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School 'Partial, Partial' Re-opening

I say 'partial, partial' re-opening because we have still been open to Key Worker children and Vulnerable children since lockdown began.

Every parent should have received an e-mail earlier this week about the school's response to the Government's plan to start the further 'partial, partial' re-opening schools.

In effect, the school's response is as follows:

WB: 25.5.2020—This is Half Term and the school is closed to everyone.

WB: 1.6.2020—The school is open to Key Worker children and vulnerable children only. (If you believe you are a Key Worker and you now need your child to return to school, please contact the school at the AF site)

WB: 8.6.2020 -The school is open to Year 1 children, Key Worker children and vulnerable children.

WB 15.6.2020—The school is open to Key Worker children, vulnerable children, Year 1 and EYFS children.

At the present time, we cannot go any further because the implications of splitting the above groups of children into small groups mean that the school is close to capacity as far as both rooms and staff are concerned.

Year 1 and EYFS parents will be e-mailed separately starting with Year 1 next week, so please look out for that e-mail.

Please also remember that there is still a lot of water to go under the bridge between now and the 8th June and I would expect several more announcements and changes in stance from the Government between now and then.

Kelly's Car Wash

Mr Kelly organised a 'Car Wash' service over the last few weeks utilising some of the older children we had in school.

He raised from the staff over £165 for the NHS which was a big effort and by all accounts a lot of fun. Mr Kelly enjoyed it anyway.

I'm not convinced of the actual quality of the car washing service—to be fair my car was at least wet and a few sponges had certainly made an effort to move some dirt—but that depended on which side of the car you looked at!

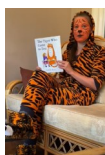


Story Time from the Teachers

Now on the website in 'Curriculum Information' 'Reading and Phonics' is a collection of 'Story Time' videos from some of the staff at the school. There are more to come, so these are just a warm up.

There's also a direct link to the school's YouTube account on the 'Welcome Page' of the website which has the stories on.

Miss Pickard as you've probably never seen her before and Mrs Gaine tucked up in bed. Have a night off from reading a bedtime story and let us do the work.



White Rose Maths—Home Learning

In the 'Curriculum Information' link on the website we have created a new tab called 'Home Learning—White Rose Maths'. These resources will be available for a week and then they will be changed to the next weeks activities. Plenty of excellent maths for children from Year 1—Year 6.

Postal Service

Next week, we will begin posting the packs for weeks 9 & 10. Look out for the sunflowers and more importantly for the St John's Green Postal Staff. Please remember that we have not set any work for Half Term as the school is closed, so week 10 is for the WB 1/6/2020.

Joy of Moving

To celebrate the 'International Day of Families', the school has signed up to the 'Joy of Moving Home Festival'. Children who are in school will be doing this next Friday afternoon.

Enjoy and have fun and if you're able to post some pictures—the school could win £500—ohhh!

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

- Malcolm Gladwell

What are you Doing at Home?

Please keep sending pictures and a small commentary of what you're doing at home to the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk account.

We are putting all of these on the website for you to see with a commentary alongside of it. Feel free to e-mail the admin account back in response to any of the comments—the e-mails will all get to me.

More importantly—it's great to see what you're doing at home.

Home Learning

Next week, Week 9, the theme is Animal Planet

These resources are now on the website.

Please go to the website for all Home Learning resources and also remember that you should have access to your children's Numbergym and Purplemash accounts.

The page is set into three sections:

On the left—On-line resources for Home Learning

On the right—Example Timetables and Subject Activities (Please also remember that at the bottom of this column are the new websites/links we're putting on the website)

At the bottom—Lesson Plans and Resources from the school

Article of the Week—Article 28

This week is Article 28 — The right to Education

Every child has the right to an education.

Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights.

Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Power Point resources for this article are on the school website at the bottom of the first column.

Multi Schools Council Talent Show

The team in the North of Essex are running a multi-schools talent show. They are inviting any children between the ages of 5 - 16 to send them their talents i.e. football skills, singing, a piece of art, whatever it might be!

The deadline is the 1st June 5pm and entries should be sent to this address: mschoolscouncil@gmail.com

They also have several podcasts that are available which talk through issues around mental health and SEND

<https://feeds.captivate.fm/the-multi-schools-lowdon/>

Well Being Wall

A rather brilliant new display in school which talks about Well Being and how we need to express our feelings—and yes—we all go through a range of emotions pretty much daily at the moment.



Year 4 Parents please check your e-mail in-boxes for an e-mail about Danbury—Very Exciting—Hopefully.

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

The beginning of eternity
The end of time and space
The beginning of every end,
And the end of every place.

The letter E

I'm spherical but I'm not a soccer ball

I can be full even though I haven't eaten anything
I have craters but I'm not a volcano
I have a dark side but I'm not Darth Vader
I can be seen at night but I'm not a star
I affect tides but I'm not the wind
I am the Moon.

Facebook Online Forum

Do join other parents for the SJG Monday 8.00p.m. chat on our Facebook Forum. This week we focus on how you are organising your day with children at home. You may think you have exhausted all activities, but our parents have lots of ideas to share! The link is shorturl.at/ksS39

And Finally,

Many of you will no doubt have been entertained by some of the COVID 19 posts and comments that have been doing the rounds and whilst I don't do Facebook, I can cope with WhatsApp and am in a heads group with other local headteachers, one of my favourite comments so far, which I am in no way advocating but made me smile and was not one of our parents I hasten to add:

'I'm not sending mine in, I want to see the Social Distancing measures that are in place because the school can't even stop the spread of nits.'

Stay Safe—Simon Billings