ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 12th June 2020



Dear Parent/Carers

Twelve weeks has now passed since school closed its doors and to be honest it feels like longer. All the staff are missing the children and the hustle and bustle of school so very much. I know that you will be peeled to the daily briefings on the news awaiting for signs that this virus is at bay and that we can all regain some normality in our lives. Unfortunately we are clearly not out of the woods yet and the virus is still very much in charge of the situation.

Each week I have been meeting with our School Governors to review government announcements as they are made and make decisions as to what is the best action for our school to take. Please be assured that the safety of our pupils and staff drives all of these decisions.

This week we met earlier (Tuesday) to review the announcement turning around the pressure for schools to bring the children back into school before the summer holiday. We also discussed the stance that the Local Authority are taking which is that schools should remain closed until further notice. <u>The Bulletins from the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services are printed on the next page for your information. These bulletins outline the situation in our own local area</u>.

Having taken into account the local advice, the school will not implement Phase 1 which is the Year 6 group of children until it is safe to do so.

In the meantime I urge you all to stay safe as the R rate in our area is so concerning and the lack of social distancing is keeping it high and increasing the risk to us all.

Please take care.
God Bless
Mrs McKeating





COVID19 BULLETIN – 10th June 2020

Message from Edwina Grant OBE - Executive Director Education and Children's Services

On Monday I wrote to let you know that our Director of Public Health had reviewed his previous guidance that schools should not welcome more pupils and determined that this should not change. Dr Sakthi Karunanithi advised that you should continue to delay reopening to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils, along with the scheduled plans for year 10 pupils in secondary schools. This advice will be reviewed again on Monday 15 June and I will let you know the outcome. Everyone is hopeful that conditions will be right to welcome more children back to school soon.

You will be aware from the government announcement yesterday that the plan to return all primary pupils before the summer holidays has changed. However, the ambition remains, that is to get children back to school as soon as possible. Thank you once again for all your hard work so far.

No doubt, you will have questions about plans for the summer and September arising from these announcements. As soon as I have clarity on this, I will work with your professional representatives to make sure that our plans locally are effective to welcome children back to learning.

As has been the case throughout the emergency, all schools are encouraged to admit vulnerable pupils and those of key workers as long as your risk assessments suggest it is safe to do so.

COVID19 BULLETIN – 8h June 2020

Message from Edwina Grant OBE - Executive Director Education & Children's Services

I am writing to let you know that our Director of Public Health has reviewed his guidance that schools should not welcome more pupils and has determined that it should not change.

That means Dr Sakthi Karunanithi is advising that you should continue to delay reopening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, along with the scheduled plans for year 10 pupils in secondary schools. It is still the case that he believes two of the five government tests are not being met in the county.

Although the number of new cases has decreased, ***Lancashire and the North West has a high number of cases compared to many other regions in the country.*** Similarly, although the weekly death count in Lancashire is showing a downward trend, a consistent decline is not being seen in all areas, and in recent weeks we have seen an increase. ***It has also been widely reported that the R value for the North West is above 1.*** Locally, all partners are working closely in the development of our local response to support Test and Trace. Although some progress has been made, more work needs to be done to properly embed local expertise into the national NHS Test and Trace system.

Lancashire people have worked so hard throughout the pandemic in keeping the virus at bay. ***With various national lock down measures lifting, we need to remain vigilant in following social distancing rules to help prevent the infection spreading.***

This advice will be reviewed again next Monday, and if it changes, we will encourage you to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 22 June if deemed safe to do so. I appreciate that the decision to welcome back more pupils lies with head teachers, in consultation with their board of governors, taking into account your individual circumstances.

Please pray for:



Please say prayers for one of our parents who has had the Corona Virus since the end of April.

He has been on a ventilator since 12th May and is in great need of our prayers.

We pray also for his family who are unable to visit him and are incredibly anxious at this time.

~PRAYER FOR THE SICK~

Dear God,
Dispel my fear. End my anxiety. Wipe worry from my mind. May the one I care about find good health and complete recovery. Make known the healing power of Your hands. Give comfort and shelter beneath Your wings. Grant restorative sleep tonight and safe passage to tomorrow.

KEY WORKER CHILDCARE

The number of children attending school each day has increased and school is now operating in 3 separate key stage bubbles.

These bubbles can take 15 children maximum each day.

Some parents are leaving it quite late to book in and a more manageable process is now being implemented for these parents so that the correct staffing and ratios can be achieved each day.

Please fill in the online form sent today and note that this new process replaces the Emails to the Headteacher system.

Vulnerable children and families

This week some parents have asked us to explain our offer of continuous childcare provision for some children attending school and have asked us to consider their own children's needs.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, vulnerable children and young people are defined as those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan and it is determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment
- have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who are therefore in need of continued education provision - this might include children on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services, adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training'), those who are young carers and others at the provider and local authority's discretion

We fully understand we are all finding these times very difficult and some children may struggle more than others. We will support all families with home learning strategies and we are here to listen and help.

However we ask you to be mindful that there may be situations in other families that remain highly confidential and that you remember and be respectful to the complexities involved in making decisions regarding this.



Virtual Learning at Home

Top Blogger / Emailer

YR 1	Niall Duffy
YR 2	Darcy Walmsley
YR 3	Charlie Maudsley
YR 4	Keevah Wallace
YR 5	Miley-Jo Storer
YR 6	Michael Ince



Home Learning Award

NUR	Colby Edwards & Pippa Beresford
REC	Seth Molyneux
YR 1	Malachy Kennedy
YR 2	Ruby Thompson
YR 3	Will Harrison
YR 4	Alfie Morley
YR 5	Annalise Gartside
YR 6	Cerys Lambert



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Year1_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Clough
Year2_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Dewhurst
Year3_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Townson
Year4_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mr Steele
Year5_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Hartley
Year6J_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Jones
Year6B_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Baird



Y1 Science Competition

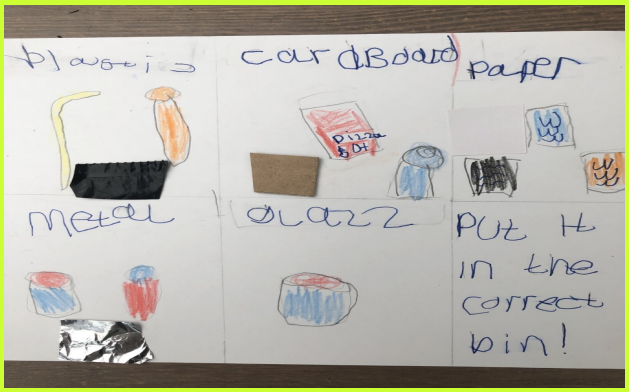
This week Year 1 made posters for a science competition. Their poster had to be all about the different materials we need to recycle!

There were so many amazing entries and it was so difficult to choose a winner but the winner is...

St John's drum roll...

Ava-Rose Ramsbottom!

Well done!



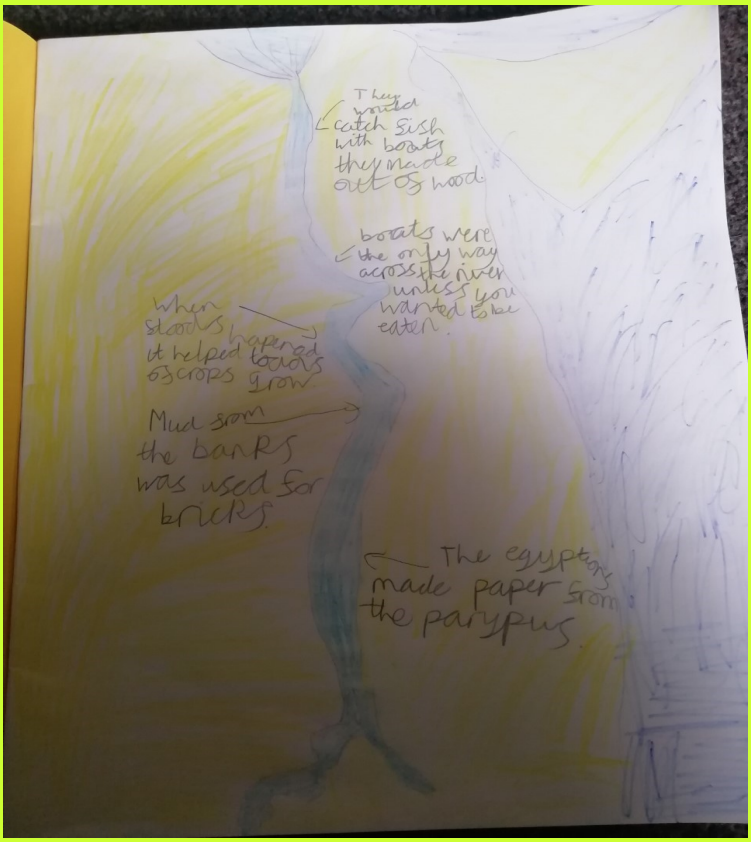


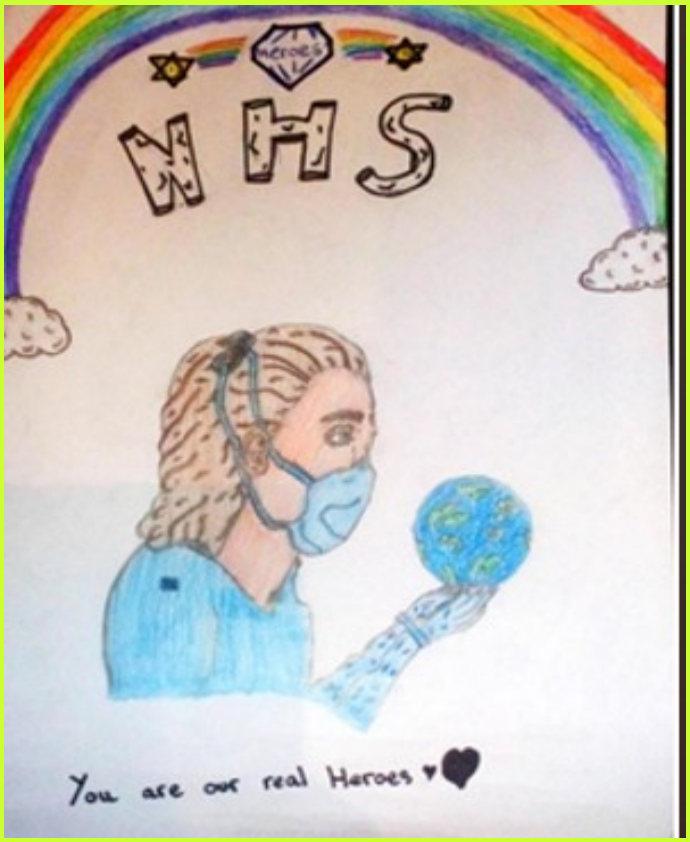


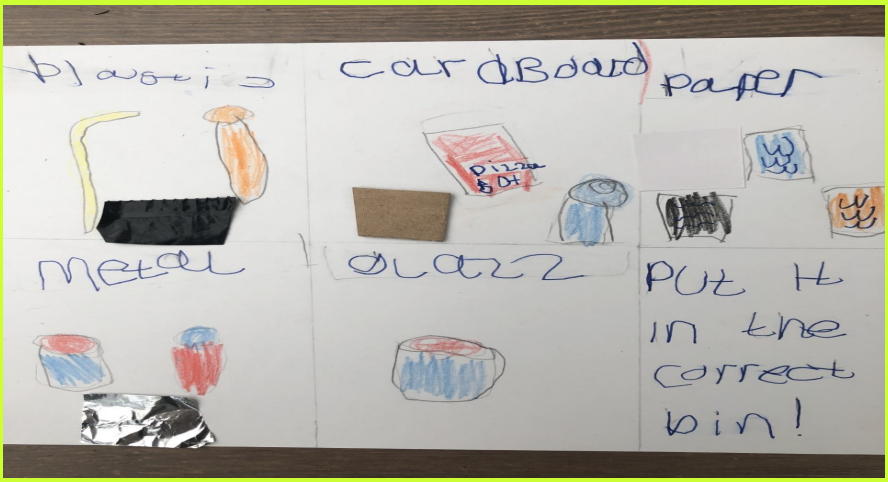


PICTURES OF THE WEEK!













Hello my name is Tom I am 9 years old. Good job I like to work in the dark and getting dirty most of the time I am pulling carriages to the surface. What am I...

I am a coal miner

Hi there my name is Emma and I am 9 years old. I clean rusty old machines and get dirty a lot of the time I crawl under machines and tie up broken threads. What am I ...

I am a mill worker

Hello there I am Joshua I am an early riser and my first job is to feed and water the animals that I care for. I then clean the animals and then clean their stables. What am I ...

I am a stable boy

Hello my name is tom and I have to carry bags and bags of shopping each day and pass messages to one person to another in all weather. What am I...

I am an errand boy



