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Children's Newsletter

This newsletter is the second one which is especially for you. You can, if you like and as before, share it with your parents but you don't have to.

Thank you for the pictures and work you've been getting your parents to send in. There's been loads and I've had to stop uploading for today to get the newsletter written. If I don't send it to Mrs Shuttlewood to get it properly edited, I tend to get into a lot of trouble for missing out commas.

Keep sending the work in to the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk e-mail address. It does all get to me.

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

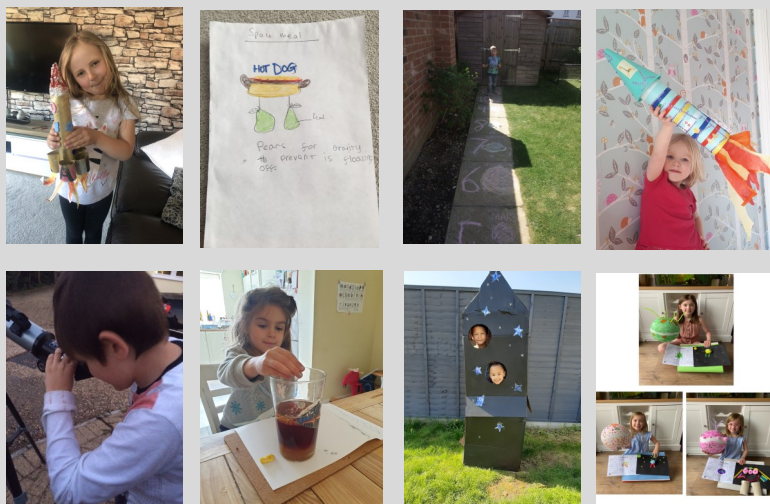
What are you Doing at Home?

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.

Some of the Things You've Been Doing at Home—Space



Some of the pictures/work we've seen this week has included:

Rocket building and rocket flying, space food, testing the density of planets, star gazing, learning the planets, creating and making planets and aliens!

You must also have a look on the website for Sonny's rocket—the TX3. This is a video so I couldn't put it in the newsletter—but brilliant. Also have a look for Lola and Florence's 'Stop Frame Animation' and the yellow waving alien...



Space Facts—Did you Know???

One million Earths could fit inside the sun – and the sun is considered an average-size star.

You wouldn't be able to walk on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune because they have no solid surface!

There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth. That's at least a billion trillion!

The sunset on Mars appears blue.

Throughout the years of space travel, humans have left a lot of trash in Earth's orbit. This is called "space junk" and it's believed that there are 500,000 pieces of space junk in orbit today.

Why did Mickey Mouse go to space?
To find Pluto.

How do the
aliens get their
baby to sleep?

They ROCKET!

What is an astronaut's
favourite key on the
keyboard?

The space bar!

What is an alien's favourite chocolate bar?

Mars Bar!

Home Learning

Next week, Week 8, the theme is Discovery

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 14

This week is Article 14 – **Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.**

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



Children's Book Exchange

Children, please remember that at the front of our AF site we are putting the Book Trolley every morning.

There are loads of books on here that you can come and borrow at any time Monday to Friday. All you have to do is grab a couple of books from home you no longer want and then walk up to school and swap them with any books that you choose from the trolley.

If you haven't got many books at home, please don't worry—come and choose a book anyway.

There is no need to enter the school as the books will be outside. Please remember to queue patiently if others are waiting and to stand 2 metres apart. Our advice would be to give the books a wipe down before you start reading them at home.

Did you get your Telephone Call this Week

I know your teacher's have been busy calling you this week and that it is very strange to have to speak to them on the telephone. So well done to all of you who chatted happily away and thank you to all the parents who needed to be more encouraging of their children. I've been hearing all about the phone conversations you've been having and it has been great to be hearing about the things you've been doing at home.



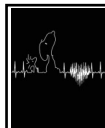
Purple Mash E-Mails

Please remember that children from Year 1—Year 6 have all been e-mailed by their class teachers through their Purplemash accounts.

If you haven't yet either opened or replied to that e-mail, please login to your Purplemash account and have a look. The teachers will e-mail you back. You can also send them directly pictures of the things you're doing at home or ask them questions if you're not sure about anything.

Star Gazing with Mr Bates

On the website in 'Home Learning' at the bottom of the second column is a video of Mr Bates Star Gazing. Go and have a look tonight and see if you can see what Mr Bates is showing you.



Can you write down eight eights
so that they add up to one thousand?

$$888+88+8+8+8 = 1000$$

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

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

A message to the Children from the Governors of the School

The Governors for the school met on Monday 4th May. We had a 'virtual meeting' online with everyone at home using their own computers or mobile phones. This was very strange but it did help keep Mr Billings quiet! We welcomed Lynne Spencer-Campbell who has joined our Board.

We discussed lots of things about the school:

How school staff and teachers are working together to ensure that its children are safe learning at home or at school. How they do this and how it is working for the different year groups.

We also discussed lots of money and finance issues and approved how we are going to use our money up to March next year.

The Governors also talked about your teachers and all the other staff at the school. We are very impressed with all the work they have been doing to support their classes and keep the school open for those that are allowed to come in and provide all that you need for learning at home. We know everybody at home has had a call from the school to check in with them.

We were also impressed with the work you have been doing while you are at home. Please make sure you keep sending in your pictures and work so that this can be put on the website to share with everyone.

We then approved several updated policies that the school must have and talked about some work that needs to be done to different areas of the two school sites.

We then had time to talk about school trips and how these have and will be affected by the lock-down.

I hope you have found it useful to know what the Governing Board are talking about.

Keep learning and stay safe!! Geoff Beales—Vice Chair

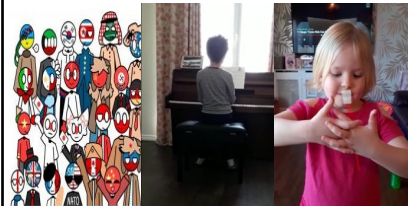
St John's Green Got Talent

Your entries were absolutely fantastic and the judges had a very difficult time in deciding who the winners were.

I'm sorry it couldn't be everyone.

1st place Yuki in Year 5 for her art work
2nd place Jakov in Year 4 for his piano playing
3rd place Tilly in EYFS for her magic pencil trick.

Prizes will be delivered to your doors when we deliver the Learning Packs for Weeks 9 & 10.



Bedtime Story...Room on the Broom

Miss Witzendorf and Miss Wiggins have created a story masterpiece for you - 'Room on the Broom' as you've never seen it read before. Perfect for just before bedtime. The story is available on the school website in 'Curriculum Information' 'Reading and Phonics' and then just scroll to the bottom of the page.

Facebook Online Forum

Please remind your parents about our weekly on-line 'Facebook Forum' This weeks Hot Topic is 'Healthy Packed Lunches.' You, as children, may not be that keen, but you should tell them about this anyway! Do ask them to join the Facebook event here shorturl.at/deE08, they can pick up and share ideas of tasty packed lunch and picnic snacks for you!

shorturl.at/deE08

V.E. Day

Today marks the 75th anniversary of VE or Victory in Europe Day. In short, it is the day when World War 2 came to an end. VE Day marked the end of six years of war in which lives had changed unrecognisably. Millions of people had lost loved ones and their lives had been turned upside down by the fighting.

Even after the war had finished, food and clothing were still rationed — in fact, food rationing didn't come to an end for another 9 years on 4th July 1954.

The important thing to remember about celebrating anniversaries is to learn from the lessons of the past—in the hope that we don't make the same mistakes again.

Up and down the country today, people have been celebrating VE Day. On the 8th May 1945, people celebrated the end of the war by:

Having huge street parties with loads of music and dancing

Hanging up Bunting and having massive bonfires (bonfires had been banned during the war)

Dressing in red, white and blue and gathering outside Buckingham Palace

Going to church—St Pauls Cathedral held 10 services in one day—which were attended by 1000's of people.



A Street party.



Outside Buckingham Palace.



Dancing in the

VE Day Today

Obviously we can't celebrate VE Day in quite the same way as if we hadn't been in lock-down.

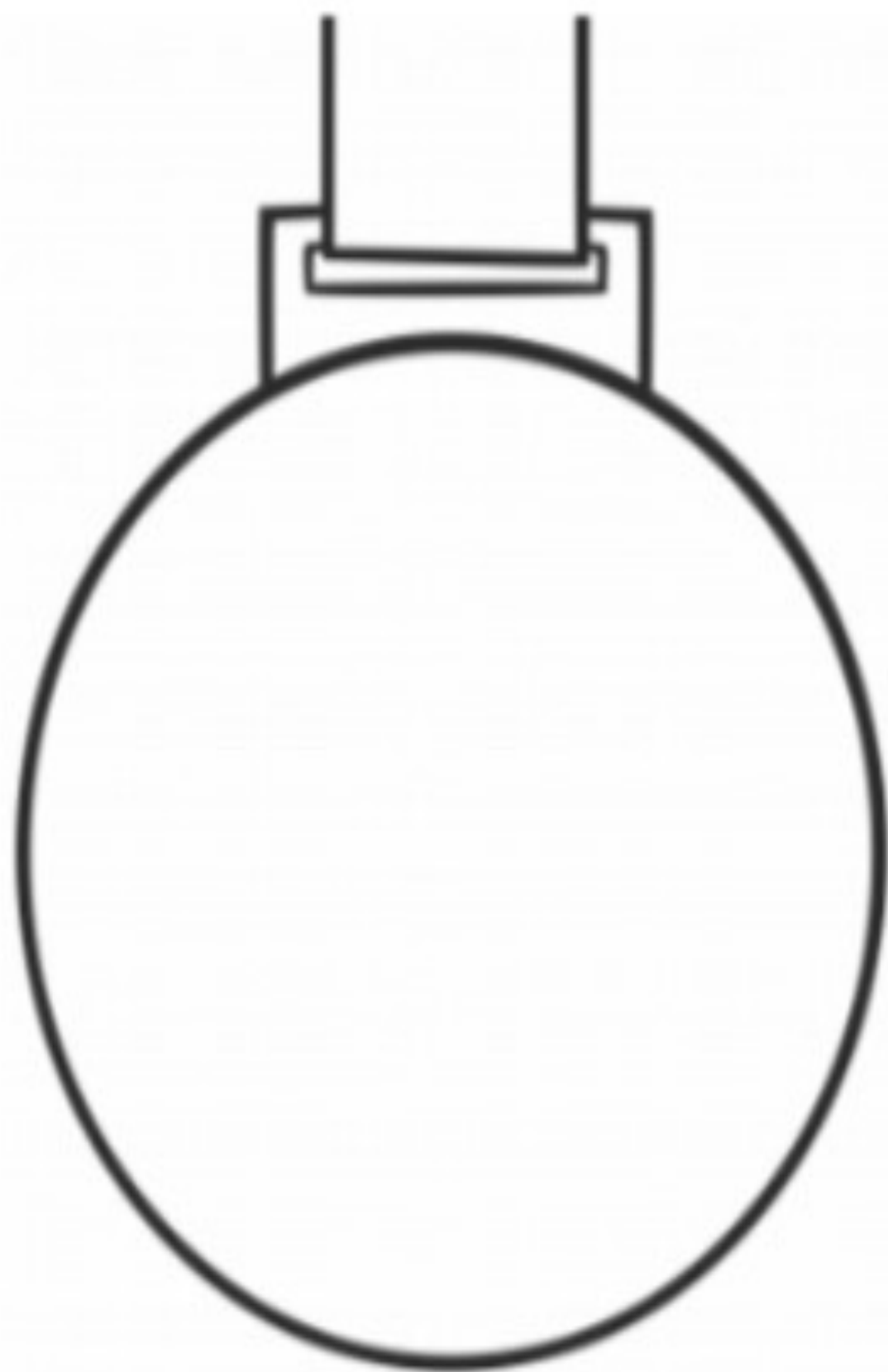
However we can still remember.

Hopefully, you've all coloured some bunting and put it up in your windows?



I've included a few extra resources in the newsletter for you.

Design a VE day medal



VE DAY | 75TH ANNIVERSARY



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