



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

Virtual School Newsletter 3

7th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to hear how all of your children are doing through the Facebook page, from the emails you send from me and of course from the teachers as they phone around everyone. I hope your children are enjoying speaking to their teachers as much as the teachers are enjoying speaking to them. The teachers will continue to check in with your children each week.

It was very exciting this week to see us rise to first place across the world on Maths Shed the next challenge has to be to do the same on spelling shed whilst maintaining our 1st place on Maths Shed. The children should be very proud of their efforts. The paper-packs that you have will take you through to the end of this half term. We will be sending out the next pack over half term ready for the new term.

A special mention has to go to Ellis for completing his 2.6 charity challenge for Parkinson's Disease and raising in excess of £3000.

It remains very strange at school without all of the children and I, more than anyone, am desperate for everything to return to normal. However, it seems that it is unlikely to be fully 'normal service' for sometime. Once the Prime Minister has made his announcement on Sunday I will have a virtual meeting with the senior team and the Chair of Governors about what has been said and write to you as soon as I have plans. Please also watch our Facebook page and the website for information.

Today we should have had VE Day celebrations in school, I did not want the event to go unmarked in our community so I am in the process of commissioning a mug for each child to commemorate the day. Watch out for a staff message on Facebook and our website tomorrow—hopefully it will make you smile! I hope that you manage to have a lovely day tomorrow. As a family we remember that 75 years ago tomorrow my Grandmother walked off of a troop ship in Greenock with her young family and returning soldier husband, stepping foot on English soil for the first time. She always said she had never seen anything like it!

I hope that you all manage to have a lovely day tomorrow—your children will never forget this time that they spent with you. You are all doing a fabulous job and I am loving to see all the lovely things that you are getting up to as families (as well as the school work!). Please post your celebrations on Facebook—let's all celebrate together, when I go out on the door step tomorrow evening to sing 'We'll Meet Again' I will be thinking of you all.

If you need anything or just need to touch base you can text me on 07949 554187 (the phone will be switched on between 9 and 4 each day) or call the school number on 01761432101.

Work can be found on the class pages at

<https://stnicholascofe.eschools.co.uk/website> . If you want to be part of our facebook group please find us at <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholascofeprimary/> .

With best wishes,

Nicki

Free School Meals

Should you become entitled to universal credit please fill in the application on the website page <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/school-meals-and-catering/free-school-meals> .

Please also speak to Sharon as we can sometimes fast track this if we have your National Insurance Number.

Information from the DFE for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Are you struggling to explain to your child what is going on in the world at the moment? If so the NSPCC website has some good resources.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Please don't let the good weather tempt you out for too long or too far. Protect the NHS stay at home.

Keeping Your Child Safe Online

This is more crucial than ever before when we are setting so much work online advice for parents can be found at

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Sadly we need to remember that even in a crisis criminals are at work.

Safeguarding our Children is everyones responsibility if you believe a child is in immediate harm please phone the police on 999 or to report a concern dial 01225396313 the duty social worker team