





We are growing our learning 


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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We are all writers ... 



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COvid 19

These are certainly strange times and no words or witticisms can really put into context the impact that the Coronavirus is having on all our lives.

We will continue to send out a Whole School newsletter on a Friday—just to keep you up to speed with announcements and developments at school and more importantly perhaps—just to give a sense of normality, when everything is far from normal.

Sent from Another Headteacher

The message below was sent by another head teacher to their families and was passed on to me. I cannot improve on the message they sent and so have copied it directly below. Personally, I think it resonates nicely at this present time.

"I appreciate everyone is feeling extremely anxious and concerned about the weeks ahead and making plans to fill your children's time. You may have high hopes for hours of learning including online activities, science experiments and book reviews. In many ways it is good to have a timetable to maintain normality, but these are not normal times.

Children are confused, anxious and upset even though some may initially celebrate no school! Their reality is now not seeing their friends or running off energy at playtime or sharing stories of their weekend. A large proportion of your time will be spent comforting and reassuring your children. You can bake, play board games, race around the garden, learn to juggle, explore new topics on the internet or even just snuggle under a blanket on the sofa watching films. Please do not worry about your children's education being compromised, every single child in the country and many across the world are in the same boat.

We will support you through this worrying time with some learning but please don't feel pressured to complete it, no matter what. Gently encourage and explore and when they come back into the classroom we will adjust and adapt to where they are. Teachers are experts at this!

If I can leave you with a thought before the home schooling adventure begins, it is that the happiness and security of your children is far more important than their academic progress. The weeks ahead will have an impact on all of us, aim to do something uplifting which brings optimism so that your children will remember positive family time rather than fear and anxiety."

Websites/Links for Home Learning

All of these links are on the school website and are worth a look.

Fun Kids—A children's digital radio station, accessible from DAB, on a PC, on a tablet and on Amazon Echo—<https://www.funkidslive.com/listen/>

David Walliams—Free audio story every day. <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOfDavidWalliams/>

PE with Joe—absolutely exhausting, but the children love it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME&feature=youtu.be>

Free Musicals and Plays you can stream

Maths with carol Vorderman—<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Kids cook with Theo—<https://www.instagram.com/theocooks/>

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

Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

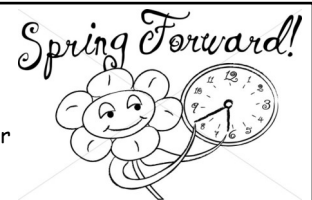
The Big Question

A reminder that this Assessment Period 'The Big Question' for everyone is:

'Who is Responsible for the World?'

It's a Time Thing—Clocks go Forward this W/E

British Summer time begins at 1a.m. this Sunday, so you'll need to pop your clocks forward one hour.



Home Learning

We are still getting phone calls into school about Home Learning. Just to remind parents that all the Home Learning is set up on the school website and the link is on the Welcome Page 'Home Learning.'

The page is set into three sections

On the left—On-line resources for Home Learning

On the right—Example Timetables and Subject Activities

At the Bottom—Lesson Plans and Resources from the school

The section at the bottom will be updated each week. We have just completed Week 1 which had the theme—Family and Friends.

Next weeks theme, Week 2, is Aspirations. 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 Num-bergym and Purplemash accounts.

What are you Doing at Home?

Please could parents send in via the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk account examples, pictures etc and maybe a brief explanation of some of the things you are doing at home. We will then use some of those in the newsletter and on the website from next week.

Please remember, if you do send anything in we will be using it on the website and in newsletters. You can send in anything from a piece of work, pictures of everyone doing Joe Wicks, gardening, a family cycle, cooking etc.

What's really easy to get into and hard to get out of?

And Finally,

Obviously we won't be seeing my parents who live in Cromer anytime soon, so in preparation for this we asked them to update their phone to one that was made this century. We have been giving my mother on-line lessons in how to use her phone but had a particularly traumatic conversation at the start of the week. Mum couldn't hear anything when she was using her phone. We talked her through everything including checking whether the protective film was still on the phone, the volume was high enough etc. After 30 minutes we worked out that she wasn't putting the phone against her ear but was talking to it on her lap which was why she couldn't hear anything! Ahh—parents!

Stay Safe—Simon Billings