# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

**Weekly Newsletter**
**Friday 15th January 2021**




Dear Parents,
This week has once again presented many challenges and sadly we have had to close part of the Year 4 bubble down following a confirmed positive case.
As we now have over a third of the children attending school each day we have had to change our focus and internal operations in school. The teachers are now mainly teaching in the mornings and therefore are not as free to respond to blogs and emails in the morning.
We have been trying to adapt and develop capacity to link the classroom to the home and as soon as this is sorted we will contact you with further details. We are still encountering a lot of problems with the Wi-Fi in school and have come across other technical difficulties which is delaying this progression.
We are also running short on devices and have applied to the Government for help with this. Please continue to be patient with us as we adapt to the various daily changes and demands.
Home learning has many challenges for parents however, it is compulsory. The Government advises that KS1 pupils access 3 hours daily and KS2, 4 hours. Submitted work is being monitored carefully. If your child is poorly on any school day and unable to complete their learning please contact your teacher so their absence can be recorded and monitored.

*Mrs McKeating*

## Online Learning Expectations

Keyworker children who are attending school will complete all the learning set for that day in class.

On the days that they do not attend school they still need to access the online learning for those days at home. We are not able to do catch up for home learning missed when the children return to school.

Children who are doing a mix of days in school and home learning will need to transport their home learning packs to and from school so they always have them with them.

***We expect all children to complete 5 days of school work each week whether at home or in school or if they do a mix of both this is not optional.***



# Help in Lockdown

## The Lawrence Hotel– Offering Free Children's Meals

The owner of the Lawrence Hotel in Padiham is very kindly making free meals available for children in need.

- Meals need to be booked via email: hello@thelawrencehotel.co.uk
- Meals to be collected on Friday 22nd January from 11.30am - 1.30pm

Choices are :

**Cheeseburger or sausage and mash or fish and chips**

- Parents need to email stating the child's choice and what time they would like to collect the meal. (There will only be limited deliveries so parents are encouraged to collect).
- They should wait for a confirmation email.



Many thanks to Michael Huckerby for doing this for our local families.

Please spread the word!

food bank

## Food Parcel Distributions in Padiham

Every Two weeks there will also be food parcels being handed out at the Town Hall (Ballroom entrance) on Fridays 12-1pm. The first distribution was today.

There is no need to register.

Once you have collected your parcel the Mooch Café are offering free coffees and bacon sandwiches.

## Milk and Snacks in school




The Milk and Fruit Scheme have been suspended at the moment and so our usual delivery services have stopped.



In the meantime we have organised supplies for each class and we will be giving biscuits to all children and milk to the younger ones to keep everyone happy in the mornings.

Thanks to Lisa, our school cook for helping us out with milk while we got organised,

## Water Bottles

Please could ALL children attending school make sure they bring their Water Bottle each day. We will refill if needed in class.



## Please support us in the battle against Corona – Virus

- **Do not** attend the school premises if you have any Covid symptoms under **any circumstance!**
- **Do not** mix with other families or share lifts to and from school with other families, even if you are in the same bubble.
- Get an **immediate test** following the onset of any symptoms. Please avoid the postal tests if you can as they take around a week to process and in that time direct contacts will be unknowingly spreading the virus further.
- School can only close a bubble once a positive case is confirmed with a test result notification code.
- If you need to enter the foyer to the school reception please ensure that **only one family enters at a time and that you wear a mask.**
- Please **wear a mask** when entering the **school grounds to drop off and collect children.**
- Only **one adult** should pick up or drop off their child to reduce adults on the premises.
- No child should visit their friends houses or play out together even if they are in the same bubble.

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK

## HOME LEARNER OF THE WEEK

| | |
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| REC | Elsie McEvoy |
| YR 1 | Marco Reeves |
| YR 2 | Elliot O'Leary |
| YR 3 | Oliver Holgate |
| YR 4 | Holly Mackey |
| YR 5 | Isabelle Blanchard |
| YR 6 | Annalise Gartside |




## SCHOOL LEARNER OF THE WEEK

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| REC | Lochlan Morris |
| YR 1 | Georgia Ramshead |
| YR 2 | Poppy Leaver |
| YR 3 | Jaymieleigh Brooks |
| YR 4 | Lee Saddington |
| YR 5 | George Gardner |
| YR 6 | Millie Stobbs |

# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY—SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES

**Children's University Virtual Clubs**
**Spring term Week 1**

LANCASHIRE children's UNIVERSITY

**Photography Club**
**'All the same colour'**

1. Pick a colour at random.
2. Find some objects in the house that are that colour
3. Arrange into a sculpture or collage.
4. Photograph your sculpture or collage from different angles



**Keep Active Club**
**'Mini Olympics'**

1. Find out which sports events take place at the Olympic games this link will help www.olympic.org/sports
2. Design 6 events which you can adapt and carry out at home (or maybe in the park as part of your daily exercise). Write these down with descriptions
3. Hold a mini Olympics at home, ask family members to take part in the competition
4. Take some photos!



**Lego Club**
**'Build a vehicle'**

You can choose any vehicle you like – car, train, bus, bike, boat, plane, lorry….take a photo of your finished work!



**Cookery Club**
**'Tuna Pasta Salad'**

See separate sheet for ingredients and method



You can choose to take part in as many clubs as you like. Each activity is worth 1 Children's University credit. When you have completed an activity send your evidence to me louise.waller@elevate-ebp.co.uk



## 'Cookery' Virtual Club
## Week 1 Tuna Pasta Salad

LANCASHIRE children's UNIVERSITY

Ingredients

- 150g/5oz whole wheat pasta, cooked according to packet instructions
- 150g/5oz frozen or tinned sweetcorn
- 150g/5½oz tinned tuna in spring water, drained
- 2 tbsp plain yoghurt
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- freshly ground black pepper
- squeeze lemon (optional)



Method

1.Mix all the ingredients together until thoroughly combined. Transfer to a sealed plastic tub and keep in the fridge.

**Recipe Tips**

If you're serving this pasta salad straightaway, put the cooked pasta under cold running water to cool.



## LAPTOPS



We have now loaned over 80 laptops out to children in order for them to complete their home learning. This means we now have a very limited amount of laptops left in school. As the numbers of children in school remains quite high with key worker and vulnerable children, we need to ensure we have some laptops left for them to work on. We are therefore unable to loan out anymore laptops. Please contact Mrs McKeating if this is an issue.

## WARM CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.



The doors and windows (whatever the weather) need to remain open during the school day to ensure the classrooms are well ventilated. Especially with the current cold, icy weather, please ensure children are correctly dressed and wear a vest/under layer under their uniform. They also need a warm coat and sensible footwear to wear outside.

## Bingo! 21 Day Activity Challenge

The Bingo – 21 Day Activity Challenge is a fun and simple resource designed to give you ideas, activities and challenges that will keep children active.

Aim to complete all 21 activity squares between 11th January and 5th February and be in with a chance of winning prizes! Simply Jot down the numbers 1-21 on a small piece of paper, fold them up and pop them in a jar. Each day for 21 days, pull out 1 piece of paper and complete that activity from your bingo card or why not log onto **Burnley SSP** Facebook or Twitter each weekday and see which bingo number is called for that day by one of our Wonderful Burnley Primary School teachers!

There are 3 types of activity (some activities appear more than once!), simply find the resource card in the pack for full activity details and ideas!



Fitness based - these will get your heart rate



Outdoor Activities – Aimed to get you active outdoors



Sports/skill-based activities

Simply cross of a square after you have completed the activity and post photos on social media,

Each photo and video of children taking part will represent one entry, all entries will go into a prize draw!

Twitter/Facebook @BurnleySSP - Use the #activitybingo #active21

**Please see the Class Pages section on the school website for more information.**

## Home reading during school closure.

We are delighted to be using a website called GETEPIC to ensure children are still able to read at home during the school closure. This website is an online reading platform and has hundreds of books for children to choose from. Teachers can also assign books to children and children will be notified of this when they log in to the website. Teachers can also monitor what books children have read. All the children need to log in is their class code, which has been given to children through the class blog or email. If you have not yet received this, please contact your child's teacher.

- Go to the website www.getepic.com
- Click on Class Code and enter the class code given by your teacher
- Find your initials and click on your profile
- Choose your books and read away!




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# Laudato Si Logo Competition

The Diocese of Salford is home to the Laudato Si Centre, which, when open, will welcome visitors to learn about protecting our planet, and will encourage us all to share actions and ideas 'to protect our common home' following on from the letter that Pope Francis wrote to every person on the planet – 'Laudato Si'. Laudato Si' is an encyclical written by Pope Francis, it was published on the 18 June 2015. Encyclicals are open letters written by the pope.

As part of this exciting project, a new website is being created to give regular updates and provide a source of information for all who would like to visit the centre – and we need your help. We would like **you** to take on the important task of designing our new 'Laudato Si Centre' logo.

**Who**: We will have three age groups. There will be three prizes: two runner ups and one overall prize. Each prize winner will receive a bookshop voucher for £15 and the overall winner's logo will be digitally transformed and turned into the Laudato Si Centre logo.

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- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2

**What**: We would like you to draw a logo based on what the Laudato Si Centre means to you.
**How**: We would like you to paint/draw/ colour what you think our new logo should look like. Please note that this should not be produced digitally.
**What next**: The winning design will be transformed into a digital design which will be front and centre at our Laudato Si Centre.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR FINISHED DESGINS TO YOUR TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.**






