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THE SCOOP *lockdown*

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TAKE A PEEK!

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It has been such a busy week in school that we are all thoroughly looking forward to the weekend.

Mr Lindsay and all of the teachers are extremely impressed about the way all of our pupils (and parents are embracing Google Classroom and Remote Learning. Mr Lindsay has spent every afternoon this week, speaking to parents and has been so impressed with the attitude that you all have to helping your children at home. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

In school, the Keyworker Hub has continued in every key stage - with teachers and teaching assistants teaching the same as our children at home, through Google Classroom.

If you have any problems at home, please do not hesitate to let the School Office know - and if we can help we will do so!

Enjoy your weekend, please keep safe!

Mrs McKinnon x

STARS OF THE WEEK

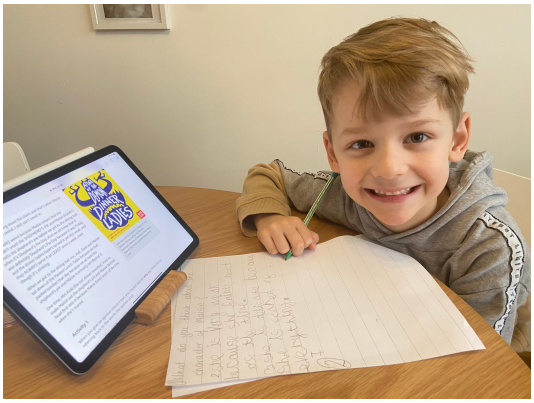
Every week during 'lockdown', we will try to pick a pupil from every class who has been tremendous with their remote learning on Google Classroom. Here are this week's STARS...

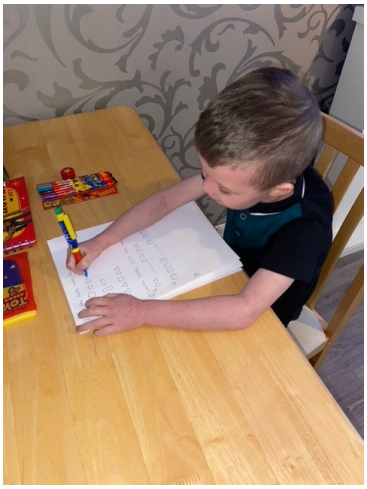
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

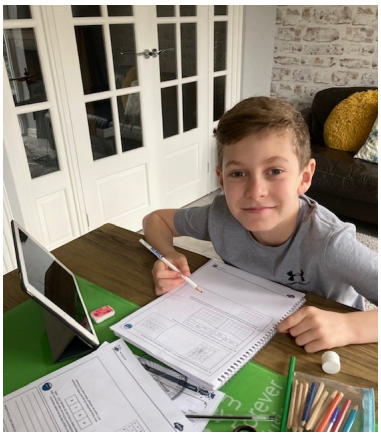
Birthdays this week ....

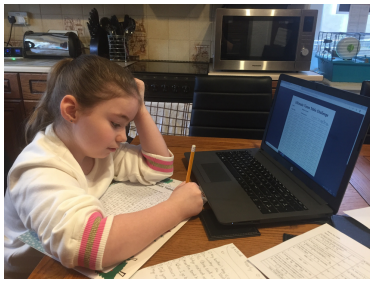
Lexi-Mae (Y2)

Caiden (Y1)









CONGRATULATIONS

KEYWORKER HUB

We have split our school into 4 for our Keyworker Hub-

- EYFS (Reception/Nursery),
- KS1 (Year 1/2),
- Lower KS2 (Y3/4)
- Upper KS2 (Y5/6)

These bubbles are kept completely separate during the day and have their own staff. We wear School uniform everyday except friday when we wear tracksuits!

Mrs Burdett is determined that hot meals will always be available onsite too!
Pupils in the Keyworker Hub will do some of the remote learning activities set by the teachers, but we encourage all parents to also continue some home learning after school, if possible!

Fit Friday with our Sports Coaches

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote Learning has taken off TREMENDOUSLY this week - and we want to thank all of our parents for embracing it so well. We know it isn't easy!

There have been some teething problems as we are all adapting to this new way of educating and learning but we are definitely all moving in the right direction.

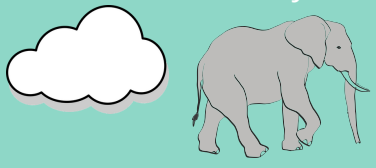
Today, you will receive a guide on the App, or on the Website for submitting work - please take a look at it as this will significantly reduce the workload of our staff.

Staff will be available to answer queries and respond to learning on Google Classroom during their core hours of 9-3, but please bear in mind that they are in school half a day everyday so may not be able to respond immediately.

It is great to see how you are all getting on at home so please do share photos with us for the newsletter - via Twitter or to the admin@ourladyofwalsinghamprimary.co.uk email address.

THUNKS

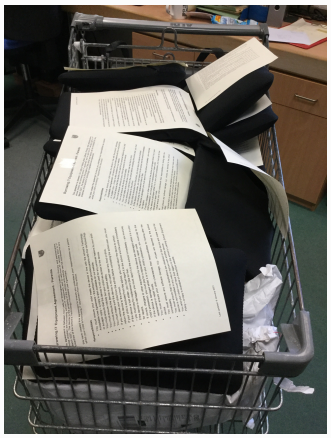
Are clouds in, above or under the sky?



If elephants ruled the world, what changes would you see?

LAPTOPS

Our school has received a small allocation of laptops to help pupils with their remote learning. Earlier this week, we asked parents who needed one to let the school office know, and we also took into account the engagement of pupils. Mrs Johanson and I had the privilege at lunchtime, to distribute 12 laptops to children on a loan basis. Families were thrilled to receive them and the feedback has been fantastic. If anyone is struggling with data/wifi and/or technology, please do let us know!



Picture taken from the fantastic book: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

EYFS

As well as using Remote Learning on Google Classroom, both Nursery and Reception children who are not into he Key Worker Hub have been invited to pick up a pack of resources for use over the next 7 weeks. Mrs Lindsay and Miss Simpson will be creating full instructions - so don't worry parents!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

This week, our school has issued all of our families on 'Free School Meals' via the website SchoolVouchers.com - we purchase the vouchers via Wonde. We know that £15 per child does not go very far, but we hope that it helps to make a difference and ensures that your child has a nutritious meal at least once a day. These vouchers are purchased using our school credit card and we hope in the future to be able to claim the money back from the DfE. However this is not sustainable for us - we can not continue to put large sums of money onto the credit card.

From Monday, the Government are reintroducing the vouchers via EdenRed that we have used previously. Although we know that there have been problems with this website before, we are hoping it has been improved for you all. When we use EdenRed, we do not have to pay up front. Vouchers will be issued using parents' email addresses for 2 weeks - so £30/child.

If you think you may be eligible for these Free School Meals vouchers, through means testing, please contact the School Office for further details.