

26th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first week of school closures I wanted to check in with you all and update ways we can stay in touch and support each other.

Although the school remains open for a very small number of children, who need priority care to support the Covid-19 response, the majority of our children are being cared for at home to limit the chance of the virus spreading. With the recent government restrictions and advice to remain at home the majority of the time, I hope that you are still able to enjoy the sunshine either in the garden or as part of your socially distanced daily exercise - children have never been so keen to go for a walk around the block!

These are unprecedented times and we know we are all having to adjust to the new routines and patterns of life at home. We have thought a lot about how we can all remain part of the school community and I'm sure this will develop as time goes on. This is new for us too and we hope that we will be able to offer some support and fun for the children during this worrying time.

We are aware that children may well be missing the social aspect of school and missing their friends and teachers. We will be providing more opportunities to keep connected through social media and through information on our websites. Do follow us on Facebook and Twitter to access further opportunities to connect as a school community.

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsmarshLAP/>

<https://twitter.com/ASMLAP>

Our class weekly newsletters will continue to come out to you every Friday and they have some additional extras to inform and entertain! We have some new ideas for home learning on the newsletters but as we approach what would have been the Easter Holiday please remember the most important thing at this time is to have quality family time together; playing, reading and relaxing as much as you can (although we appreciate many of you are now juggling working from home so this is not always possible!) Children may be feeling anxious with the changes to routine so making sure they are relaxed and happy is key.

As we also know that this is unlike any normal holiday, without the option to get out and about, I am providing some links of different activities that might help to structure your day with the children and stop them from getting too bored (and give you a break at the same time!)

9am P.E sessions every day with Joe Wicks <https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html>

9.45am English - Sentence Stacking with Jane every school day during the school closures for



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her Super Sentence Stacking sessions. <http://youtube.com/c/thetrainingspace...>
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10 am Art - a draw-along video every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am with an illustrator. If you miss these, they will be permanently available on my website here <http://robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>

11am Reading session - David Williams reading extracts from his books <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Daily - Science - Simple science investigations that can be done from home. This is a Canadian website. <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/explore/experiences/science-home/>

Daily Science On Twitter, follow Emma Bothma @MrsBpriSTEM She is posting fascinating investigations to do at home

Daily English 10 minute writing challenges set by children's authors and illustrators <https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>

Daily Design and Technology <https://www.littleinventors.org/> Little Inventors turn children's ideas into reality! Supporting creative education and expert making, we ask children to share their ideas with the world!

We know the children are accessing maths through Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars where they can and Numberblocks on Cbeebies is great for little ones!

The opportunity to read together whether on line or with books at home would be a great way to pass some time, along with watching films and programmes together and talking afterwards about what was their favourite part or character and why.

Get the children involved in helping at home; tidying, cooking and gardening if you can – developing practical skills will build their resilience as well as learning something new! Time to play board games or just imaginative play are all devolving learning skills for the future.

Hope this helps everyone, every family is different so do what is right for you. Please share what you are doing at home - we would love to see your home learning and would love your feedback. We will continue to keep in touch and can you please pass on to all your wonderful children how proud we are of them, and we miss them but hope to see them all as soon as we can.

Best wishes and take care of yourselves

Mrs Edwards



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