



Head of Academy Update

Dear Families

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring Term we are looking back over the last six weeks with pride over the way our ASM school community has navigated the lockdown we are experiencing and yet again the change in our daily routine and lives.

We continue to desperately miss not having all our children in school with us. We are grateful as always for our teaching assistants who work so hard daily to care for our key worker and vulnerable children in school, alongside the teachers who are both supporting in school and virtually with remote learning. Our utmost gratitude goes to our families who have been incredible at supporting their children and ensuring that learning and their children's well being is supported through this difficult time.

Parent partnership is key for us and we know that we couldn't run our wonderful and successful little school without you. We have now collated responses from the parent questionnaire that you completed last term. We were thrilled with the overwhelming positive responses and it has meant so much that what we strive for as a school community is being experienced with so many families saying that their child feels happy and safe at school and would recommend this school to another parent. We also take on board that we don't always get everything right and your responses have given us an opportunity to reflect on what we can do better. Please take a moment to look at the responses and if you have any further questions or feedback please do not hesitate to get in touch. <https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/news/letters-parents/>

We also asked this week for feedback about Remote Learning. This has been a learning curve for us all and we have valued your patience as we got this huge task underway and developed and improved the systems and our approach over the last 6 weeks. We took on board that the children responded best when it was their teacher talking to them and we have put in live sessions and recorded more videos. The live sessions are great to connect and for children to continue to feel a valued part of the school. We have recorded stories to watch over the half term and will continue with this approach as much as we can when we return.

Please take time over the half term holiday to feel proud of all you have achieved and rest and have fun with your wonderful children. We will be in touch with any government updates the moment we receive them and hope that we will soon know when our school can return to normal and we can welcome our children back again.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Edwards



Remote Learning Questionnaire

The responses to the Remote Learning questionnaire have been overwhelmingly positive and we are blown away by the support and understanding you have shown. So many parents took time in the comments to feedback what had worked well and this has meant such a lot to the staff - they have worked incredibly hard and to receive this feedback that their efforts were noticed has been very gratefully received!



“The assemblies are lovely to keep us feeling a community as are the class check ins.”

“The communication has been just lovely - supportive and understanding of home life and the emphasis on the children being safe and happy is exactly right.”

“I know I can email or phone and I will get a response.”

“Excellent communication and remote learning, good variety of activities.”

“If ever we need help and support we get a very quick helpful response.”

“I have called the school a few times and my needs have always been sorted that day.”

“I think the school are doing a great job not sure what else they could do.”

We also had some really constructive feedback on how we can improve remote learning including the difficulties with video links, increase the connectivity with their class teacher and providing more support with reading resources. There was also a general feel that the children need support emotionally and we recognise how hard this has been for them without the routine of school and not having the same relationships with their friends. The children’s well being always needs to be our main priority and we will look at how we can support further both when the children are at home and back at school.

If you have not yet had a chance to complete the questionnaire then please do take the time to do this today, we value your input and partnership with you

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Forde Class

What an eventful half term it's been! I need to start by saying how incredibly proud I am of every single child in Forde class. This has been an incredibly tough time for every single person, but the resilience and perseverance that I have seen from our youngest children at ASM has been absolutely amazing. Despite this, we have been able to learn lots of exciting new things! As geographers, we have been learning all about human and physical features and comparing different countries within the UK. We even went on a scavenger hunt to see what features we could find!

As scientists, we have been learning about balanced diets and making our own meals with lots of yummy fruits and vegetables. I think one of the most exciting things was our science experiment! We explored why it was important to wash our hands with soap to make sure the germs get washed away!

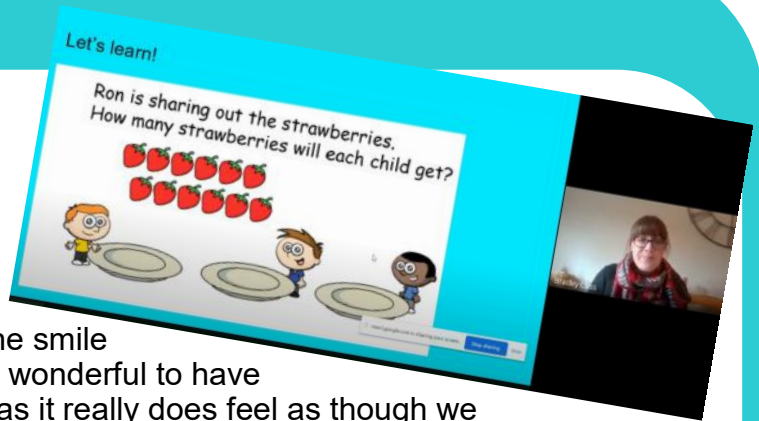


A warm welcome to Rain and Maya who join us in Forde Class



Bradley Class

What a surprising start to the year we have had! Spring term remote learning has had to happen and Bradley class have embraced it with arms wide open. Our google meets three times a week are a huge success as you can see by the smile on Lily's face giving us a thumbs up! It is wonderful to have Bradley class all together on the screen as it really does feel as though we are all back together for a while.



Our home heroes have all been working super hard to learn at home and have really blown our socks off with how well they are coping going from screen to page. As a class we have been working hard to ensure that the children aren't sat at their computers all day long, so it is lovely to see them using both aspects.

The remote learning mirrors what we do in school with our key worker children. Bradley have been wonderful at sharing pictures of them completing core learning activities. They have all worked incredibly hard and independently to complete quizzes and pieces of writing just like they would at school. It almost feels as if everyone is in the classroom within their maths lessons when Miss Burton is talking them through it!



Extra curricular!

Bradley have also been sharing all of the incredible activities that they have completed alongside remote learning. Daily walking is an absolute favourite activity, as is playdough and... BAKING!



Courtenay Class

I am so proud of all the hard work everyone has completed this half term! I know it has been very different but you have all adapted to home learning incredibly well. It has been lovely to see and speak to you all virtually as well as seeing your work and the progress you have made.

The home heroes have been very busy at home! I have enjoyed seeing all your wonderful work and creations. I was very impressed with the Victorian prisons you designed and the reading dens you created! Thank you to everyone that has shared pictures of the other things they have been doing at home. Lots of you are going out for walks or on your bikes and scooters, some of you have become bakers and lots of you have been colouring and creating lovely artwork which you have shared on the Google Meets!

The children in school have been busy completing the same learning that the home heroes have completed. They have also been very creative in the afternoons. I have seen paper umbrellas, painted cherry blossom trees and some beautifully decorated pebbles!



Templar Class

Although this term has been out of the ordinary, each and every member of Templar class has shown great perseverance in school and at home. This term, we have tried to keep things 'normal' by still continuing with daily Maths and English lessons online by exploring numbers in different ways and making sure our knowledge of numbers is still ticking along.

Of course we have all had the opportunity to show our school value of creativity in different ways. It has been brilliant to see the images of what the children at home have been doing as it has given us the chance to connect with each other, which is always good for everybody's mental health. Although we cannot be together at the moment, our school values are there to connect us together as we continue to explore them from different locations.

We hope that you are all finding the time to relax, exercise or do something that you enjoy. During lockdown, especially when we are unable to meet with friends and loved ones as much as we would like to, it is important that we are taking care of ourselves and each other. Taking part in some mindfulness exercises, such as yoga or painting, can help us focus and enjoy the present without worrying about tomorrow. Play games with family, cook a lovely meal for your family and most of all, have a well-earned rest! Enjoy the break.

Stay safe and if you have something kind to say, make sure you always say it.



Act of Worship - Mrs Edwards

I hope you have been enjoying and have been able to access the Act of Worship videos that I have been recording weekly. I have recorded rather than had these as live sessions to enable families to find a quiet time of the day when they can watch them together and have time to reflect.



They focus on our vision and values and we remain committed to our school Christian vision; **'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'** at this time more than ever. Although we are not all physically together the teachers are working hard to keep the community of their classes and school alongside remote learning that will support children to have the foundations for learning that they can build on.'

Our Christian values are key to thinking about our own feelings and well being and how we can support each other to look after ourselves and one another. **Our school values of Love, Compassion, Courage, Creativity, Perseverance and Trust** have guided us through keeping going when times are difficult and also to show resilience. We have also focussed on the value of Hope this half term which has been key in these unsettled times to help us navigate the lockdown and winter months with Hope of brighter days.

'We will get through it in the end but it might take time, at the end of the day we shall all be ok again...the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'

May the god of hope fill you with joy and peace
'Romans 15:13'

**EVERY DAY
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BUT THERE IS
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CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE
1920 - 2021

















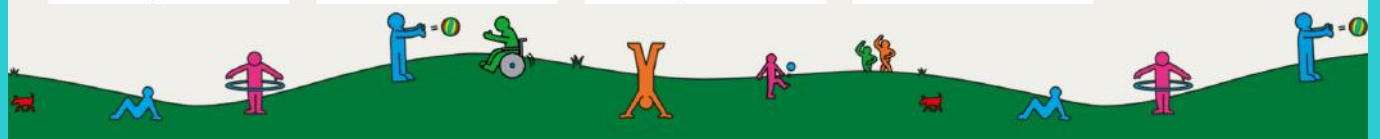
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Eat well Move more Live longer

Lockdown Lunch Ideas

If you are needing inspiration to create healthy and low cost lunch recipes, [Change4Life](http://www.change4life.co.uk) have a wonderful website filled with lovely lunches that the children can help you prepare. Some ideas are....

 <p>Hummus and carrot sandwich</p> <p>22 10 mins</p>	 <p>Pepper and onion pizza melt</p> <p>11 15 mins</p>	 <p>Salmon and cucumber sandwich</p> <p>20 5 mins</p>	 <p>Scrambled egg, tomato and sweetcorn on toast</p> <p>10 10 mins</p>
 <p>Spicy chicken and salad sandwich</p>	 <p>Tuna and pasta salad</p>	 <p>Tuna and sweetcorn mayo jacket potato</p>	<p>Millions of families have already made healthier changes – you can too. To find out more and register visit www.registration.change4life.co.uk/change4life</p>
 <p>Beans, mushrooms and tomatoes on toast</p> <p>65 15 mins</p>	 <p>Cheats' bean chilli and cheese jacket potato</p> <p>24 15 mins</p>	 <p>Cheesy jacket potato with baked beans</p> <p>63 16 mins</p>	
 <p>Couscous with chicken and peas</p>	 <p>Easy veggie egg fried rice</p>	 <p>Egg mayonnaise pitta pockets</p>	 <p>Ham and coleslaw pitta</p>



School Communications

We send letters and permission slips via My Ed (using texts or emails). This enables:

- us to be more efficient by saving paper
- get communications to you quicker
- parents and carers giving permission for events electronically, at your convenience

If you have not yet done so, please download the My Ed app from <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>. By downloading the app, it saves the school money when sending text messages! If you have not yet received a text or email from us, please check with the office that we have your correct details or if the emails have been sent to your SPAM folder. We currently have 75% of our Parents and Carers with access to My Ed, please help us to get to 100% as many of our other schools have managed to become completely paperless! If you are having problems downloading the app, please speak to Mrs Webber.

Copies of all letters emailed are also available to view on the Academy website <https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/news/letters-parents/>



Do you know anyone who would be interested in being a Volunteer School Crossing Marshall?

Volunteer School Crossing Marshall



As you will be aware our School Crossing Patrol site has been vacant since Feb 2018. In these three years there hasn't been any interest in the vacancy nor any suitable applicants. There are two formal signalled crossing points which are used by the parents and children to cross the road.

Devon County Council are proposing to make the post 'dormant'. The alternative is to recruit a volunteer school crossing marshall.

School Crossing Marshalls help children and adults cross the road safely while they are walking to and from school at a designated point/s and between specified times (Insert times). If you or someone you know maybe interested in the volunteer position, please let us know 01626 365293 or allsaints@lapsw.org.

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Term Dates 2021



Spring Term 2021

- Start: 4 January 2021
- Half Term: 15 -19 February 2021
- End: 01 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

- Start 19 April 2021
- Bank Holiday: 3 May 2021
- Half term: 31 May – 4 June 2021
- Non pupil days 7 June – 11 June 2021
- Ends 23 July 2021

Autumn Term

- Start: 6 September 2021
- Half Term: 25 October – 29 October 2021
- End: 17 December 2021

The Head of Academy may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

All requests for a child to be absent from school during term time must be made in writing at least a half term in advance of the proposed absence by completing the absence request form obtainable from the Academy office.

Please call into the Academy Office if you would like to discuss your child's attendance or any aspect of absences.

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