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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are all delighted to welcome back some of our Reception children this week, on a full time basis. It has been lovely to see so many of you again at last! Mrs Parry and Mrs Yates have reported the transition back to school was very smooth and a success. Our Year 1 children are due to start back on Monday 22nd June and again we are looking forward to their return and for school to begin to be filled with the laughter and chatter of more children.

As my previous correspondence detailed, we are currently providing places for critical key worker and vulnerable children and the numbers are steadily increasing. Therefore, together with the regional situation concerning the R rate, we will continue to monitor the impact and then make a decision about phasing our Year 6 children back to school before the end of term.

Understandably, many parents are keen to hear word of when the school might begin to re-open to other year groups. At the moment, we are still awaiting further Government guidance with regards to the logistics and time-frame. Hopefully some clear direction will follow very soon, but I cannot share any further news on this front currently I'm afraid.

The prospect of a longer period without formal schooling must be frustrating and worrying for parents. We do recognise this and empathise with those most affected.

I would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing patience and efforts with the home learning which is still provided for all those children not in school. Please bear in mind that most staff have now returned to their full time hours in school. In many cases, teachers have been re-deployed to other year groups in order to run our

Star of the Week!



Friday 5th June

Reception: Charlie Battersby for being a super role model to the other children in school! Keep it up Charlie!

Year 1: Kaiden Cawley for his excellent description of a toy he has at home. Great work Kaiden!

Year 2: Eryn Davies for all of her hard work and fantastic effort in school every week. Well done Eryn!

Year 3: Caoimhe Ray for working so hard on her home learning. She has improved her handwriting and is working hard to learn her spellings each week. Excellent work Caoimhe!

Year 4: Riley Lock for working really hard all week as usual especially in science, and for being a kind and considerate cousin and a great help to her mum. Lovely work Riley!

and

Jessica Hewertson for some fantastically creative ideas and drawings on her Magic Forest adventure. Great work Jessica!

Year 5: Kyan Prescott for his amazing achievement in English and his hard work and attitude to learning this week.

Year 6: Ellie McDonald for all her hard work on her time capsule and the effort she has put into her work over lockdown!

Friday 12th June

Reception: Oonagh Ray star of the week for her work on the Snail and the Whale. Great work Oonagh!

Year 1: Caitlin Ackers for her fantastic retell of the story Traction Man. Fantastic work Caitlin!

Year 2: Ruby Rose - for her fantastic efforts throughout lockdown both with her home learning and helping within the community. She has completed some great work, done lots of fantastic reading and has even been doing random acts of kindness within the community. She has been

current face-to-face provision. In addition to these teaching commitments, they are continuing to plan, set and resource the distance learning for their own classes. They have done an exceptional job in balancing these demands so far, but I would ask that you continue to be patient if it now takes longer for submitted work to be marked or parent emails to be replied to.

On behalf of all the staff, I would especially like to say to **all** of our children that we are all missing you and look forward to a time when we can be together again as a whole school community.

Take Care and God Bless.
Mrs Newton

Retirement and Goodbye

Miss Ryan will be retiring at the end of the academic year after being at XII Apostles school for 15 years. She has taught French throughout key stage 2 and also provides cover in all classes. She will be greatly missed by the staff and children alike. I know you will all join me in wishing her well for her forthcoming retirement.

Mrs Evans who has been teaching on job share basis in Year 3 will also be leaving us at the end of the academic year and although has only been with us for a short time has been an asset to our school community.

Good luck to both Miss Ryan and Mrs Evans.

Useful Links

Government guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Every Mind Matters has been produced by NHS Mental Health and Wellbeing and has some useful advice and support.

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Brand&gclid=EAlaIqobChMI4ajGgfm16QIVie3tCh1fBwjLEAAAYASAAEgKmlPD_BwE

making rainbows and delivering them to the elderly (from a safe distance) to chat to them when they are feeling lonely during this time. Super job Ruby!

Year 3: William Macdonald for working hard to complete his home learning all the way through lockdown and he has had a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done William!

Year 4: Macey Hewitt - for showing real enthusiasm for all her work this week and during lockdown, and working extremely hard to create this wonderful project about parrots. Well done Macey...a real star!

Year 5: Jamie Mather for his excellent home learning work this week.

Year 6: Melissa Hunt for her excellent new design of the school logo and Mission Statement.



XII Apostles Reading Rainbow Challenge

Our reading challenge is well underway and there has been a great response so far.

Our **red challenge** was to dress up as a book character. Have a look at just some of our amazing responses!



For the **orange challenge**, the children were asked to think of three clues for a well known children's book. Once again, the effort was great and there were some really tricky ones. Can you guess which books these children chose?



PE Challenge - Research Project

New Tokyo 2020 Olympic dates will be 23rd July to 8th August 2021. The Olympic and Paralympic Games will take place almost exactly one year later than originally planned due to the pandemic.

In order to improve our knowledge of the Great British Olympic athletes and in particular those from the Great British team, Miss Hope is challenging the children to complete a research project on a British Olympian. It can be an athlete from the past or present.

The children could tell us their Name, Age, Sport, Background, Interesting facts or Records they hold etc.

Miss Hope will be awarding Bronze, Silver and Gold medals for the three best research projects!

Send a photograph of your project on Class Dojos directly to Miss Hope.

Deadline is Friday 19th June 3pm.
Good luck!



Prayer for the Household

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house. Amen.



You can see all the wonderful challenges on the whole-school page on Dojo and it is not too late to join in! Thank you to all those who have taken part so far. Don't forget this week's challenge – the **yellow challenge!**



Virtual Sports Day - 3rd July

It's that time of the year we should be getting together for our annual Sports Day fun.

Unfortunately, we will not get a chance to do this in the conventional way this year so Miss Hope has planned an alternative.

You can compete against your family-brothers, sisters, dad, mum, carers, grandparents or even the dog!

Miss Hope will be sending a list of activities for you all to take part in and these will be put on class dojos. All of the activities will help with some form of PE skills e.g. strength, hand eye coordination, accuracy, speed, balance.

You can choose a selection of the activities or could you do all these challenges in a day?

Whichever activities you choose to do, you will get an automatic point for your house team as it is the participation that counts. You will also get a chance to win a bonus point. Record your points on a piece of paper and send them across to Miss Hope at the end of the day. Miss Hope will announce the winning house team after all entries have been submitted.

Watch out for the list of activities and point scoring sheet on class dojos.



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