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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Home Learning Through your Door—Week 7 and 8

The St John's Green Postal Service will be in action again next week delivering the packs for weeks 7 and 8. Some of the packs will be delivered by Royal Mail so may take a day or so longer.

Deliveries are set to be finished by Wednesday, so if you haven't received your pack by then, please contact the school and let us know.

Talent competition winners will be announced in next week's newsletter. Almost all entries are on the school website with just a couple that are causing us a few problems at the moment. Entries are at the bottom of the 'Home Learning' 'Our School's Learning at Home Page.' [https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/our\\_schools\\_learning\\_at\\_home/466960](https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/our_schools_learning_at_home/466960)

## Telephone Call Time



Class Teachers will be again calling the children in their class next week for a quick catch up on how they are, the sorts of things they've been doing at home, etc?

Some of the teachers will be calling from their own phones so will have blocked their numbers. In other words, if a call comes through with a 'number withheld' message on it, it could well be the your child's class teacher, so please don't ignore it. Happy chatting.

## EYFS Parents—Earwig

EYFS Parents, please remember that we are now up and running with Earwig.

We have also now cracked how teachers can respond to your posts so if you've popped onto Earwig over the last couple of days, you should now be able to see what the class teachers are commenting.

## The Book of Hopes

This is a fantastic book which is available on-line and through the school website

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

**The school will be open for Key Worker children and Vulnerable Children next Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday).**

**The school remains closed for all other children.**

## Purple Mash—E-Mail from Teachers

Class Teachers will start e-mailing children in their classes next week with Purplemash for children from Year 1—6.

Purplemash is a secure on-line learning system which can only be used and accessed by children and staff of the school, it cannot be used externally.

The only way to see the e-mail the class teachers send is to login to Purplemash.

The e-mail will just be another way for the children to engage with the class teachers. They may, for example, set an extra challenge, ask you to upload some of your work, ask you to read or share something.

Please note though:

- teachers are still planning and teaching through the week so have only been asked to respond to e-mails once a week and will not be looking at them over the weekend.
- the entire e-mail system will be monitored by the SMT and if there is anything inappropriate posted or sent, then the user will be automatically blocked.

## Meaningful May

'Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can' - Arthur Ashe.

Page 2 of the newsletter for 31 Well-being thoughts and ideas for May.

What tastes better than it smells?  
Your tongue.

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

## Competition Time

Please see our Facebook page for a competition which is being run by 'The 2 Johns,' during the period of lockdown.

The prize on offer is a free days training for the school—which as many parents will remember from last year, is a prize worth winning.

## And Finally,

Lockdown is affecting us all in different ways...Mrs Skinner has a washing up problem. She had been wondering where certain items and a plethora of cutlery had disappeared to and just assumed her partner had taken it with him to work and not brought it back. She discovered the unwashed items today (6 weeks worth) festering in a cupboard in the dining room. Apparently, one of her sons had decided it was easier to put there—than actually wash it up. Ahh teenagers!

Stay Safe—Simon Billings

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](mailto: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 7, the theme is Space

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 7

This week is Article 7 — **Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.**

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

## Great British Bunting—VE Day

Next Friday, we commemorate VE Day (75 years since the end of WW2). In celebration of this, BBC Local radio are encouraging everyone to hang up 'Bunting' in their windows. Attached to the newsletter, on the Welcome Page of the school website and in your Home Learning Packs for next week are blank templates for the Bunting.

You can decorate your bunting with pictures of whatever inspires you, whether it's those who fought on the frontline or worked hard on the Homefront, or whether it's a celebration of enduring peace or your own personal hero.

Hang your bunting with pride over the weekend of Friday 8 May - Sunday 10 May and make sure you share your pictures with us and on social media using the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting, #VEDay75 and #BBCMakeaDifference.

## Book Exchange

From Monday, at the front of the AF site, we will be putting out a reading book trolley. This will be full of reading books that you may come and borrow.

The premise is very simple:

- 1, Grab a couple of books from home you no longer want.
- 2, Walk to the school and swap them with some of the books on the large blue trolley.

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.

## Facebook Online Forum

We held our first SJG Facebook Event on Monday, discussing Keeping Children Safe Online. Thank you to those parents who managed to join us and share their experiences around parental controls, screen time, etc. It was good to connect and we decided to hold a regular Monday Chat with a different theme each week. So, next Monday event link is [shorturl.at/jdhn6](https://www.facebook.com/jdhn6) and the theme is Lockdown Positives. See you there 8pm!



# ACTION CALENDAR: MEANINGFUL MAY 2020



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have."



Do What You Can" ~ Arthur Ashe



**4** Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

**5** Send friends a photo of a time you all enjoyed together

**6** Take a step towards one of your life goals, however small

**7** Let someone you love know how much they mean to you

**11** What are your most important values? Use them today

**12** Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

**13** Today do something to care for the natural world

**14** Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

**18** Hand-write a note to someone you love and send them a photo of it

**19** Find a way to craft what you are doing to give it more meaning

**20** Reflect on what makes you feel really valued and appreciated

**21** Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

**25** Give your time to help a project or charity you care about

**26** Recall three things you've done that you are really proud of

**27** Today link your decisions and choices to your purpose in life

**28** Tell someone about an event in your life that was really meaningful

**1** Take a minute to remember what really matters to you and why

**8** Set yourself a kindness mission. Give your time to help others

**15** Find out about the values and traditions of another culture

**22** Ask a loved one or colleague what matters most to them and why

**29** Think about how your actions make a difference for others

**2** Do something meaningful for someone you really care about

**9** Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

**16** Look around you and notice five things you find meaningful

**23** Share an inspiring quote with others to give them a boost

**30** Find three good reasons to be hopeful about the future

**3** Reconnect with nature today, even if you're stuck indoors

**10** Tell someone about why your favourite music means a lot to you

**17** Take a positive action to help in your local community

**24** Do something special today and revisit it in your memory tonight

**31** Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

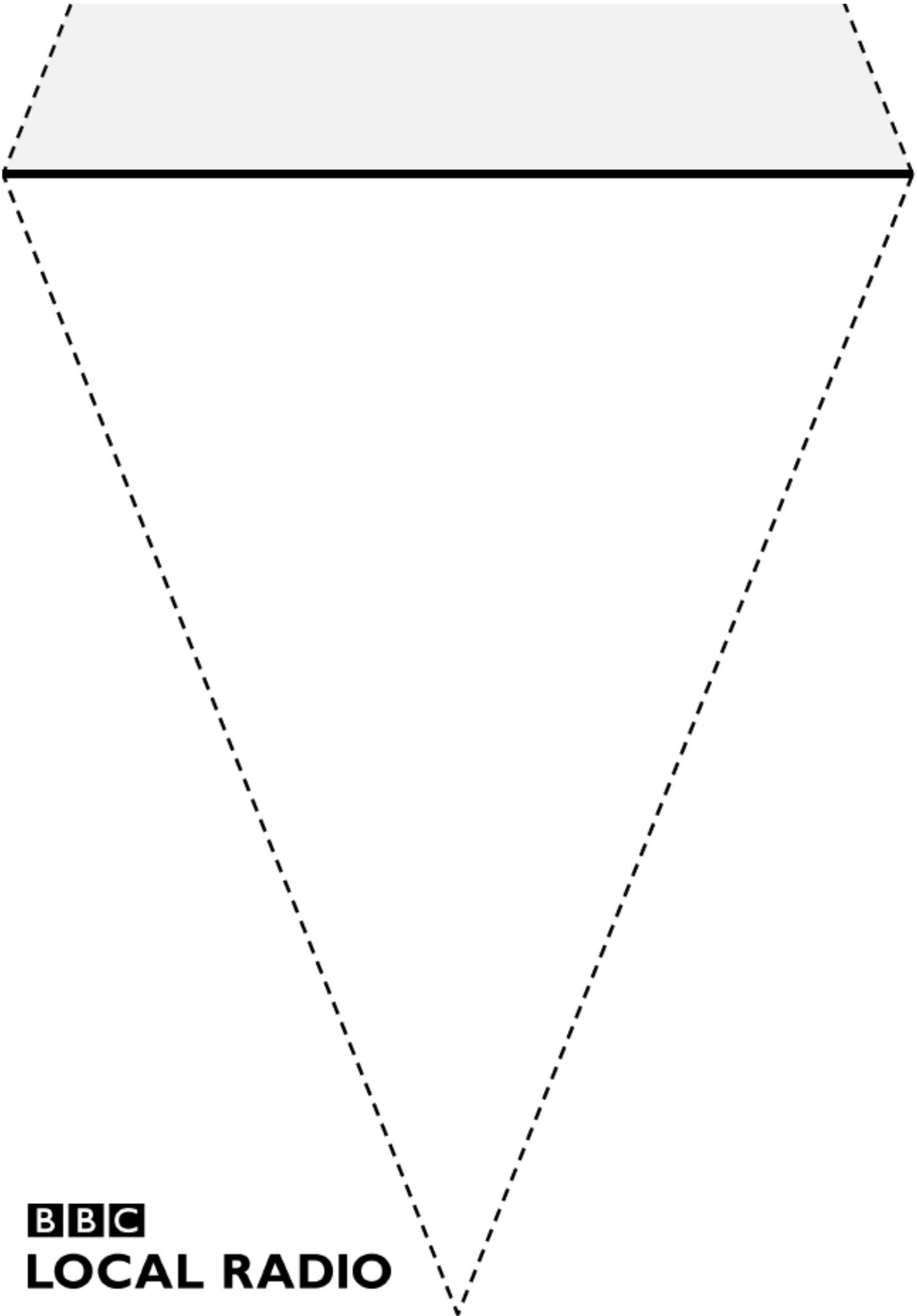


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31 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

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