



## NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

### VALUE: FORGIVENESS

**"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."**



We are very proud of the stars we have made with dough



Henry - model of the structure of the Earth in Geography.

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good half term. I certainly enjoyed spending time with my family and doing a few jobs around the house and garden. This week has been one of re-establishing the home learning and key worker provision but also starting the preparation for the full opening of the school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I am really looking forward to having all of the children in. That said, I am also pleased that parents and children are keeping the home learning going for this last couple of weeks. This is really appreciated. As many of you know, Mrs Cook has taken over the English live lessons and it has been incredible seeing how well the children are responding and how good their writing is. This lockdown, we feel that the writing has continued to progress in a much more successful manner than during the last one and we will be building on the work the children have been doing when they return to school.

#### School Improvement

This week we have had an external review of a number of the subjects and the subject leaders have been explaining the rationale for our teaching and what we hope to achieve. They have also been planning how best to get back on track after the lockdown. I am very pleased with the progress we

have made in our curriculum development and the leadership shown by each teacher.

When we return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March we will have the children in two bubbles; Ruby and Sapphire in one and Emerald and Diamond in the other. We will have the usual drop-off routine in the morning and a staggered pick up at the end of the day.

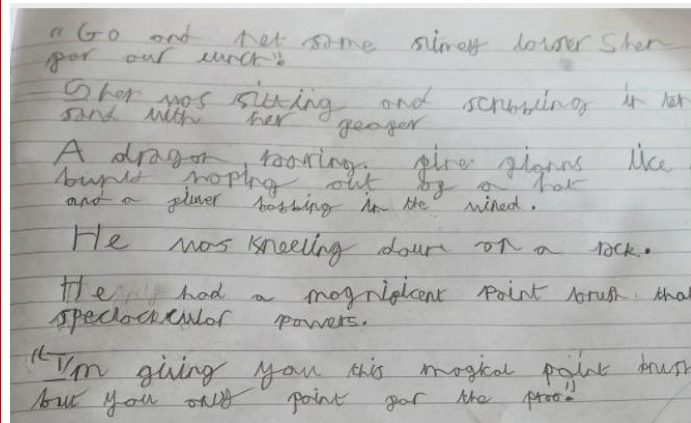
It will be science week in school and we will be planning some active science work and some fun ways to explore this subject. We will also be assessing children and starting our catch up programmes. Mrs Walton will continue to work with us to deliver parts of this.

We also want to increase our focus on physical activity as we suspect that some children may have missed out on regular exercise. We will be providing more information next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

## George's Artwork - learning to draw pandas using watercolours / pens skills



Super writing by Hudson

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

Our internet router's been taking a break over the past 36 hours, and so we have no internet. It doesn't surprise me. With home-schooling, it's been fielding two – sometimes even three – simultaneous Zoom meetings. Who wouldn't need a break after that?! I'm sure many of you have been putting your Wi-Fi through similar stress-tests.

It's astonishing how reliant we now are on the internet and, indeed, on so many other things in our modern world. Our dishwasher broke last week (they say trouble comes in threes, so I'm keeping a careful watch on our other household appliances!), and it was as I stood at the kitchen sink washing-up that I contemplated just how much we've come to take a lot of things for granted. Not least the way, before this pandemic, that we may have taken the love and support of family, friends and teachers for granted. As a roadmap to fewer restrictions begins to emerge and Spellbrook can begin to come together again from March 8<sup>th</sup>, may we remember to relish every moment to share and play, to support and love.

Fr Simon

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**YN** - Luna for enthusiasm and effort in all work.

**YR** - Aishwarya for a great attitude to all learning.

**Y1** - Harry for working extremely hard in his phonics and maths lessons.

**Y2** - Alice for producing some amazing writing completely independently.

**Y3** - Honey for working exceptionally hard during Mrs Cook's live English lessons.

**Y4** - Ava for giving 110% effort in all of her lessons and persevering through some very tricky Maths this week.

**Y5** - Natasha for her superb home learning this week.

**Y6** - Leah for all of her excellent English writing this week.



## TTRS

### TTRS Leaderboard

1. Alfie D
2. Jasper
3. Ranjeet
4. Joseph
5. Archie



### Highest earners from each year group

**Y6** Alfie C

**Y5** Jasper

**Y4** Alfie D

**Y3** Finley

**Y2** Lorcan



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Y4 – James L

Y5 – Teddy T

Y5 - Mya



### PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Friday

Sapphire Class – Friday

Emerald Class – Thursday

Diamond Class – Thursday



### NEXT WEEKS MENU

Monday	Burger in a Bun
Tuesday	Chicken Fillet and Rice
Wednesday	Roast Beef
Thursday	Chicken Pie
Friday	Pizza



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
08/03/21	School resumes for all pupils
26/03/21	Last day of term
29/03/21 – 09/04/21	Easter Break
12/04/21	First Day Back
31/05/21 – 04/06/21	May Half Term
07/06/21	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Last Day of Term

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