



The Bell



Thinking Creatively

Learning Together

Trusting in God

This is the first Newsletter that I have written to you during this situation. Firstly, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the school during this time and for your patience as we have put in place new ways of learning for your children.

It has been lovely to be able to go onto Google Classroom today and also Seesaw and Tapestry and see the children all busy with their learning.

I know that teachers are very happy to be able to communicate with their classes again. Thank you also to all of our parents/carers who are taking on the role of supporting their children at home during this time. We think that you are amazing and doing a great job.

Vanessa Briggs



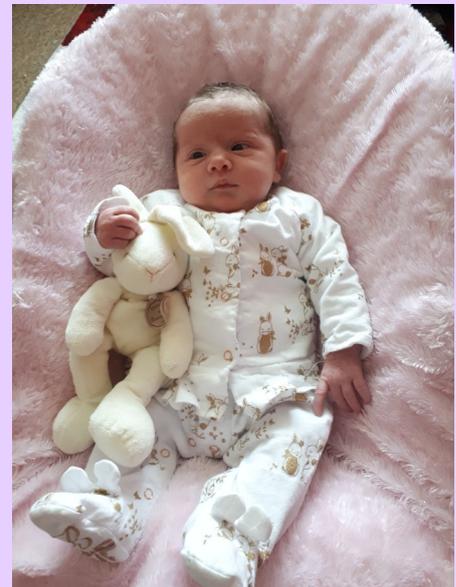
CONGRATULATIONS

to the Hurley Family on the birth of

Molly Eva-Joan Hurley,
a baby sister to Alfie,
Harry and Jack.

She was born on Mother's Day and is doing well. We are all looking forward to meeting her.

Congratulations Mum & Dad and also well done, for continuing with the home learning of 3 boys as well as having a new baby. You have our admiration!



Wellbeing

Our well-being and mental health are very important and especially at times like this. We are being sent lots of information to support us all with this. We have created a Well-Being page on our website where we

will continue to post advice that we receive. As we recognise the importance of well-being for children also, we have asked that part of their daily learning be to do something that supports this, perhaps with yourselves as well. On the class pages, you will find both mindfulness and well-being grids with activities for your children to do. We will post new grids each week.



Our Day at School

Whilst many of our St Sidwell's children are busy at home with their learning, some of our children are still coming into school. They are taught by Teachers and Teaching Assistants who work on a rota system. It is very strange in school without everyone.

The children at school are following the same learning as the children at home and we have a timetable which we follow:

9.00am	9.30am	10.30 am	11.00am	12.15pm	1.15pm	pm
Wake up- Shake up	Learning set by class	Break	Learning set by class	Lunch	Well-Being activity	Afternoons of Activities
Activities eg: Joe Wickes	Teachers		teachers			

We have found that it is really important to keep to a routine and because we are doing this, it gives us every afternoon to be creating fun and exciting activities for the children to be involved in.

If you haven't created some kind of timetable, it is a great way of keeping things on track.

With the children being online more often now, it is more important than ever to remind them of online safety. We have many help guides on our website under; esafety. Another great website with lots of useful child online safety guidance is UNICEF :

<https://www.unicef.org/online-safety/>



Teachers have also shared their expectations about online etiquette with their classes and a guide for KS2 children about what to remember when being online at Google Classroom will be sent shortly.

Class emails

Our class emails are now working. This is where we have asked parents to communicate with teachers each week to let us know how things are going. You can also use this email to ask any questions etc throughout the week. We will always answer your emails although this may not be immediate, especially if teachers are in school teaching. This then leaves access to Google Classroom and Seesaw for the children's learning where teachers and children communicate regularly about their learning.

A bit of fun!

Have you tried Google 3D Animals. This is such a cool AR thing to do on your smartphone. There is literally hours of fun and photos to be had with this. Just Google a wild animal. These include: Alligator, Angler fish, Ball python, Brown bear, Cat, Cheetah, Deer, Dog, Bull-dog, Pomeranian, Labrador Retriever, Pug, Rottweiler, Duck, Eagle, Emperor penguin, Giant panda, Goat, Hedgehog, Horse, Leopard,

Lion, Macaw, Octopus, Raccoon, Shark, Shetland pony, Snake, Tiger, Turtle, Wolf and more... At the top of the search you'll see 'Meet a life-size.... and view in 3D'. Click on it and prepare for hours of fun. Re-size to get the correct scale and touch the screen to take a photo... Totally Awesome! I've had great fun. Send us your wild pictures to admin@st-sidwells-ce.devon.sch.uk for next week's newsletter. Enjoy!

