



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Thursday, 04 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No20

I hope you are well and keeping safe! Happy World Book Day!!!

I have written before about the magical powers of books to take you places – there are endless possibilities in a book! The theme this year is sharing a story – so please do share a story, or many, today. I know lots of you are now in ‘end of lockdown’ relax mode (we have noticed lots of work not being submitted this week compared to before!).

BUT reading is THE most important element of learning (opening pathways to deeper understanding) and contributes significantly to wellbeing – for children and adults alike! You can never do too much reading. If there is one thing you continue to do, reading should be it. Read anything – the newspaper, magazines, story books. All the children have access to Bug Club. There are lots of stories online too! No excuses!

If your child refuses to read to you, read to them. Sharing a book helps children develop their vocabulary, a stronger emotional connection with the person they do it with, and a sense of being loved/valued. No matter their age (even adults love being read to – how many of you listen to audiobooks or podcasts?), it is the gold-standard for quality time, up there with playing together.

Cuddle up, put a blanket over you, and read a story together. Share it – they read one page, you read a page – or just you read. I have to say, this is my favourite time of day with my own children and helps me as much as it helps them. Especially at the moment!

Returning To School – further information

PE Days

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y1 & Y2	Y3 & Y4	Y5 & Y6
Children to come to school in PE kit on their day. Reception will start a PE session with our coach after Easter Holidays, day to be confirmed!		

Forest School

Forest School will resume:

- Tuesday: Reception
- Friday: Y1 and Y2.

Please ensure children have their wellies (or a change of footwear suitable for wet/muddy weather), long sleeved clothing and a coat. We will provide water-proof trousers.

Yoga Wednesdays

We have arranged for some Yoga wellbeing sessions. These will start with Reception, Y1 and Y2 on Wednesday 17th March – no special clothing required.

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Trips & Visits

At the moment, these are not possible.

Y5 Residential – we will not be organising our usual residential trip this year. Until we know the rules will allow us to make something possible, we won't build up any expectations. But we haven't forgotten about it and have a few ideas in the wings, waiting!

Dropping Off/Collecting

Please do make note of your child's time and place. You will be asked to 'go round again' if you turn up early or go the wrong way. We've refreshed the markings on the paths too. Here are some photos to help. You'll notice we've added tape to section of the grass areas – this is to enforce the site rule of no playing in these areas, even if children are in the same bubble in school. Thank you.



Gate 2: Entrance for Y1, Y2 & Y3



Gate 3: Entrance for Breakfast Club, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Exit for everyone



Gate 1: Entrance for Nursery, Reception & Littleladybirds



Please go round the RIGHT-HAND side of the roundabout to leave the school site.

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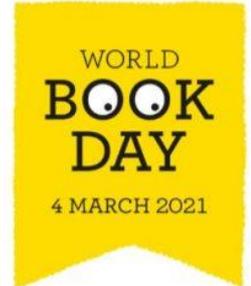
Some news and reminders:

World Book Day Vouchers

Just a reminder we'll share the vouchers when the children return next week. When they can reopen, booksellers will honour the voucher after the 28th March cut off while stocks last.

Link for this year's free books: <https://www.worldbookday.com/BOOKS/>

And the voucher can also contribute £1 to the cost of a different book priced £2.99 or more.



Part of the Puzzle

We've already had one or two coming in from those in school at the moment. They look great! Please don't forget to bring you 'Puzzle Piece' in for our display. It will help the children to share in the experience of lockdown for each other, and help us to brighten the place up! Thank you.

The Great Big Art Exhibition – we're taking part (if you want to!!)

It's not too late to join in! Find out more here: <https://firstsite.uk/>

It's free to register, you can download the PDF pack full of inspiration and information, and also find out how to join the national virtual gallery.

We've already got several children's art in the online gallery!



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A Prayer for the Nation –

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our
frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.
Amen.

Taken from: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

And finally...

... How can I help my child get ready for coming back to school?

- Re-establish 'school night' routines – if bedtime has slipped, now is the time to get ready for Sunday evening!
- Don't talk to them about 'catching up' or 'being behind' – let the adults deal with these worries! This will only put more pressure on your child that they can do without.
- Find your child's school belongings in good time – get them ready now. Do it together! Don't leave it to the night before...
- Ensure your child knows they will not be in trouble if you need to be flexible about their uniform.
- Be open-minded when a child suggests they were 'ignored' or 'not given any help' at school. We need to support children to be independent and patient – they may have got very used to having individual support with you at home. Talk to your children about sharing adults' attention with their peers.
- Positivity, positivity, positivity – try to spread lots of positive chat about school. Remind them of the things they enjoy about school, learning, and seeing others.

We're very excited to see them next week. It feels like a long time since everyone was last with us. I would like to end by saying how hugely grateful we are to parents of remote-learners for the support that you have given your children. We have been amazed by the quality of the work, and the dedication to your child's education. This will be invaluable as we begin the steady road to recovery in the coming terms.

Thank you!

Take care, keep safe, - see you soon! – and remember to wash your hands!

Kind regards,
Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

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Additional Help for Families

Below are a list of organisations and places you can find help and support if you need it:

- Aspects Family Support - <http://www.aspects.org.uk/> or telephone 01279 758134
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 03444 111 444 or: <https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/>
- Children's Centre - <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>
- Bishops Stortford Food Bank – bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page_internal
- Hertfordshire Children's Services – <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx> or 0300 123 4034
- Family Lives - <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> or telephone 0808 800 2222
- Action for Children - <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/>
- NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or telephone 0800 1111
- School Nursing Team - <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>
- Stay Strong website: www.staystrong.org.uk

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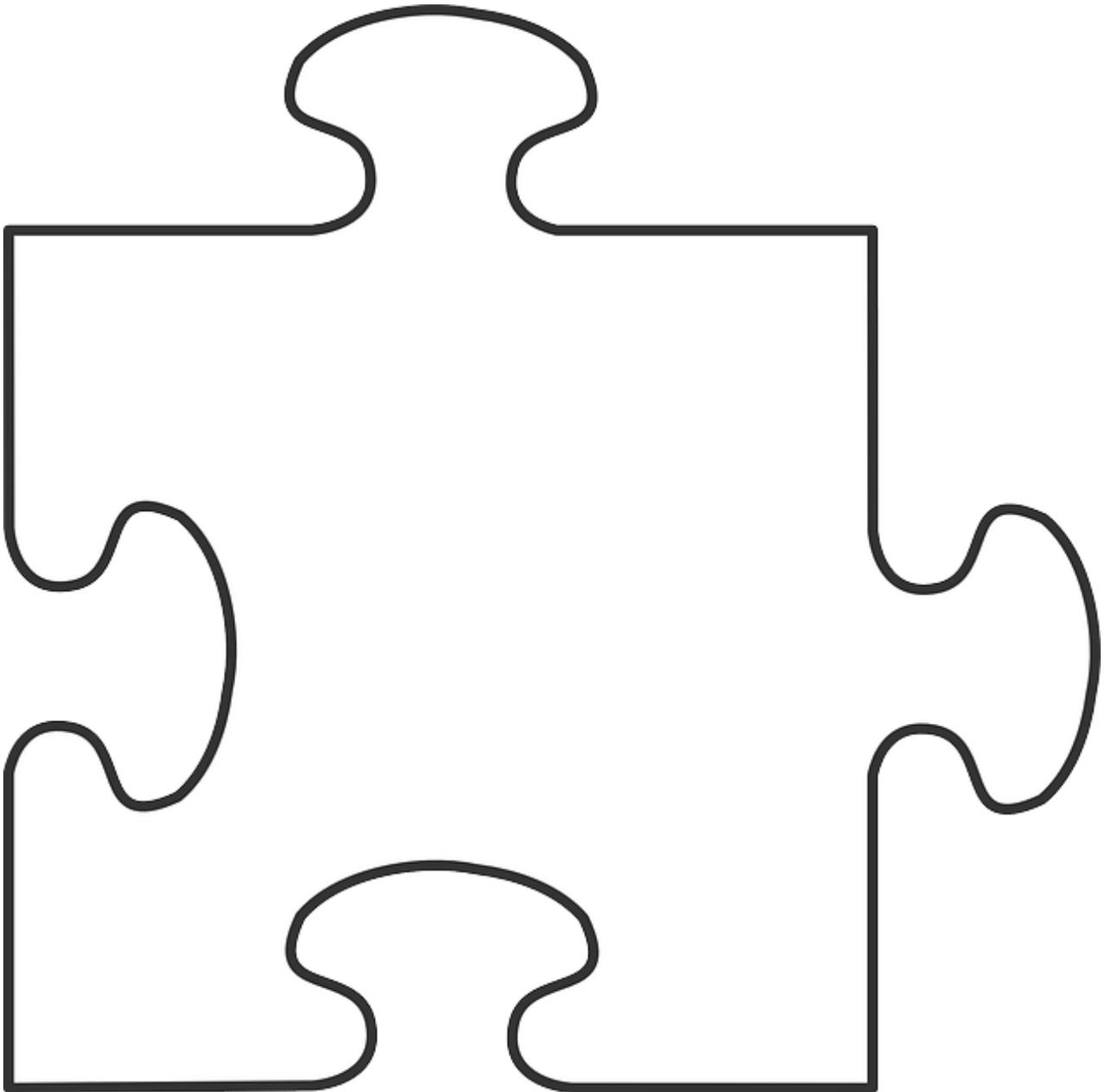
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DON'T FORGET TO DO A PUZZLE PIECE TO BRING IN TO SCHOOL WHEN WE RETURN ON 8th MARCH! We'll put them all on display in the hall.

We are all part of the puzzle and we all have a part to play in these difficult times. Fill the puzzle piece below with words, drawings, colours, collage etc. that represent you or your family. When we return to school, bring it in and we'll add it to the school puzzle display.

If you can't print this out at home, draw your own jigsaw puzzle outline and use that!



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