank you for your continued support.

With our very best wishes

Susan Notley

Headteacher



Quick activities to help develop kindness through this uncertain time **From the British Red Cross**

We hope you and your pupils are coping during these uncertain times. The education community is doing amazing work to help children continue their learning. We want to help you by providing some quick activity ideas on kindness that you can share with your learners and their parents.

Things may feel unsettled right now, but one thing is clear: small acts of kindness can make a difference. There has certainly been an outpouring of kindness across the country and children can play their role too.

Use our [kindness calendar](#) to help children learn about the importance of being kind to themselves and encourage them to share their kindness with others. They can record daily acts of kindness and review all they have achieved at the end of each week. There are [10 activities](#) to accompany the calendar and children and facilitators can also add their own.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- write or draw what kindness means to them
- check in on neighbours in a safe way – perhaps, put a note through their door
- call or write to a relative
- draw a rainbow and put it in your window to show hope
- write down three things they are grateful for
- do something helpful for a friend or family member – help lay the table or could they keep their bedroom tidy?
- stay at home - by following this advice you are being kind to others in the community and helping to save lives.

As this week marks the start of a new month, it's the perfect time to download the [kindness calendar](#) and encourage parents to share kind acts on social media using #PowerofKindness

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_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_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.childrenguardian.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

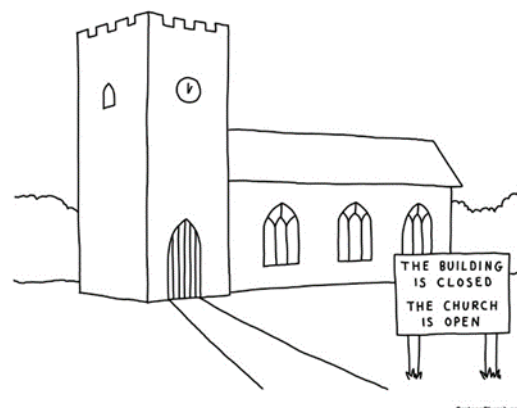
Headteacher



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.



Dear friends,

I hope that this message finds you doing well. We will all be wrestling with different challenges at the moment; whatever you are facing, please be assured of my prayers, and know that all of us at St John's & St Luke's continue to be a community together at this time.

In a funny kind of way, all of this has happened at just the right time of the Christian year. Next week is Holy Week – when we mark the days when Jesus Himself went through the darkest of days: His betrayal, arrest, trial, torture, and execution. But – and this is the massive, life-changing but – His story did not end there. Because on Easter morning, Jesus rose from the dead, bringing light out of darkness, and life out of death. This is such an important thing for us to remember right now.

This week, there will be LOADS of stuff – worship, resources - on our [website](#), our [Facebook](#) page, and [Twitter](#), for youngsters and adults. Please give them a go if you haven't yet done so. Right now, our young people – and all of us – will be in real need of things to give them a sense of security and hope, and this is where Jesus Christ comes in.

I would love you to embrace all that we are offering right now, because that will point you towards the far bigger offer, of God's love, and His very presence beside you, now and in the days to come.

God be with you, and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Fr Peter.

Term Dates for 2020/2021

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

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

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

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 everyone, I hope you have all been keeping well, I know it's tricky for you all at the moment but I hope you are still managing to have fun in doors and value the time that you can get out for a walk. We are sending some more information about activities you can access on line; we have tried to make the activities quite varied so most areas of the curriculum are covered. One of the areas we would usually be covering at school is money – the recognition of coins beginning with 1p,2p,5p, and then extending to 10p and 20p. You could ask your grownups for some packets and tins out of the cupboard and then you could play shops with some real money! This will really help with your coin recognition skills. Remember to try and keep reading every day; keep a list of books you read so we can share together when we are back at school.

Also, please ensure that you are logging onto Reading Eggs, so that you can continue to read. There are lots of games and spelling activities on here for you to enjoy.

Please contact me on my school email if you want to ask any questions or share and celebrate the work you have been doing. Try really hard to look after each other and help your grown-ups by doing your really good listening and enjoy eating your Easter eggs!

Take care everyone.

Pat Creed & Elena Dall'Aglio

pat.creed@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS Hello Sapphire Class, it has been really strange not seeing you again this week but I hope you are all having fun, working hard and staying well (it is a shame it has not been as warm and sunny this week!!) My thoughts and prayers are still with you all during these unprecedented times - I hope yourselves and your families are all okay and healthy! Thank you to those parents who have continued to email me this week regarding your child's work. It is fundamental during these times that we are in close contact with each other and work closely together to ensure the impact of these unprecedented times on your child's education is kept to a minimum. I do hope you are continuing to work through the packs we have sent out, and are reading every day. Please ensure that you are also logging into Reading Eggs. I must say My Maths has been looking very positive – please ensure you do check and complete any outstanding tasks so I can see more amazing scores J. I would like to reiterate that, whilst completion of the work set is important, it is equally importantly that you also complete activities that are more informal, practical and hands-on to keep yourself happy and healthy! I have received news of children making things, demonstrating things, painting rainbows at home and completing Joe Wicks' PE sessions. All of these have been amazing to read so if anybody would like to ask any questions about their work (including the new pack) or share ways you have had fun, games you have played, things you have made, how you have spent time with your loved ones or anything like that, you are more than welcome to do so on James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely Chocolate-filled Easter holidays. **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate**.

DIAMOND CLASS

I am really delighted with the fantastic response from pupils in Diamond Class to completing your maths and times tables on a daily basis. I am delighted to hear that we are out scoring Emerald Class, so keep this up Diamond Class. I am so proud of you all. We won't be posting any maths during the Easter break but in the pack that is being sent out today there is lots of maths work in this if you want to continue with this over the break. I have also sent an email to you all with your log in details for the Reading Eggs software package as I appreciate that many of you will have finished your reading books by now. Please do use this as there are lots of games and spelling activities as well and as Diamond Class are the super spellers we really need to keep this up.

Contained within this newsletter are lots of new ideas about a variety of different activities that you can get involved in, do take the time to explore the #DrawWithRob videos and get the whole family involved. Remember this is a time to see what hidden talents and gifts we all have.

Please remember if you need any help or support with any of your work or you want to show me anything that you have been doing, 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 so that I will be able to post lots of your wonderful work or exciting activities on the website. Keep happy and remain safe.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

Well done to all those children who have been completing their MyMaths homework. It has been great to see your dedication to your home learning and the fact that you clearly have an organised routine in place. I am also regularly check the TTR leaderboard and it is a very interesting read!!! Children in Diamond class seem to be out-scoring Emerald at the moment, so keep it up, although Emerald you are hopefully up for the challenge. I saw this useful clip on YouTube <https://youtu.be/UGMUT7KWE48> about the 10 essential maths skills you could learn over the next few weeks, I think it is excellent advice.

Keep working hard until the end of the week and let's hope the supermarkets have plenty of Easter Eggs left.

Joe Law

I hope you are all keeping well during these strange times! What a way to start a new decade! Hopefully you are finding ways to stay active and purposeful - of course you have some school work to keep you busy, but make sure to explore some hobbies and interests. Maybe try to learn a new skill, or practise an old one that you've not tried for a while!

Look after yourselves. I hope to see you all soon. **Mr Ezel**



Enfield Learns Together!

Enfield School and Early Years Improvement Service is launching a series of competitions for children and young people aged between 3 and 13 years of age

Children can either take part from home or at school

For EYFS



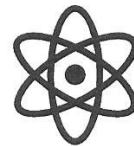
EYFS - to create props for a rhyme using recyclable resources
Launched in the W/C 20 April 2020



For children and young people aged between 5 and 13



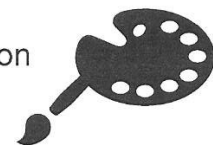
Science Challenge – build a marble run
Launched in the W/C 30 March 2020



Writing Challenge – short story competition
Launched in the W/C 20 April 2020



Art Challenge - drawing and painting competition
Launched in the W/C 8 June 2020



Further information will follow shortly so keep looking for up-dates