



HOLY TRINITY C.E. (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

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Our Christian Value this half term is Courage

'Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart, all you that hope in the Lord' Psalm 27: 14

I think it's fair to say we are all very pleased that it's half term next week! It has been such a challenging and exhausting half term for children, parents and staff. We would like to congratulate parents and thank them for how hard they have been working to support their children with remote home learning. You really have been magnificent and we know it has not been an easy journey for many parents, especially if they are trying to work and home school their children. The children have been absolutely phenomenal, really engaging with their teachers and their classmates. They have learnt many new ICT skills over the last half term including "turning work in!" and we have seen even our younger children becoming more independent in remote learning, as the half term has gone on. Well done to all of our children, we are so proud of you! I would also like to congratulate our teaching, support, office and premises staff, who without exception have worked incredibly hard over the last half term to make remote and in school learning as successful as possible. I have been in awe at seeing some of the new technology being used by teachers during remote learning and congratulate them on learning new skills, whilst teaching children in a very different way. Remote learning will never replace face to face interaction in primary schools, but we feel confident that as a school, we have done the very best we could have done, to give our children an excellent deal. Our LSAs have also been wonderful, supervising Key Worker and vulnerable children to complete the same learning as the children at home. Our office staff have also handled everything thrown at them over the last half term brilliantly and with good humour and positivity!

All school staff and regular visitors to school now carry out Lateral Flow Tests twice per week, which will help prevent transmission of Covid by identifying any asymptomatic adults in school. We see this as a really positive step for primary school staff around the country.

Cuckfield Community –We would like to thank Holy Trinity Church for food and monetary donations brought to us, which we have distributed to local families. We would also like to thank the Parish Council and the Haywards Heath Foodbank, who are also supporting school families. Another thank you goes to Mrs Vicky Jones (an ex parent) who kindly brought in ten new laptops, which had been donated to her by an anonymous gentleman, to be distributed to school families without devices. Thank you also to Mr Hayden (Euan & Bethan's dad,) whose firm donated five chrome books and Mr Niblock (Chris' dad) who donated three new Fire H10s for any children without devices. In addition we had some very fantastic second hand laptops and Ipads also donated by parents and villagers. Thank you everybody! You have made such a difference.

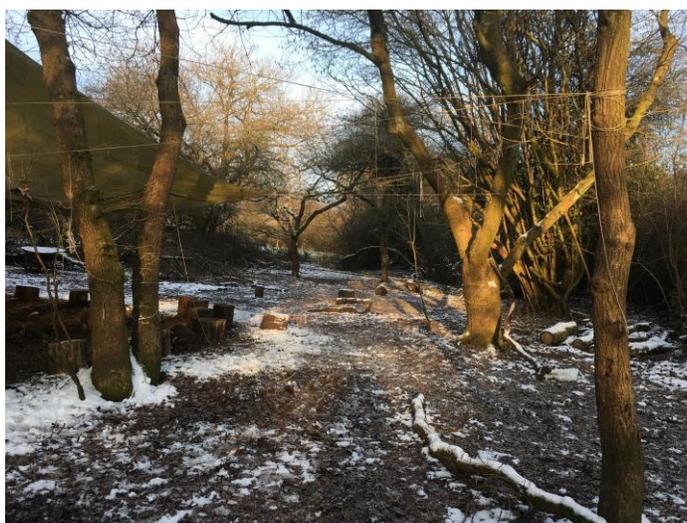
PTA – We would all like to thank the PTA for the lovely hamper of goodies sent into school last week. We really appreciate the thought and kindness shown by the PTA.

Anonymous Benefactor - Staff would also like to thank our very kind anonymous benefactor, who had lots of beautiful boxes of cakes and biscuits delivered to us this week. It really boosted staff morale and made us all feel very special. Thank you!

Half Term – We all deserve a good rest and some downtime after the last half term, so please take the time to do fun things as a family and try to relax. **During this week, teachers and office staff will be spending time with their own families, so will not be responding to emails until after the half term break. The only emails office staff would need to be aware of, are those in the event that a child has a positive Covid result and if they have been in school Thursday or Friday.** We hope you enjoy the break! We are also expecting the government to make an announcement on Monday 22nd February regarding a possible return to school. Please be aware that you are likely to find out at the same time as schools will find out. We will of course contact families when we know more about government plans. We have really missed having our children in school and can't wait to have them all back in school again!

School – We are planning some exciting new resources for our children over the next few months and will share more news with you in the future. We all feel the children deserve some special treats to compensate for the last two difficult years they have had. At this time of year our school grounds look so beautiful, especially when it has been frosty or snowy, although they are strangely quiet without the children learning & playing in them. I do hope children at home managed to enjoy playing in the snow, as much as children in school did, although we could have done with just a few inches more!

We thought you would enjoy seeing some of our beautiful grounds in the winter!

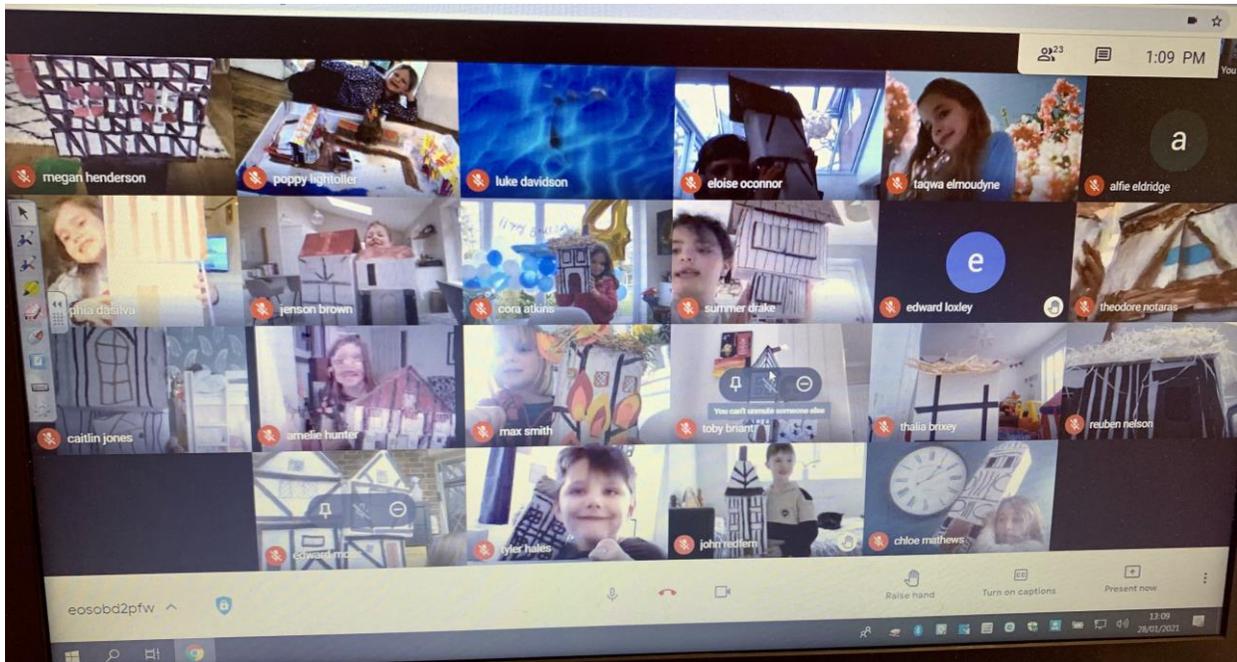


I wonder if the children can say where these places are in school?



Year 2 children in school and at home, learning remotely





The children made some wonderful houses for The Great Fire of London!



Well done James an amazing house!



Danny is very proud!



Jasper, Grace and Layla concentrating hard on making their houses

Year 1 remote home and school learning



Grace & Charlie's junk model



Ryan & Ollie's snow dragon



Seth's Little Red Riding Hood model



Jaxon and Bethan showing their timelines

Year 3 home and in school learning



Alice's round houses



David's hill fort



Darcey's well protected model!



Annabelle making her hill fort at home



George's round houses



Euan is busy making a hill fort in school



Ayana is very proud of her model



Violet's hill fort has strong defences

Year 6



Year 6 children using iPad's to record their radio play



Computing connected to "Rooftoppers" the Year 6 text

Reception home and school learning - Sailor Bear has travelled to China this week as it is Chinese New Year. All the learning is based around China.



Fern's dragon and dragon dance!



Soren's Lego Great Wall of China



Sienna's Chinese drum



Maddox is making a dragon cake



Funky fingers phonics in action!

Year 5 home and school learning



Ethan and Josh have grown plants



Alice and May hard at work



Eva wearing her beautiful mask



Arthur busy in the kitchen

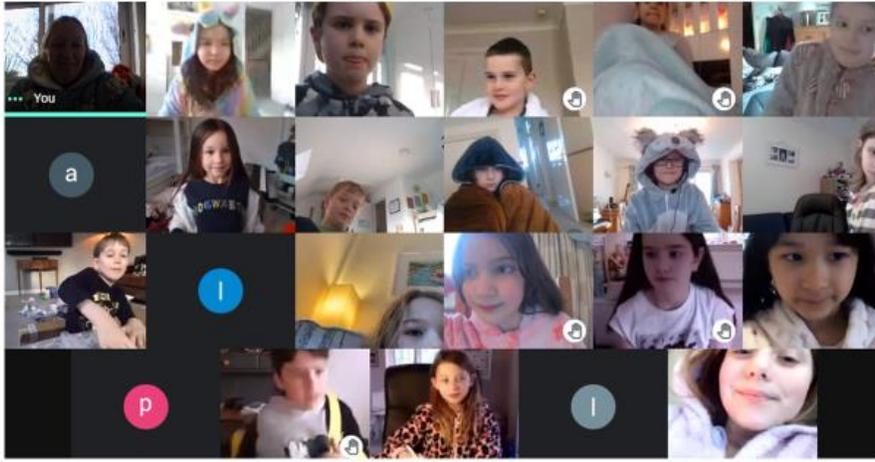


We found it hard to guess it was Agnes behind the mask!



Cameron, Aneeqah and Hugh keeping up with Joe Wicks!

Year 4 home and school learning



Pyjama day!



Year 4 key worker children



Bring a soft toy to school



Max doing our digestion experiment



Caris & Annie doing our digestion experiment



