



# St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

*Enjoy and Achieve in the Presence of God*  
Wisdom ~ Endurance ~ Friendship



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## NEWSLETTER NO. 25 – 27th March 2020

Dear parents and families,

Welcome to a new look newsletter for St Blasius!

During the time that we cannot all be together we have decided to communicate to our whole school family in a different way. Each newsletter will have a little catch up from me as the Principal and let you know what we are including this week.

All of our teachers will also be contributing, to keep in touch with you and to let you know about the wonderful things that our children have been up to during the week.

We will have lots of new and exciting articles in our weekly letter including Mr Read setting ALL OF US a fitness challenge and Mrs Egan with some fantastic maths challenges for you to try!

On Monday and Friday, we always come together as a whole school to worship and have some thinking time. This happens in Key Stages on other days too and so we would like to continue to have our daily act of worship together.

This newsletter contains a **prayer** that we would like **our whole community to say each day at 11am**. This will truly be a collective act of worship. We would always want to include those families who chose not to pray and would like to invite you to join us in a **quiet, peaceful reflection and thinking time at 11am daily**.

Finally, from me for this week, to our parents and carers, a huge thank you for co-operating with us so well. We are delighted by your very supportive and positive response in these extraordinary times. Thank you for keeping in touch with us and for everything that you are doing for your children at home.

To our children, thank you for working at home so that everyone can try to stay safe and well. Please try to do your best with your work, and make sure that you have some exercise and fresh air every day.

It is really important that you stay fit and strong, so eat well and sleep well too.

We all miss you and look forward to the day when we are all back together again.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Perkins  
C.E.O & Principal

### **Our prayer for 11am each day**

Dear God

Help us to be strong and follow St Blasius' values in this uncertain time.

We pray for the people trying to develop the right medicine for every to be given the wisdom they need to do so.

Help us all us to show endurance, as we try to keep ourselves and other safe.

Let us show true friendship by helping others to be happy and feel loved, especially the elderly and vulnerable, wherever we can.

We trust in your love God, hear our prayer.

Amen

**Reception class**

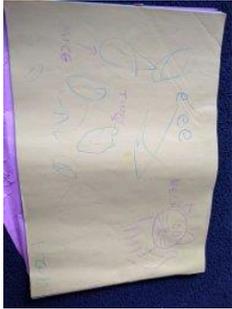
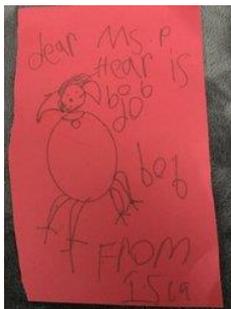
Thank you to so many of you that have let me know what you are up to!



There seems to be a lot of cooking going on, with uploaded photos of delicious brownies that I can see but not eat! I think I might be putting Lyle into our kitchen to help Danni our chef!! I give you....  
The 'Desbro-thers'!!



So many of you have risen to my silly challenges and I am constantly delighted with all the beautiful pictures you have drawn of your pets – yes Rosie really does have a unicorn! Here are some of those beautiful pictures that children were able to send.



We have been so lucky with the weather which means you have all been able to get outside in the fresh air to keep healthy! Stand aside Joe Wicks, make space for Sydnee and her fitness skills – when we return to school our class will be having some fitness sessions of our own!



Lots of the children have been practising their phonics, reading, writing and numbers – and many have wonderful schedules to follow, I am very impressed.

Stay safe, be kind to each other and help around the house!  
Miss you all but see you soon  
Love Ms. P XX

## Year 1

It has been great to see some lovely pictures of children in Year 1 working on their booklets from school and doing lots of drawing. Some have been finding out about different animals and the seasons. We are impressed by the number of families having a go at the tasks offered on ClassDojo. We are all learning about what ClassDojo has to offer and we look forward to sharing more and more exciting ways to have fun whilst learning during the extra time we are all spending in our homes. Keep in touch everyone - we LOVE seeing your photos and work!

We miss you all - take care  
Mrs Trevallion & Mrs Morey



## Year 2

Hello, Year 2

I am so pleased to have received lots of photos and messages from you showing me your learning so far and telling me what you've been busy doing – this is great to see. Some of you are beginning to use your ClassDojo Portfolio logins to share things with me which is very exciting! I'll put some new challenges on there for you soon.

The weather is beautiful and, although we're inside more than usual, it's lovely to see the sunshine. I know that many of you are keeping active at home with the daily videos from Joe Wicks – what a super way to start the day! I'm also hearing very good things about the free audio books online from David Walliams at the moment and I have found lots of super activities on the Oliver Jeffers website that link to his stories too (I know that many of you enjoy them). Please continue to get in touch via ClassDojo if there is anything that I can help with.

Best wishes, Miss Capon.

## Year 3

Mr Donald and I have been doing daily challenges with Year 3 via ClassDojo. We have been really pleased with the uptake and the fantastic response from the children. Also, we've been busy trying to complete each other's challenges.

Also with my science hat on this website - <https://babbledabledo.com/kitchen-science-projects-for-kids/> has science experiments that can be done at home using everyday kitchen items.

With best wishes from Mr Attrill

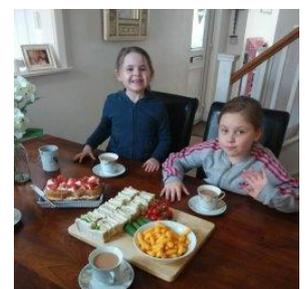
## Year 4

Hi year 4! How are you all doing? I hope that you are getting out and enjoying the sunshine. I'm loving your messages and seeing what you are up to.

Keep checking every day as I'm always posting ideas for learning and staying healthy, alongside pictures of what I'm getting up to!

Hollie and Rosie made afternoon tea, which they had in the garden and Kaitlin has made a rainbow for her window.

Lots of love and Mrs Hicks hugs x



## Year 5

Leah Murphie has done some amazing baking which inspired me to attempt the same, but I failed miserably!

She has also produced some amazing maths work and some lovely work on materials and their properties.

Joseph Short is in the process of completing a project on the Titanic. I look forward to seeing images of the result!

Well done to all of you for all your hard work. Keep up the effort and please send me more photos of the activities that you have been doing! I hope you're all keeping well, and I look forward to seeing what you all get up to next week.

Mr Lyon



Mr. Lyon's cake



Leah's cake

## Year 6

This is a strange time for us all and it will take a while to make sense of it in our heads. But we want you to know, though we're not seeing each other every day right now, we are thinking of you and hoping you enjoy your quality time at home with your families. We'd love to see and hear about what you're doing so jot down a note or two to tell us or send some photos in for us to see!

Lots of love from Mrs Wells and Miss Powell x

### ELSA SUPPORT 14 day Home Challenge

Click the BLUE writing to take you to a resource which you can download and print.

<b>Happy fab Booklet</b> Look at the five things you can do each day to help you feel happier. Developing relationships with others can be done by telephone or video chat. It could also be done by writing a letter or by making a card for someone.	<b>Jar of Courage</b> Make a jar of courage with help from an adult. Put the labels on your jar and fill it up with the positive quotes. Take one out each day and read it. Believe it!	<b>Hug in a Mug</b> Give yourself a hug in a mug. Decorate the mug and add all the things that make you feel happy in the pieces of marshmallow.	<b>Star Breathing</b> Learn how to do star breathing so that you feel nice and calm when you feel either anxious, angry or upset. I bet you could draw your own star too. See if you can copy the poster and draw your own.	<b>Self-esteem Bookmark</b> Colour your own self esteem bookmark and read it every day to remind yourself how amazing you are. You can use it when you read your book. You can do lots of reading at this time.
<b>Mindful Flip Flop</b> Some lovely mindful colouring today. I wonder if you can manage to colour all the sections and think about the words. Can you find time to really relax today? Enjoy opening and closing your flip flop!	<b>Happiness Challenge</b> There are five days worth of activities here but I bet you could do them all in a day if you set your mind to it. Lots of lovely happiness fun!	<b>Mandala Wishes</b> Today you need to draw your picture in the centre of the mandala and then think about your wishes. Write them in the petals and then do lots of lovely mindful colouring.	<b>Mindful Rainbow Walk</b> You might only be able to go into your garden if you have one but you could do this around your house and by looking through the windows. What do you notice?	<b>A- Z of Self-care</b> What can you do to look after yourself today? Read through the poster and then make your own A-Z of self-care.
<b>Doodle a Day</b> Doodling is relaxing. Try filling this all in today. What creative doodles can you do?	<b>20 Faces</b> Can you fill in all the faces with different expressions? Think about all the emotion words you know and try and put a face to each one.		<b>Mindful Challenge</b> There are five days of activities here but I bet you can do them all in a day if you set your mind to it. Have a lovely mindful time!	<b>My Perfect Day</b> What would your perfect day look like? Fill in this comic strip with all the things that would make it just perfect.



## Maths challenge

Hello St Blasius, I hope you are keeping well and entertained, besides trying to keep those brains active with a bit of learning. I have a maths challenge for all (I believe with or possibly without a little support even our younger family members can take part).

When I went into a classroom last week a child rushed up to tell me she was 8 that day.

Well, Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday today!

This challenge is about finding different ways of asking questions which make 8.

Try to create examples that use all the different mathematical ideas that you know about,

+ - x ÷, for the upper KS2 you could try including negative numbers and BIDMAS.

You might think of  $6 + 2 =$ , or  $22 - 14 =$  or include negative numbers  $-3 + 11 =$ , or BIDMAS

$2^2(20-18) =$  brackets first  $20-18 = 2$ , indices next  $2^2=4$  finally  $4 \times 2=8$

Perhaps you could challenge yourself to find ways of making 8 that you think no-one else will have thought of. Be creative with your presentation or work in a systematic way, whichever way suits you. You could attempt to set a target of answers to find or set a time limit again the choice is yours.

If you are not 8 years old, you might like to use your age instead of 8. To further challenge, you may like to use the age of an adult in your household, or add their age with yours, maybe add the total age of everyone in your household, generate the target number by rolling dice. The choice is yours on how you choose your target number.

Just remember to make it clear what your target number is. I look forward to seeing how many solutions you can find and challenging me to come up with questions that you may not have found.

Solutions can be sent to the whole school ClassDojo, I will post a title so you could add under the comment section, if in Years 4, 5 or 6 you could message me through your ClassDojo, send me an email at [lindaegan@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk](mailto:lindaegan@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk)

Good Luck keep well, and I look forward to seeing your solutions and if I can find any you haven't.

## Results of Inter House Maths Challenge 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Years 3,4,5 and 6

A massive well done to all who participated in the first inter-house maths challenge, I hope you enjoyed it and the results are in:

<u>House Winner</u>	Green	5267
	Blue	4285
	Yellow	3792
	Red	3710

### House Individual Winners

<u>Green</u>				<u>Blue</u>			
	Ben	492	Y5	Eloise	546	Y6	
	Rosie	386	Y4	Dexter	334	Y4	
	Cailub	300	Y6	Isabelle	325	Y5	
	Reyena	277	Y3	Charlie	100	Y3	
				John	100	Y3	
<u>Red</u>	Max	336	Y6	<u>Yellow</u>	McKenzie	322	Y5
	Megan	224	Y5		Gracie	319	Y6
	Thane	213	Y3		Nicola	269	Y4
	Mila	213	Y3		Dylan	247	Y3
	Tyler B	145	Y4				

The top three individual winners are:

<u>Individual</u>	Blue	546	Eloise Y6
	Green	492	Ben Y5
	Green	386	Rosie Y4

Regards Mrs Egan



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is getting on OK and keeping safe. During this time, it's massively important to keep active. I'm sure you've all seen or watched the Joe Wicks P.E lessons every weekday at 09.00am on YouTube. Me and my children love his workouts. They are pretty tough going as well.

I will be starting some P.E challenges from Monday. This will involve both active activities and written activities.

I will set challenges on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

I will send the challenges to your teachers and they will then send them to you via Class Dojo.

The Sports Legend Award is still up for grabs at the end of each week. Please send any P.E challenges to you teachers, who can then show me. I am keeping a record, so you will get your awards.

I look forward to seeing lots of active children.

Keep Active and Keep Safe.

Mr Read



**From Mrs Wilson**



Dear parents/carers,

Great news! There are now even more fun RE home learning resources for your children available for you to download. Since we launched our free home learning resources last Thursday, we have had thousands of parents access them.

We hope that these help you during this difficult time.

We will be adding more FREE resources to this page on an ongoing basis so please keep checking the site. If you haven't already, you can sign up for our updates to inform you of new resources via the 'Stay informed' pod which can be found on this page.

[http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/?utm\\_source=emailmarketing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=more\\_free\\_home\\_learning\\_resources\\_for\\_pupils\\_are\\_available\\_now&utm\\_content=2020-03-26](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=more_free_home_learning_resources_for_pupils_are_available_now&utm_content=2020-03-26)

### **Hula hooping**

"The latest craze to hit some of our St Blasius staff is hula hooping! A few of us are actively (and desperately!) trying to keep the hula hoop going for as long as possible! Challenging each other and having fun! If you have a hula hoop at home send us some photos on ClassDojo of how you're getting on! Maybe we can challenge each other with a 'hoop off' when we return!

Have fun everyone!  
Mrs Fox

### **From Ms Hodgson**

Don't stop reading and being creative!  
Here's some ideas for you:

#### **David Walliams has stories here:**

<https://bit.ly/AudioEleven> then click on bio to listen  
(Any problems, the link is on his Instagram)

#### **booktrust.org.uk**

Has lots to read and do, as well as videos, ideas and tips.

#### **gruffalo.com**

In case you don't know this site.....it has tons of brilliant things to do.

#### **For Tom Gates fans:**

[liz.pichon.com](http://liz.pichon.com)

Lots of reading, puzzles, all sorts of things.

#### **literacytrust.org.uk**

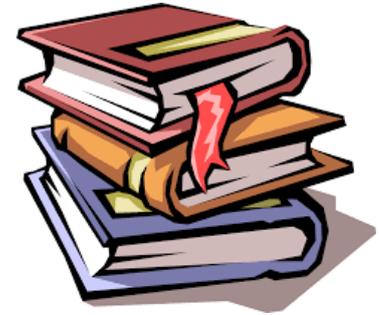
Lots of great ideas for activities tailored to different ages.

Lastly, since loads of you are SO creative and great artists.....

#### **activityvillage.co.uk**

Has tons of arty creative stuff to do. Being creative makes everyone feel better and EVERYONE is good at it in different ways.

Keep safe, love from Ms H



### **The children's prayer for the world from the Church of England.**

Dear God of love and hope  
You made the world and care for all creation,  
But the world feels strange right now.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
And all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.  
Amen.