
May 22nd 2020 Newsletter

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Thank you very much to parents who took part in the recent survey to gather feedback on home learning and home-school links. Overall, the response was overwhelmingly positive. Most parents agreed that children receive the right amount of work (78%); cope well with the amount of work (87%); cope well working at home (80%); know how to get well-being support (93%) and how to stay safe online (90%). They feel confident about helping children at home (72%) and know where to get support to help children learn (90%). Unsurprisingly, some parents feel anxious about helping children learn at home (48%) and there are differing opinions about whether children spend too much time on a screen for learning (47% agree/ 53% disagree). Pupils' responses were also extremely positive: most are able to keep up with the amount of work (91%); and know how to do the tasks set (91%), where to get help (95%) and how to keep safe online (96%). Although a small number of children feel anxious about the amount of work they have to complete (23%) or how to do the tasks (9%), most enjoy home learning (82%)

We will be introducing some changes to our expectations for home learning and the ways we support families for Term 6; more information will be provided about these in Class Handouts and Class Letters on 29th May.

Although we await confirmation of a re-opening date for schools in England, we have created a detailed plan so that we are ready to welcome back eligible pupils, when it's safe for us to re-open. A letter outlining our plans was sent out via email yesterday (it's also available on the school website) and we'll be back in touch as soon as we have more information.

We are very grateful for the tremendous efforts parents have made to support children's home learning during this time – thank you all.

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day

2020 Vision.....

**So in retrospect, in 2015,
not a single person got
the answer right to "Where
do you see yourself 5
years from now?"**

Pictures of the Week

Marley and his sister making pizzas
to cook on the BBQ



More fabulous photos on the next
page....

More Information

A Note from Emma Davies - Songs with a Watery Theme

Hey little frog

A catchy song for EYFS and KS1 exploring the lifecycle of a frog. Activity sheet packed with maths, literacy and project ideas as well as suggestions for making a frog mask or a plate a frog shaped food!

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/hey-little-frog>

The water cycle song

An upbeat number packed with facts about water. A great way to learn about evaporation, condensation, precipitation and transpiration!

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/the-water-cycle-song>

Down by the riverside

A lively song which looks forward to a time of future happiness and deliverance from hardship.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-down-by-the-riverside/zd34rj6>

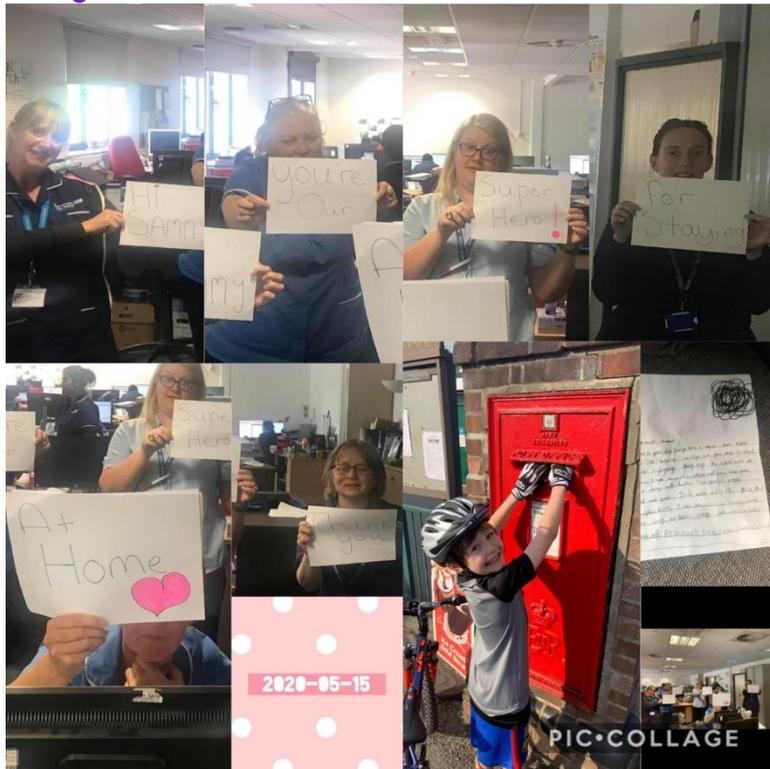
Prayer, Praise and Pets – Sunday 24th May

We've all realised in this lockdown just how important our furry friends are for our mental wellbeing. Please do bring your pet with you to the online church service this Sunday at 11 am; Revd Kevin has a wonderful service planned for you, with input from the music group - lots of home recording- and Debi has a brilliant animal themed craft activity for you to try at home. The Zoom numbers are as follows:

- Meeting ID: 636 645 195
- Passcode 000162

A family friendly service – four legged members especially welcome....

Giving Thanks to the NHS



Sammy sent a letter to his Auntie Sam, a nurse in Manchester. He had an amazing response from her and her work colleagues at the Manchester Royal Infirmary Hospital. Brilliant work Sammy!



Thank you to Livi, Wills, Sophia and Jessie for this gorgeous picture made for our teaching staff to celebrate 'National Thank a Teacher Day' on 20th May.



Arlo has made friends with a lamb who lives near him. He got to feed him too.



And finally.....

Q Why can't you hear a pterodactyl in the bathroom? A: Because the p is silent ☺