



PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

8th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It is wonderful to be able to welcome some children back into school. We currently have 154 children back with 60 being key worker children. 15 new children have joined us today, it is increasing all the time.

To hear children's voices and laughter is a tonic to us all. Children are very resilient and have settled quickly, following the one way system and understand that they need to stay in their school family bubble. It is lovely to see children skipping to school again.

At the end of this term we will be sorry to say goodbye to Mr Owen who moves onto St Michael's School. We congratulate him on his new position.

Reception, Year 1 or Year 6

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you would like them to come back to school you **MUST** register them with the school office so that they can be allocated a bubble. As bubbles (15 children per bubble in Reception to Year 5 and 9 children per bubble in Year 6) are filling up, new bubbles are being created with new staff. Children go on a waiting list until there are four children to start a new bubble. Timescale is dependent on demand.

Workbooks

We are currently doing a bundle of workbooks for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 children who are not in school.

These will be sent out next week.

We will be working on packs for the other year groups.

Virtual Storytime

Reception children who are at home, look out for a storytime Zoom link to join your class this week.

Annual Reports

Annual reports to parents will be going out in two weeks time. You can email the Teacher and arrange a time to discuss the report if you wish.

Year 6 Hoodies

If your Year 6 child has ordered a hoodie and they are not in school, please phone the office to arrange collection. You will need to give a day and a time and it will be left outside the office main doors.

Snack

Currently there is no Government free fruit scheme running so if your child is in school, please provide them with a snack for breaktime. Children also need their own water bottle.

Toys

Please tell your child they are not allowed to bring toys or cuddly soft toys to school at this time. They need to stay at home.

COVID-19 Testing

If you need to arrange a test for yourself or a family member, use the following link or ring 119.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Returning children

We have welcomed more children back today. Year 1 should go to the playpark entrance, Reception to the black gates at the front of school, Year 6 to the outer door of the main hall and keyworkers to the OSC gate.

Please could children wear their school uniform.

Update on suspected cases in school

We have currently sent 4 children home with high temperatures. They have all been tested for COVID-19. Two have come back negative and we are waiting for the other results. We are extra vigilant with temperature taking and have now purchased a thermometer for every bubble. If a child has a temperature they are taken straight out of the classroom via the back door and parents are phoned to collect them from the double gates at the end of the staff car park, by the kitchen. The rest of the bubble are moved to another classroom or the Activity Hall. Throughout this we sought external advice.

School Assembly

Please see here a link for a school assembly that Reverend Sue Fear has very kindly done. It is suitable for Reception, Years 1 to Year 3. It is about "hope". We will be watching it in school and wanted to share it with the children at home.

<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/e71b0eb3518a0f24380f4c3648dd84b420200529205346/553ccc033a0b9472f57c987bad68484820200529205424/060ef8>

PE Kit

Children in school do not currently need a PE kit. This coming week, children in Years 2-6 will be walking four times round the field – a mile. Reception – Year 1 children will be walking round the playpark four and eight times. Next week we will be sorting out orienteering for all the classes.

We do have some PE kits left from before lockdown. We would appreciate these being collected by you ringing the office and arranging a convenient time. These will be placed outside the main office doors when you are due to collect.

Oxford Owl Reading

This site allows you to sign up for free and access a huge catalogue of reading scheme books. These are linked to the schemes we follow in school and children can then read these online, that way they are still able to access reading material at their level.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Talk for Writing

<https://www.talk4writing.co.uk/home-school-units/>

White Rose Maths

Whiterose Maths is something that as a school we access to prepare lessons during usual schooling, therefore it is great to use with your children whilst at home as the style of work will be familiar to them.

www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

A number of parents have contacted school to inform us that the worksheets are no longer downloadable from Whiterose. Whiterose and BBC Bitesize are working in collaboration to deliver the same lessons, therefore once your child has watched the learning from Whiterose, click on the BBC Bitesize link for more interactive learning activities and worksheets associated with the lesson. We hope this helps you further in supporting your child/children at home with their mathematics.

A Prayer

Dear Lord

May your goodness and love be present amongst us,
Bless all those children and staff who have returned to school and bless all those who are still at home.
Lord we pray for hope.
Come stir your hope within our hearts and renew our faith.
Lord we pray for vision.
May your vision fill our lives as we seek to reveal your love.
AMEN

J K Rowling – Ickabog

To help children and families during lockdown, J.K. Rowling is publishing her original story, *The Ickabog*, online for free! Set in an imaginary land, *The Ickabog* is a stand-alone fairy tale.

A new instalment of the story will be revealed daily at 3pm, Monday to Friday, throughout the course of seven weeks.

You can read the story online at www.theickabog.com/read-the-story/



Do you know any budding artists aged 7-12?

Click on the link to the left (Enter now)

Fridays

School closes at 1.00pm on Fridays.

You need to collect your child between 12.45pm and 1.15pm.

Teachers are then able to have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time which is contractual.

Developing a Growth Mindset

Those with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence and/or talent is fixed and are likely to fear failure. People with a growth mindset recognise that these qualities are not fixed and can be developed through hard work and dedication. They are not scared or put off by failure and demonstrate high levels of resilience. Our aim at William Law CE School is to help all of our pupils develop a growth mindset.

Rather than doing/thinking or saying...	Try...
Hands up if you know the correct answer.	Take a responsible risk. If you're trying your hardest but make a mistake, that's ok.
If it's too hard, find something easier/ I'll do it for you.	Keep persisting.
Stick with what you know.	I'm so pleased you love taking on new challenges.
Why isn't this perfect?	I'm so proud of the effort you put in.
You are good at this. Here is more of the same.	We need to find something even more challenging for you.
A child is either clever or they aren't. We can't change that.	We can all grow our brains.
Please rub out/ throw away all of the mistakes.	I'm so glad that you made that mistake because you learnt...
You might struggle, so I'll make it easy for you.	I know you have the ability to learn this, so I'm going to set the bar high.
I know you can't do it but don't worry.	You can't do it, yet!
I'm so disappointed in your mistakes.	Mistakes are a part of learning –use them to get better.
Failure is not good. If you got it wrong, leave it.	F.A.I.L – First Attempt In Learning.

Fudge Tart Recipe

This is a favourite dessert of the children, so we thought you might like to try and make it at home.

PASTRY	8 portions	16 portions
Plain flour	175 grams	350 grams
Margarine	45grams	90grams
White vegetable fat	45grams	45 grams
Water	30 ml	60 ml

FILLING	8 Portions	16 Portions
Plain flour	50 grams	100 grams
Margarine	100 grams	200 grams
Milk	250 ml	500 ml
Sugar	75 grams	150 grams
Vanilla essence	8 ml	16 ml
Chocolate	5 grams	10 grams

METHOD

PASTRY

1. Heat the oven at 180 degrees or gas mark 6 then Grease your tin with butter
2. Mix all the ingredients together to form a ball, do not over mix
3. Roll out on a floured surface and put in your tin and crimp the edges
4. Prick the base with a fork and cook in the oven until golden brown
5. Leave to cool

FILLING

1. Put half the milk in a saucepan and bring to the boil
2. Add the margarine to the saucepan and stir until it has melted
3. Mix the flour with the rest of the milk and make a paste then add to the saucepan, reduce the heat stirring continually until it's a thick smooth paste
4. Add the sugar and stir until dissolved, remove from the heat
5. Add vanilla essence and whisk until cool
6. Pour filling into the pastry case, grate the chocolate over the tart
7. Put in the fridge for 30 minutes or until set

Playground Revamp



We are delighted that the School Association have paid for new playground markings which were laid in the last week before school reopened. The children love them.

A huge thank you to the School Association from us all.

Mrs T Cunningham
Headteacher