



St John's C of E Infant School Enquiring Minds and Open Hearts Number 13 15th January 2021

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

15 th Jan	Closing date for school applications
12 th Feb	End of Half-Term
22 nd Feb	Start of Term
23 rd Feb	Police visit TBC
11 th March	Yr R Health Assessments TBC
24 th Mar	Year 1 workshop at Guildford Cathedral TBC
1 st April	Last day of term
4 th April	EASTER SUNDAY
16 th April	National school allocations day
19 th April	Start of Term



You are amazing!



Our whole community are amazing; learners are working hard on tasks set for them at home or at school. Parents are supporting their children to continue learning whilst trying to juggle all their other commitments. Staff are organising their own families whilst providing both in school and remote learning. Together we are all battling technology and ensuring that it is working. Everyone is doing the best they can whilst trying to stay as healthy as possible, so please be kind to yourselves. To everyone we thank you for your efforts we know it's not easy. There is a government expectation to provide home learning but everyone needs to tailor this to suit their own circumstances. The overwhelming principle should be to stay happy and healthy. Everyone has participated amazingly so far and we are very proud of our little learners and their parents. Please do ring if we can be of any help. By this point we hope everyone has received their delivery to support them in home learning.

Values News

"Live in harmony with one another" Peter 3:8

Our focus value this term is **Love and Compassion** and never has it been more important. Share with each other kind words, find ways to show you care, let's not take things for granted, be explicit in letting people know how much they are appreciated. Thank you for all your kind words they really are fueling staff right now during this difficult time. The links will take you to a recording of Mrs. Stevens worship this week and the song that is featured at the end of the film. https://stjohnsfarnham-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/mstevens_stjohnsfarnham_surrey_sch_uk/Ebqei4MJ529Ln3OpFPvq3SEB-cbKAPoYWvBF2q2Ai02_cw?e=KR4rO8

Be warned it gets stuck in your head! God we love you <https://youtu.be/Sc1wHXmXKsk>

Look out for the sheet in next week's delivery there is a colouring sheet for children to do and then they can give it away to someone they love.



Covid update



If anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms the household must stay at home and get a test. Everyone must stay home until the result is received.

We are in new national restrictions and schools are closed to most except the children who are vulnerable and those whose parents are critical workers. The government advises even if you are a critical worker, if you can keep your child at home, then you should keep them home.

We currently have 28% of the school cohort signed up as vulnerable or critical workers and currently have up to 23% of those in attendance throughout the week with the others starting in the coming weeks.

Stay safe, well and wonderful

Home Learning

Mrs Wills Wild Woods Learning !!!!



Mrs Wills has a video for you about things you can look for on your walks this winter, look for the catkins, the bulbs, flowers or signs of squirrels nibbling.

https://stjohnsfarnham-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/mstevens_stjohnsfarnham_surrey_sch_uk/EXWza1YMRWVPgzaU4-ejQj0Bit5X5wBK3f6iqehD6YTUGQ?e=jq4azj



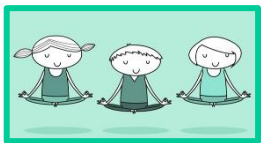
Mrs Stevens says remember how important taking time to breathe deeply is for your healthy mind. Maybe you can play this breathing game for a few minutes each day this week.

Lie with your back on the floor and place a soft toy on your tummy.

Breathe in and out slowly and deeply and try to concentrate on the way your toy rises and falls with your breathing.



If your child is struggling with the current lockdown or worried about Corona virus, please take a look at this site, it has lots of ideas of stories you may find helpful to explain the situation. Always watch them yourself first to see if you feel it appropriate for your child. <https://nhfv.org/2020/06/family-and-childrens-books-related-to-covid-19/>



Wellbeing - Being outside is so important for everyone's wellbeing, go on a hunt for signs that Mrs Wills describes above.

- Try a new spot for walking have you ever been to Wagoner's Wells?
- One of our favourite things at school is Cosmic yoga use this for some amazing calming, stretching and balancing.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8snGkhBF7njuEI8V642ZeFwcbVRRPFLG>

- If you are looking for more calming activities for mindfulness, then try Peace Out <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8snGkhBF7nj0OQvtE97AJFL3xZYQSGh5>



Online safety

Please remember with all this time children are spending online that it is important to remind them of the rules for staying safe online.

- Do not click on things that pop up.
- Do not give away any personal details
- Ask your grown up if you are unsure of anything.
- Parents should always know what their children are accessing on their device.
- Gov website with advice for parents <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>



If anyone is worried about the safety of a child or children, then you can still speak to us at school. You could also contact the local children's family services on 0300 4709100 or the NSPCC hotline on 0800 800 5000.

Community News



St Albans Hindhead

97 subscribers

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZkgadiz6ASqZZS-GzYcEmg>

Please remember you can join in with the church services from St Albans each week on YouTube.

Message from our Vicar Richard Bodle

Dear Friends. This has been a difficult week as the number of Covid infections and deaths has increased significantly. It can be easy to be overwhelmed by the statistics. But let us never forget that behind those numbers are people. In today's reading, again from Luke 19, we see that Jesus knew the name of Zacchaeus. The crowd was large, but Jesus saw, knew and cared for an individual. Let us be reassured that each and every person is seen, known and cared for by God. And let us continue to see, know and care for one another in these challenging times. Best wishes- Richard

For those who would like to join, there will be a 15 minute service of Compline on Wednesday at 9pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84712218988?pwd=dXVGK0oyYXRyK2tUbndZcmEzR3lvQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1221 8988

Passcode: 608286

A Daily Prayer for this time

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

The Team at St. John's

