

Hello Parents, Carers and Children of St. Andrew's,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and adjusting to the current situation that is forcing us to have a different way of life.

I know many of you have been accessing the learning activities provided to you by your teachers and that many of you are enjoying this. During the Easter break (2 weeks) have a look on the learning platform where you can find lots of Easter activity ideas to keep you busy/entertained. Please remember that there is no expectation; use what has been provided to suit you as individual families. After the Easter break the planning provided by your teachers will have a whole school weekly theme eg Super Heroes, in order to support you all in being able to do things together as siblings.

During this time when your learning is very different, please make sure you keep reading. Reading to yourself, reading to an adult, an adult reading to you. Books are a great source of pleasure!

As Head teacher of St. Andrew's I have had a busy 2 weeks having to sort lots of things. It has been quite strange doing this from home and I am really missing you. As you are all spending an increasing amount of time together, remember our School values and put them into practise: Friendship – make a big effort to get along with and play with your brothers/sisters/all members of your family; Truthfulness – own up to something you might have done to cause upset; Respect – be polite and courteous to each other; Forgiveness – if someone has done something to upset you, forgive them and move on; Courage – this is a challenging time for all of us, have the courage to make the best out of a bad situation.

Keep sharing your learning and any other exciting activities you have been doing, with your teachers. I know they are enjoying receiving your emails. This communication is important in keeping us together as St. Andrew's school community.

Any issues or queries please don't hesitate in contacting me via school email

StAndrewsPrimary@sgmail.org.uk

Happy Easter! Have fun and keep safe.

With all the very best wishes

Helen Green

Please see below messages from the teachers

Mrs Spiers

Hello everyone, I hope you and your families are still keeping well? I am sure it all feels very strange at the moment, I know I have found it difficult to find a routine for my family, but I think we are beginning to adjust.

I know I talked to some of you about our plans to get a puppy...well, the big news is that we have her! Her name is Pippin and she is currently 7 weeks old. We had to bring her home 2 weeks early because of the lock-down. She is a chocolate brown Labradoodle and she is certainly keeping us busy! She is a lovely distraction from all the sad things that are happening in the world. I will try and keep her still long enough for you to see her when I record a video message.

Thank you to those of you who have entered the writing competition, I have loved reading your stories and sharing them with my girls. It really has brightened my day to see what wonderful imaginations you have. If you haven't yet written your story there is still plenty of time, just email them to me.

After Easter I will be emailing your class teacher a RE big question each week, with some activity suggestions; they will add this learning to your weekly plan.

I would love to hear from you and see how you are getting on and what you have been up to. If you would like to contact me my email is

claire.spiers@sgmail.org.uk

Take care, keep safe and keep smiling

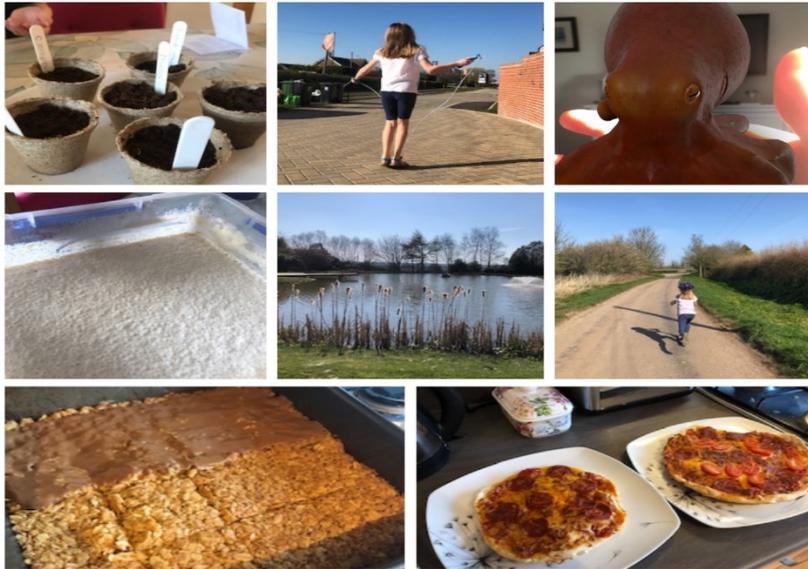
Mrs Spiers ☺

Mrs Woodcock

Hello to all Year 5 & 6 parents and children,

Thank you for all the updates I've had from you over the last week; it's really nice to see what you are up to. I have especially enjoyed the videos I have been sent. Please let me know which tasks you're enjoying and which ones you are less keen on so I can make tweaks each week. Over the Easter holidays, there will be lots of fun Easter related activities in the same place on the website under 'Home Learning' – I hope you enjoy them and send me lots of pictures! Please don't forget I'm only on the other end of an email if you want to ask anything or show me what you've been doing – sarah.woodcock1@sgmail.org.uk

In my house we have been making the most of our beautiful surroundings and the lack of rain. Here are a few photos to sum up the last week. We have been having lots of fun seeing animals in 3D using Google and have turned our house into a zoo! We have also enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes.



Please keep in touch and look after each other.

Sarah Woodcock

Mr Manning

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and are keeping safe. I hope that each day the new routines are getting a little easier to maintain.

First, thank you for all of the tremendous home learning I have received so far. You've all done so well, and I can see some fantastic learning happening. It's great to see so many of you putting in lots of effort.

The next two weeks are the Easter holidays. If you can, enjoy this time with your family, read lots, watch movies, learn a new hobby. However, there are also plenty of Easter activities and ideas for the whole family on the [School Learning Platform](#) for you to have a go at and enjoy.

Keep safe

Mr Manning.

Mrs. Gatehouse

A big hello to all Year 1 and 2 children, and your families!

I hope that you are all keeping well and that you are all becoming accustomed to new routines.

Things I have discovered during Week 2 of lockdown –

- My children are less enthused – Monday saw Charlotte storming off back to bed and refusing to do 'completely pointless Japanese!!!'I kind of see her point!

- The secret stash of chocolate I had collected to bribe my children to do work has actually been eaten by me, and it's only Wednesday as I'm typing this!
- Crocs and socks are totally ok, even if you have to venture out in public!
- Diminishing fermented grape juice supplies is perhaps more pressing than a shortage of toilet roll!
- Tracksuit bottoms that I used to wear in bed are now day wear.
- As the week goes by my idea of fresh cut up fruit for the children to nibble on is going out the window and super noodles are fine whenever you want them!

What I've also discovered is.....

- My children are more willing to play together without squabbles.
- My children are using their imaginations to do lots of things to entertain themselves with that otherwise they wouldn't have.
- We've spent more time together as a family.
- We all have a willingness to exercise.....I tried Joe Wicks today and I was one sweaty mess!
- I managed to finish reading a book!

It is hard juggling working from home and even harder, perhaps, if you are a key worker trying to juggle getting to work and manage children as well. I hope during the 'challenging' moments of the week, you've found times to laugh and see some of the silver linings that this time is creating too!

The next two weeks are the Easter holidays.....take time, if you can, to eat chocolate, read books and watch movies. Easter activities and ideas for the whole family can be found in the [Whole School Easter Activities](#) folder in the 'Home Learning' section on the website.

Keep safe, keep well and stay smiling!

Mrs Gatehouse ☺

Mrs Skipp

Dear Children and Parents,

I hope that you all continue to remain well and are finding time to have lots of fun with your families. I have had a few emails from some of you this week with photos and videos of what you have been up to, please keep these coming as they really do make me smile. I will respond to every message that is sent. I have recorded a story, with an under the sea theme, by request from one of your classmates and have just had a request for a princess story for this week, which I will film and get uploaded to the website by the end of the week.

Please get in touch if you have an idea for which story theme you would like next.

I, like you have been very busy at home; home schooling Olivia and Stanley, which is tricky at times, (they don't always listen as well as you all do) and preparing lots of fun and exciting things for you to have a go at in the coming weeks. We have also been working on training our puppy Jack, something which Olivia has been really good at.

Hope to see you all soon,

Mrs Skipp x