ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 1st May 2020



Dear Parents,
I hope you are all keeping well and that you and your family managed to have a good Easter.
School is now open once more for the children of key workers and staff are covering these sessions on a rota basis.
School closed on the 23.3.20 for the majority of pupils. Six whole weeks have passed since then, which is the same length of time as a normal summer holiday. I know that the children are missing school and are desperate for life to return to normal as am I and all the staff. The reality is that it will be some while before life returns to normality and we will have to continue to follow Government guidance and allow them to lead is through this global crisis.
As this situation continues it becomes more important to safeguard the children's learning and ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic does not significantly affect the progress and learning of our pupils. The teachers are working incredibly hard to try and keep the children's learning going and lessen the impact of a prolonged closure. I can not reinforce how important it is for the children to complete their set work. The majority of the children have adjusted so well to home learning and are submitting their work daily via email or the school blog. I am being copied into the reply emails to this work and I delighted to see good quality work being submitted. As a mum of two children who is still working every day I fully appreciated how very difficult it is to support the children with their online learning and it is an incredible challenge and a juggling act that is so challenging. However it is the only way we have to keep the children's learning going so please organise time within your day to monitor and support the children's learning. There are some children who have not submitted the expected work and I will be writing to those families this week to see if any additional support is required.
Much love to you all, stay safe and God Bless x

Top Blogger

Yr 1	Niall Duffy
Yr 2	Charlie Robinson
Yr 3	Alex Graham
Yr 4	Isabelle B
Yr 5	Dylan Morris
Yr 6	Oliver Mannion



Home Learning Award

Yr N	Rocco Storer
Yr R	Felicity Baker
Yr 1	Louisa Little
Yr 2	Alfie Brelsford
Yr 3	Rowan Bradford
Yr 4	Joshua Mount
Yr 5	Millie Stobbs
Yr 6	Harris Barnes

Sad News

This week we heard the sad news that one of our past colleagues had died suddenly after suffering from a heart attack. Mrs Margaret Donnelly will have taught many of our parents in the 1980s and 1990s while she was at St Johns and will be remembered fondly by their parents too. She taught mainly in the infants and was Key Stage One Leader, but also spent time working in KS2. She was responsible for teaching many guitar lessons, ran a music group and led the music at school masses in addition to her other duties. Mrs Donnelly was known for her many talents and especially for her nurturing of young staff. She worked alongside Mr Cronshaw and Mr Carroll when they were Headteachers. We send our love and prayers to her husband Peter, her children and grandchildren and wider family. May she rest in peace.

VE DAY
WITH OUR ST JOHNS FAMILY

PLEASE JOIN OUR WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION PICNIC ON FRIDAY 8TH MAY FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

This week we had planned to have a whole school picnic outside on the playground to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day.

On Friday we would like as many families as possible to join with us and have a picnic at home to mark the day.

There are lots of things you can do and the Royal British Legion have some ideas too. You could:

- decorate your home in red, white and blue colours
- wear one or more of those colours for your picnic
- join in the Moment of Rememberance at 11am and pause for a 2 minute silence
- join in with the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2 at 3pm by raising your glass and saying the official toast "To those who gave so much, we thank you."



Huge nationwide plans had been drawn up to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at the end of World War Two – but they have had to be scrapped because of the coronavirus lockdown. Now people across the country are being urged to host a 'stay at home street party' on May 8 – and to celebrate the date with a socially distanced party!

Organisers want people to decorate their home in red, white and blue – and enjoy a picnic in their garden or anywhere at their own home.

You could make your own VE Day Great British Bunting. Download everything you need at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference

The Royal British Legion is calling on people across the UK to join in a moment of reflection and Remembrance at 11am on Friday 8th May, the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, and pause for a Two Minute Silence.

Take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of your own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment and saying the official 'Toast' –

"To those who gave so much, we thank you"

which pays tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

Free School Meals
(Pupil Premium Funding)

Lancashire County Council have being try to cater for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals. In the first two weeks food bags were distributed to families. This was extremely challenging and required a lot of man power to coordinate. This week we moved to a voucher system. The Government have now decided that these vouchers should be available during the Easter Holidays and therefore we have ordered your vouchers and as soon as these are available they will be printed and posted to our eligible families.

Each child who is currently on free school meals will receive a **voucher for £15 each week** which can be spent in Tesco.

If you have never actually enrolled for Pupil Premium funding before as your child was already receiving a free universal school meal each day it would be worth checking to see if you are eligible. Simply call 01254 220710 to check. All you need is your national insurance number. Please refer to our school website for further information. You will find Pupil Premium in the key information section on our school website.




Home
Learning

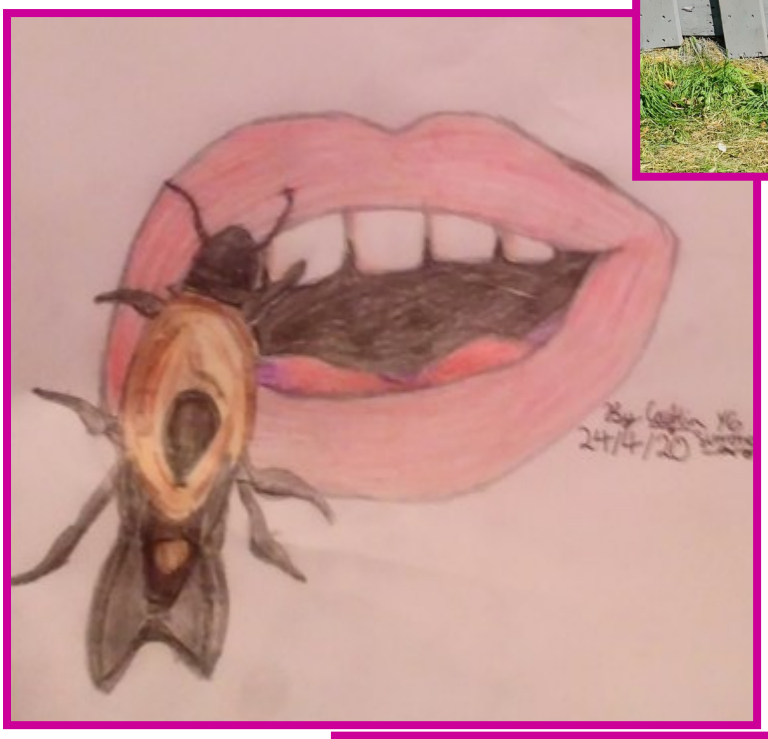


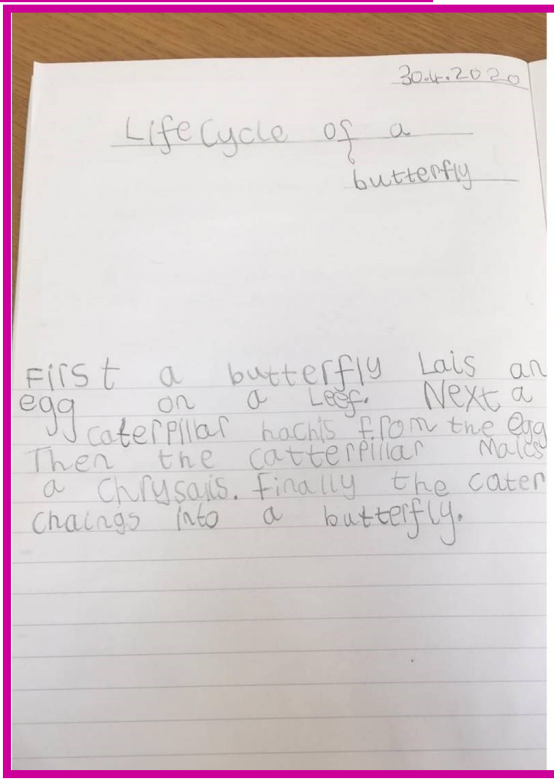



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Life Cycle of a butterfly
First a butterfly Lais an egg on a Leaf. Next a caterpillar hachis from the egg Then the catterpillar Makes a Chrysalis. finally the cater chaings into a butterfly.


life cycle

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

Children and young people's primary mental health care message in support of COVID-19

Keeping you and your child's physical and mental health well, over the next coming weeks is so important to help manage the COVID-19 virus. We hope that you are following the public health guidelines as they update regularly to best manage your health and take care of you and your family. Alongside the COVID-19 government guidelines and restrictions, we acknowledge that this may have an impact upon your child's emotional wellbeing and that access to support and everyday things that keep us well may be restricted. We therefore felt it important to signpost you to simple strategies, useful helplines & digital resources that maybe useful at this moment. Please read the below and we hope you keep you and your family well.



The 5 ways to wellbeing are key principles to keeping ourselves well; connect, be active, take notice, learn and give – the simple concepts are key to keeping us emotionally healthy in everyday life. Given the current circumstances and restrictions COVID19 places upon us, as parents/caregivers we are recommending that you consider & follow the 5 ways to wellbeing at home and for you to be creative with the resources you have to meet them in your family home.

Connect - It is important to stay connected to friends and family whilst the "physical" social distancing is recommended; to tackle this we can use social media, facetime, text, group chats, WhatsApp etc… every day all day!

Be active - Activity and exercise is key to feeling good so go for a walk, jog, cycle, dance, put the music on, make some exercises up around the home, play games, do some gardening, bake, cook, interact as a family together and have fun.

Take notice - Take notice of your feelings and thoughts and practice some mindfulness strategies at home to help you manage and relax – see resources below for help on this.

Learn - Stimulate the mind, create opportunities to learn new things, read a book, learn how to sew, stich, a new game, access on line learning resources, complete school work, revision, work books.

Give - Give yourself personal space and time to look after yourself – ensure you eat a healthy diet, exercise, stick to some routine and sleep well. **Give** your patience, time, smile and be kind.

Remember children learn and observe adults behaviours and emotions for cues on how to manage their own emotions during difficult times!



Useful Links

www.kooth.com Online counselling service age 11-16yrs, children can also access education and general advice on mental health

www.youngminds.org.uk Children & parents can access education, advice& support on mental health issues.

www.nhs.uk Children & parents can access education, advice& support on mental health issues.

www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk Children & parents can access education, advice & support on mental health issues.

FREE USEFUL APPS

Useful Apps to download

Headspace – meditation App

Calm – mediation and sleep App

7 cups - anxiety and stress chat App

Smiling mind –mediation App