



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

Our Covid-19 journey continues and we grew our numbers in school to 144 this week as we welcomed back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as the Key Worker children who of course have never been away.

The week has gone very well, with staff working hard to try and make school not feel too different despite the measures we are taking to try and support social distancing and the children I have spoken with were pleased to be back, to meet with their friends and to get some routine back.

I am really proud of our school community. School staff have worked incredibly hard to get school ready, whilst at the same time continuing to provide support for those who are still at home. Our children are, as always, rising to new challenges and I am very grateful to parents for your kind and positive words, and for helping to facilitate our return with our staggered end to the day and our early Friday closure. Thank you to all of you.

This week many of you have had a number of questions. When will other year groups come back? How will you fit more children into school? What will be happening in September? The simple answer is - I don't know. We still await further guidance and direction from central Government and we haven't been given any hint of what the next phase of opening school more widely will look like.

I do know that trying to second guess is rather futile. Our opening this week did not take the form that we had all been expecting, as we had expected older year groups to return or perhaps a part time return for all children as the Welsh Government have announced. As soon as we receive information we will form our plans and let you know.

In the meantime please find below the news from both in school and a home, and other information that I hope you may find useful.

Stay safe, stay well

Paul Reid
Headteacher



Using TEAMS

As promised, this week our staff have got on with expanding our use of TEAMS. This week more staff have been in touch with children at home, some have shared lessons going on in school and I know that next week there are plans for this to be expanded even further.

Year group pages are the best place to see when your year group TEAMS times have been organised.

Before half term we suggested that you try and log on to TEAMS and I know that many of you have done this and are ready to take part in TEAMS lessons. Setting everyone up has been a big task for our ICT support company ARK and our ICT technician Julian Bell. I know that some of you have had difficulty logging on and Julian is quick to respond to support getting issues sorted out quickly.

If you haven't logged on to TEAMS yet please don't leave it until just before your lesson time, as it will be disappointing if you have an issue that needs resolving.



For those who haven't accessed lessons here is how to do it.....

- You will need Microsoft Teams. This is available for PCs, or as apps on all smartphones and tablets. Either download the app or Google "Office 365", login to Office 365, then click on TEAMS download.
- You need to log in using your child's school account. This is their Christian and Surname - with a dot between, and then the school's generic address..... so my log in is paul.reid@st-john.lincs.sch.uk
- The password is your child's date of birth DDMMYY - so the 30th April 1972 would be 300472. If it won't log in and you have a 0 in your date of birth try removing it e.g. instead of 04 try just 4.
- You don't need a passcode and you can't change passwords. If you get a message asking for one then you have probably gone down a route that you didn't need to.
- If you still have problems with passwords etc. e-mail our parent@st-john.lincs.sch.uk and we will try and sort it out.

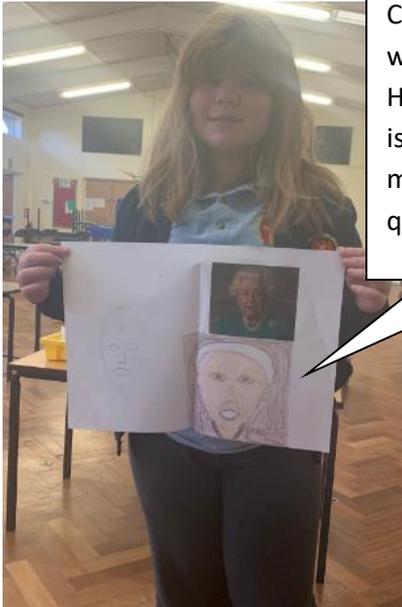
Using TEAMS safely

Please be aware that when we use TEAMS children (and adults) should be up and dressed, and you should be with an adult in somewhere like your lounge, kitchen or study. Not your bedroom. You should also be aware of what's around and behind you - so that what everyone sees is appropriate and not anything that you wouldn't want to be shared.

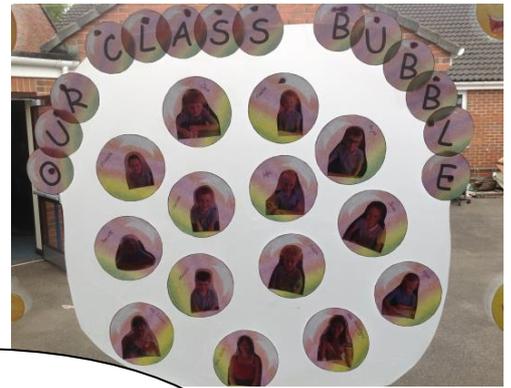
Please also ensure that you speak to your children about appropriate "chat" between them and their classmates. Children should be aware that school staff can see the "chat" between children. If you come across something that is not appropriate please report it to school immediately so that we can look into it.

**Don't forget.... In these difficult times we are here to help.
Take a look at our "Stay Safe Stay Well" page on the school website
for ideas and resources to support mental well-being.
You can access this via the Quick Links section on our homepage.**

At Home and At School....



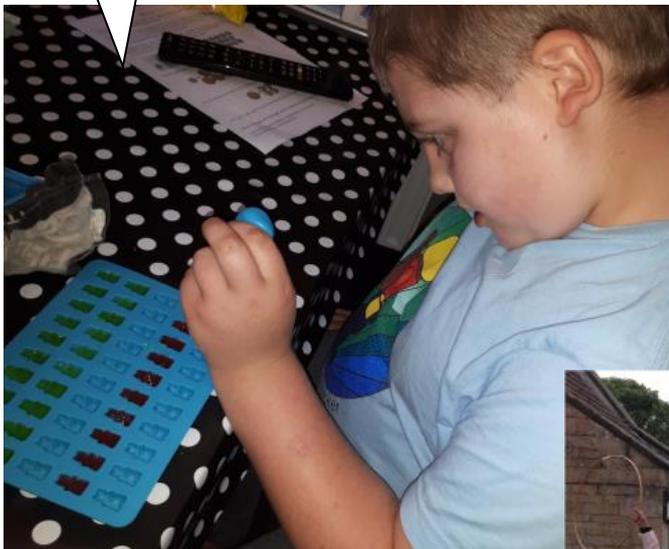
Charlotte enjoyed her work on famous people.... Her portrait of the Queen is quite flattering as it makes Her Majesty look quite a bit younger!



Lots of classes have made their room their own with a "bubble" display.



Jack's been making sweets at home.



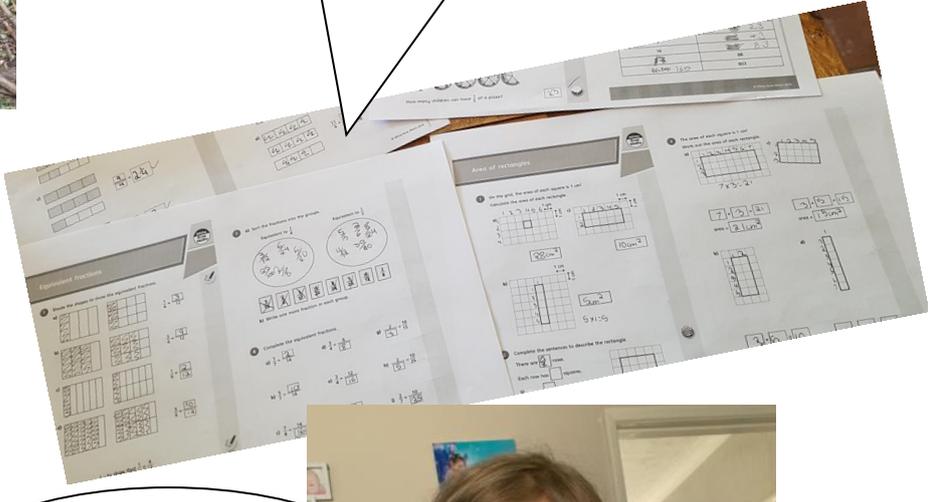
Hoops are good social distancing playground activities



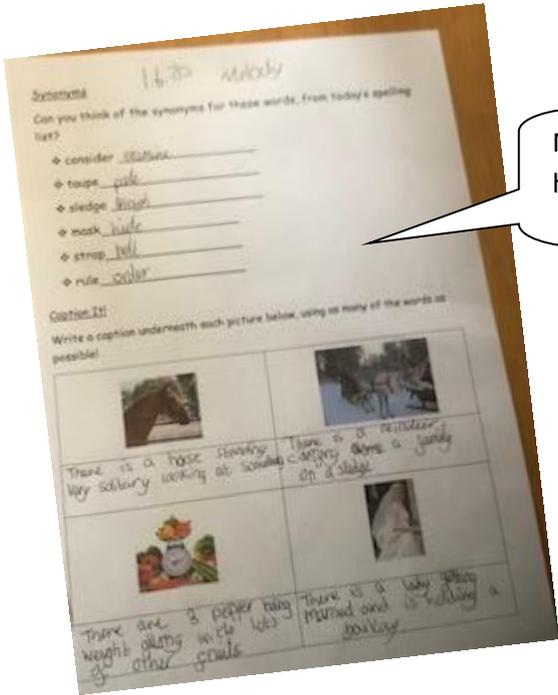


In school Years 2 and 3 have been making story settings from things they have found in the wildlife area.

Isla has been doing lots of maths learning at home



Holly and Darcie have produced lovely messages in a bottle. Well done.



Melody worked hard on her literacy work.

Keeping in touch

Remember your teachers would also love to get a message from you or for you to share some of your learning via your class e-mail.

Rec@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Duffill and Mrs Bagley
1AC@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Owen and Mrs Cooke
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2SB@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Bird
3DT@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Towers
3FC@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Crampton
4CD@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Dark
4AW@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Whittaker
5MB@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Baxter
5JW@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs White
6NC@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mr Crick
6HS@st-john.lincs.sch.uk for Mrs Stray

Please remember that Mrs Buckley is available for parents to contact for support on 07789460964.

St John's Church

Remember you can catch up with a weekly services from Bishop Rob and Revd Pat have recorded several services that you can find at <https://www.stjohnsspalding.org/673534572124.htm>

And remember to contact us in school use

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