

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



...the roots to grow and the wings to fly."

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HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS



Learning at Home

Reception - **Joshua**
Year 1 - **Max**
Year 2 - **Oliver**
Year 3 - **Frankie**
Year 4 - **Lyra**



Learning at School

Reception - **Sienna**
Year 1 - **Rafe**
Year 2 - **Rosalie**
Year 3 - **Joe**
Year 4 - **Dolly**



TOP 3 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1 Alicia T Willow
2 Oliver A Sycamore
3 Alexa Willow

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1 Sycamore
2 Willow
3 Maple
4 Rowan
5 Beech

FROM MRS MARSLAND

I am impressed by the fantastic learning that is going on at home and in school. I am also impressed, and very thankful, to my amazing staff who, like you, are continuing to develop their technological skills with this entirely new way of learning for everyone.

With us using platforms such as TEAMS and Zoom, we are making individual staff emails accessible to you. We respectfully ask that you only use those email addresses during school hours, and only for communication around the meeting to which you have been invited. All other communication regarding learning should be via Tapestry, SeeSaw or the Year Group emails. A reminder of these will be sent out with this newsletter.

Communication regarding more administrative information, such as Free School Meals and wraparound care, please use the main school inbox.

It feels like it's going to be a long half term, but keep going - we can do it together!

SPELLING ON EDSHED

Keep up with your spelling practice on EdShed, bumping up your score each week, and you'll be in with a chance of making the top 3 spellers in the box above.

Individual scores go back to zero each week, so there's every chance you could be at the top. Your score will also help build your class's total, which keeps growing and which *doesn't* go back to zero, so you could help push your class to the top too!

LEARNING IN SCHOOL

Here are some of our Year 4 bubble building their prototypes as part of the 'What We'll Build' task from this week's learning.

Gus designed a safe to stop other people from unplugging or borrowing other people's chargers while they are charging up their phone or pad... Dolly designed a pencil pot in the shape of a pineapple... Douglas designed a pencil that could be programmed by a computer to do his writing for him... Aimee designed a mansion, "because I want a really big kitchen".

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

This afternoon, we had our first school and home Head Teacher's Awards together online. Teachers chose two children from each Year Group - one learning here in school, and one learning at home. We then invited those children and their parents at home to join everyone here via Zoom.

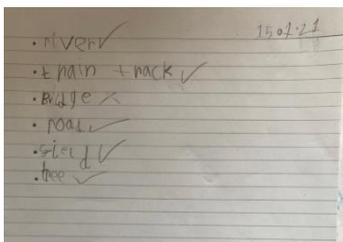
It was really lovely to be able to invite parents into school again, even though it was only virtually, and it was particularly lovely that the parents kept the secret, which helped Mrs Marsland to spring a wonderful surprise on our home learners!

Children - keep up the good work at home, and in school, and it may be you next week!



LEARNING AT HOME

Bella in Year 1 went on a local walk and made a list of what she saw; Sonny in Year 4 has been learning about primary colours; Genny in Year 4 has been building the prototype of her 'What We Build' creation; Élodie in Reception has been learning her phonics by feeding the aliens on 'Picnic on Pluto'.



PHONICS PLAY

We just want to let you know that the website 'Phonics Play' now has free access. It's full of brilliant phonics games and resources!

Username: **jan21** Password: **home**

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

From next week, St John's will provide a weekly email voucher for each child eligible for free school meals.

As we are providing a voucher to all children, our catering provider will be temporarily closing down its operations and won't be able to provide packed lunches for children in school.

All children in school therefore must bring a packed lunch with them every day.

Please remember to keep in touch with us if things are difficult financially. The school is able to make referrals to Fair Frome and will talk through any other support we can offer.

YEAR ONE

Children in Hawthorn and Poplar have been making the most amazing videos of themselves acting out 'Guess The Toy' and sharing them on the classes' SeeSaw. Have a look at this compilation video and see if you can guess what they are trying to be:

vimeo.com/499202912/c7b7244b1d

FROM THE BLUE PETER TEAM

You may be interested to know that [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBj00081161918848339134) has been launched. It's completely free to subscribe.

"Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and we are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record-breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how-tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog."

LEARNING TOGETHER

We love seeing what you are doing at home and including updates here each week. Please keep sending stories, photos, drawings, quotes etc. to the school facebook group, Tapestry, SeeSaw or to your Year Group email.