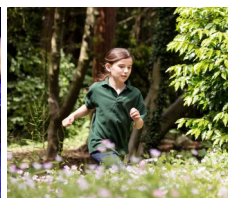




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Friday 3rd April 2020



Dear Parents

LEARNING AFTER EASTER

You will be pleased to hear that a great deal is being done 'behind the scenes' to get learning from home ready for after Easter. The teachers have had a very productive meeting this week and before the end of the holidays you will receive a letter outlining what learning will look like for the class. We don't wish to impose one way of working on all classes as different year groups will need to work in different ways. There are some aspects which will be common to all year groups:

- Assemblies will still take place. In the Easter holidays there will be one assembly a week via zoom. In the Summer term, assemblies will be on a Monday and Friday at 10.15am via zoom
- Children will be taught by teachers (either live online or via pre-recorded teaching videos) and then set activities to complete, largely off screen. Our aim is to set work that children can predominantly, depending on their age, do independently. We are very conscious of the fact that, when all this is over and children return to learning in School, we don't want them to have become reliant on an adult supporting them the whole time. Also, we do not want children to be in front of a screen for excessive periods during the day
- We are looking at how we can support not only the children's academic progress but their pastoral needs too. This is something Rydes Hill prides itself on and is something that will continue throughout this period. More information on this will be included in the letter you receive before the start of term
- We have developed a list of protocols for staff, pupils and parents when using distance learning technology. These will need to be agreed to before lessons commence.
- Whilst the lockdown is in place, children will submit work for marking electronically. Some classes will require additional resources at home, and these will be posted as soon as they are ready, with the aim of them arriving with you prior to the lesson being taught

In order to aid our planning, you have been sent a form to complete via ParentMail. This will help us to understand the circumstances faced in each household in terms of time, support, devices etc. Please do complete this as soon as possible to enable the information to inform teachers' planning.

We are currently planning the first 7 days of the new term in detail. We are very aware that this will be a sharp learning curve and that it is unlikely that we will have perfected everything on day one. Hence, we will re-evaluate on an ongoing basis and make adjustments as needed. Please bear with us. Constructive feedback is incredibly useful, so please do let your child's teacher know what has and hasn't worked for you from the work that has been sent home so far.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The children are now on Easter Holidays. There is no need for them to be doing holiday working. They do need to read every day, but this isn't work! Now more than at any other time, children need to relax and be given down time. The stress we all feel as adults in this 'new world' is being picked up on by our children. Within the constraints of your own home working, please do give them time to relax and switch off. I pray for warm weather so that children can enjoy time in the garden or on their daily exercise trips. There are staff in School throughout the Easter holidays and newsletters and assemblies will continue. Please do email Mrs Norville if you have questions or concerns regarding any aspect of School.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who wore their football / sports kit on Tuesday.

If you are able to, please do donate to the CAFOD football fundraiser campaign

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising>

Mrs Norville

Happy Birthday!

4th April	Christobel RC
8th April	Martha L
9th April	Martha B
9th April	Bridget K



PRAYERS OF HOPE

Churches Together have started a lovely initiative to bring people together across the country to pray with candles at 7pm on Sundays. Click on the link below to find out more:

https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/571088/Home/News/Latest_news/Prayers_of_Hope.aspx



ANY BUDDING TECH PARENTS WITH 3D PRINTERS?

Our FRHPS Chair, Mrs Walker, works in procurement for a local Guildford GP practice and they are facing increasing difficulties procuring vital PPE equipment to deal with the current crisis.

They are appealing to anyone who owns a 3D printer (or knows someone who does) and is willing to help with 3D printing of face shields to consider either joining at: <https://www.3dcrowd.uk/>

Mrs Walker's GP practice is also specifically in need of headbands for which they have a blueprint available. Another parent, Rob Clark, is already helping out and has some blueprints already. Well done Mr Clark!

Please email Mrs Walker at camillasmith75@hotmail.com if you are in a position to help out.



LIVE SAFARIS STREAMED FROM AFRICA

Mrs Cardona, our Chair of Governors, highlighted a link to a website where you can watch live safaris every day. The Safaris will be streamed in real-time from two renowned South African game reserves.

The game drives will follow the sights and sounds of the African wilderness as they unfold. Hosted by expert &BEYOND and Wild Earth field guides, the drives will be streamed over a variety of social media platforms each day during the month of April.

Working via a director in a control room, the camera will move between three or four live feeds to bring viewers the best wildlife action as it unfolds, creating a seamless virtual game drive. Viewers will be able to interact with their safari hosts and have their questions answered in real-time, just as if they were actually on the game drive vehicle. The first 45 minutes of each afternoon drive will be dedicated to young wildlife fans and the guides will only answer questions asked by children during this time. Please see the link below:

<https://www.andbeyond.com/bringing-africa-home/wildwatch-live/>



CAFOD Fundraising Day!



Our key worker children brightening our day!



Rydes Hill families from home....



8:00 Rung,
The clapping had begun,
The NHS's appreciation was given a ton.

Pots and pans,
And clapping with hands,
We all knew the NHS had a plan.

COVID-19,
Who'd ever seen?
A virus from us being so unclean.

So don't disobey,
And change today,
There's a nicer way,
So we can all stay safe!

By Mathilde J.H.J.



MAHTHILDE'S POEM AND DRAWING OF AN ANIMÉ CHARACTER

Rydes Hill families from home.....



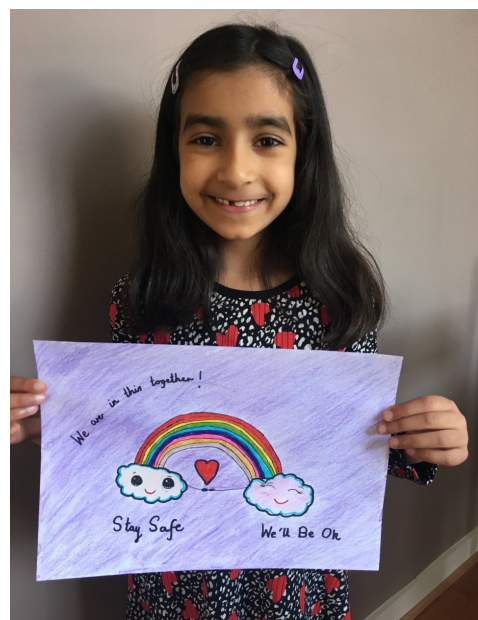
HONOR H —“W” WORKBOOK, WINDMILL MAKING AND NUMBER WORK.



MARTHA L & FENELLA L — PIP & DANDILION HELPING WITH MATHS!



NATALIE S & ZOE S — RECREATING CHEF DAN'S BANANA COOKIES :-)



MAHIKA M — A RAINBOW WITH A HEART!

Rydes Hill families from home.....



ARYA S AND MYRA S —WRITING PRACTICE AND EASTER PAINTING



SOPHIA J — UPLIFTING PICTURES FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS—WE ARE SENDING THESE NOW TO WOKING HOSPICE



GRACE - ENJOYING SCIENCE PROJECTS AND ESPECIALLY MAKING HER OWN WIND SOCK!

Rydes Hill families from home.....



TITO B - LISTENING TO CLASS STORY—"PEACE AT LAST"



SERENNA P AND AURELIA P—MAKING & DECORATING EASTER CROSSES AND EXPLORING THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE UK WITH A GIANT JIGSAW



JOSIE B—BRIGHTENING LOCAL WOKING HOSPICE



REBECCA P— GREAT WORK!

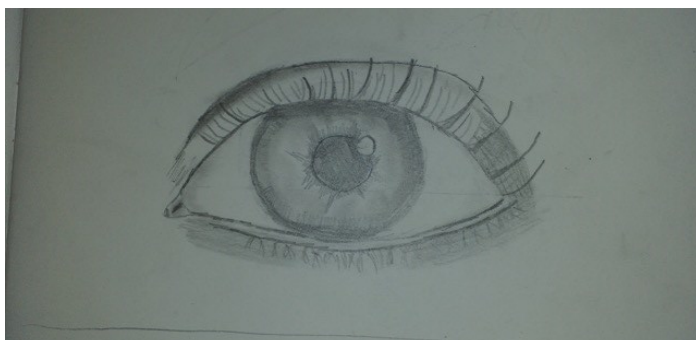
Rydes Hill families from home.....



JONAH A—BAKING WITH FAMILY



MAYA D—STUNNING PENCIL DRAWINGS



KATIE B AND LIZZIE B— GYMNASTICS, PE AND DANCE!



ALEX W — FANTASTIC DRAWING OF A DOCTOR
TREATING A CORONAVIRUS PATIENT AT MUMMY'S WORK!