



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Friday 27th March 2020



Dear Parents

OUR NEW NORMAL

What a strange week it has been! I imagine all of us are trying hard to adapt to our 'new normal'. Our Key Worker children have been in School and working on their work packs, just the same as our Home Worker children. The teachers, when they haven't been in School supervising, have been busy planning what the next stage for Rydes Hill looks like. We are testing a variety of online platforms to find out which work best for which year groups, as well as looking at what we are going to do if all the main websites that Schools are using crash (as some of them did earlier this week). Please be reassured that we are finding the best way for us and will have full details to share with you soon.

Thank you to everyone who watched the video assembly on Monday and who joined the zoom assembly on Friday. We will now be live streaming the assemblies every week, so do please make sure you sign up for a free zoom account if you don't already have one.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

We want to try to support the businesses of our school families and friends. We are compiling a directory of these and, if you would like to be included, please email bridget.torlesse@rydeshill.com Whilst we are trying to support these businesses, the School does not endorse any particular company and parents need to do their own research before using any of the services offered.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We are looking at ways to support all our families in this very tricky time. Home Schooling whilst also having to work yourself is not a picnic, particularly with younger children. If you are struggling, need advice or just want a bit of reassurance, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. The teachers are trying to find ways of getting in contact with the children over the next week so that they can touch base with them. Please be patient as many of our teachers also have their own children at home with them!

This is a confusing and difficult time for children. If you are looking for further advice, these organisations may be able to support you:

www.kooth.com

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

KEY WORKER INFORMATION

Please can parents be aware that from Monday 30th March, the earliest drop off time will be 8am. If this is going to be particularly problematic, please have a conversation with me.

Mrs Norville

Happy Birthday!

27th March	Megan D
30th March	Harrison B
4th April	Christobel RC



Charitable Giving

In the season of Lent we are encouraged to give to charity. Now, more than ever, our charities need our support. We had planned to invite all children to wear football / rugby / any other sporting team / PE kit to school next **Tuesday 31st March** in exchange for a donation to CAFOD. More than one football pitch of Amazon rainforest is being lost every minute, and the funds raised will help to support this. If you would still like to wear your kit next Tuesday and make a donation to CAFOD, it would be very much appreciated.

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off? Amount=25& Appeal=122838>

CAFOD
Just one world



**Shooting
Star Chase**

Children's Hospice Care

The other charity we would have supported this term is the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice in Guildford. This would have been the charity for the pudding auction at the Quiz Night. With the loss of income from its charity shops and no income from the London Marathon, there is a very real chance that this hospice will close. If you are able to donate the money you would have given for the pudding auction to this wonderful charity, they will certainly appreciate it.

<https://www.shootingstar.org.uk/get-involved/coronavirus-crisis-appeal/>

We know that these are trying financial times for everyone, but even a small donation will help. Thank you.

Community Helpline

Surrey County Council have set up a **Community Helpline number: 0300 200 1008** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm). The community helpline is to direct residents to services that can help during the **coronavirus pandemic**. This community phone line is for two things:

- To help direct residents who need support, such as picking up shopping, prescription collections or having someone who can be a telephone friend, to services who can help.
- To provide advice on where to register your offer of help to support your community.

The helpline will not be able to provide any public health advice (please use existing services such as 111)

Useful online resources



FOR YOUR WORLD

WWF have launched new live online learning experiences to support school communities. They have also launched a new [#LearnToLoveNature](#) hub, which includes a suite of educational activities and ideas for pupils and their families.



amazon books

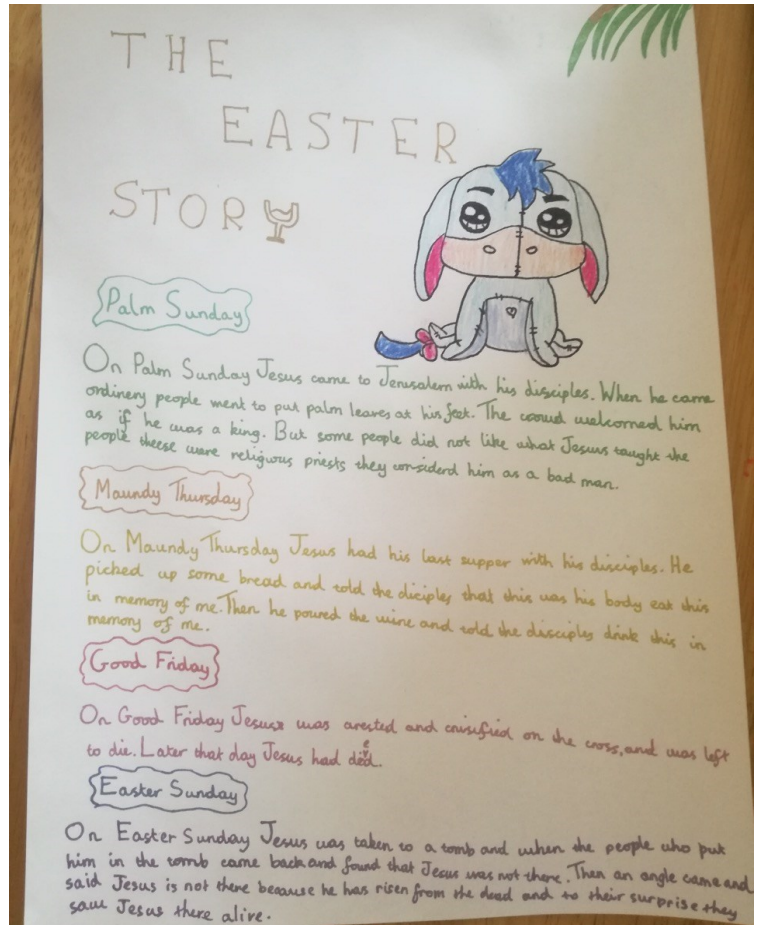
Amazon has cancelled the subscription charges of books and audio stories for children of all ages as long as schools are closed. Children can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet using the following link:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>



Rydes Hill families from home.....



MATILDE (F1) - POEM ENTITLED 'SPRING'

MARYAM (MP) - THE EASTER STORY



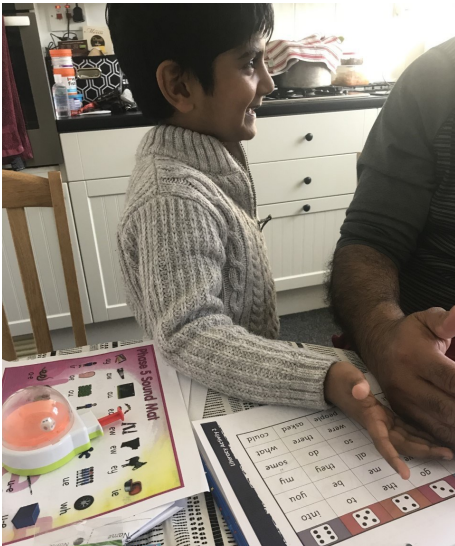
BETH (MP) - EASTER CARD WRITING

STEPHANIE (KG) - DRAWING OF SPRING

Rydes Hill families from home.....



IZZY (HP) - CLASS READING WITH HIGHER PREP VIA ZOOM AND TAKING A BREAK IN THE FRESH AIR!



HARRI (LT) - HOME LEARNING AND PLAYING CRICKET!

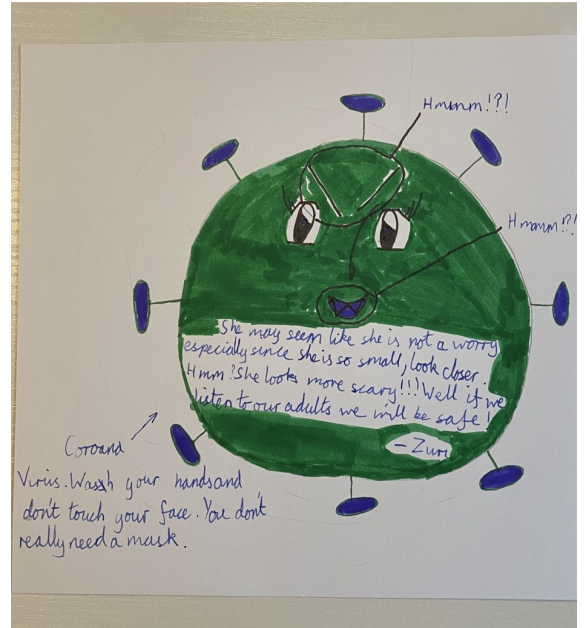
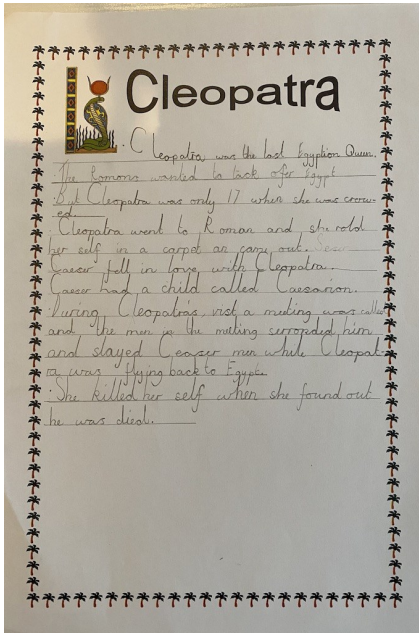


KATE (MP) —CLASS READING VIA ZOOM



CHLOE & JESSIKA - STARTING THE DAY WITH JOE WICKS!

Rydes Hill families from home....



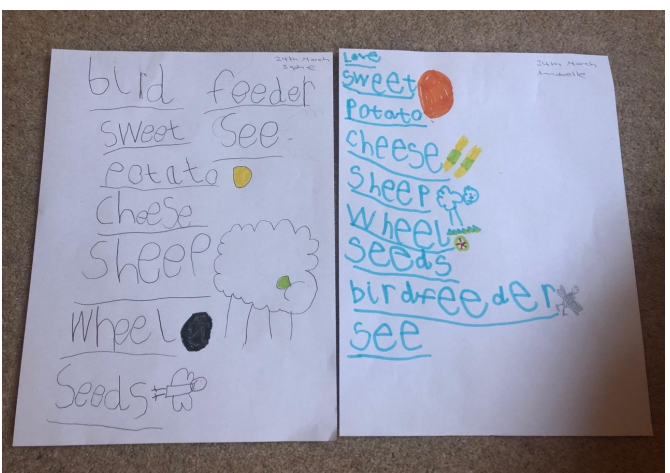
IMANI (LP) SYNOPSIS ON CLEOPATRA

ZURI (F1) RESEARCH INTO CORONAVIRUS



MIA (N) - RAINBOW AND HOPSKOTCH NUMBERS!

SOPHIE (KG) - MATHS TIME



ANNABELLE AND SOPHIE (KG) - KEEPING BUSY WITH HOME PACKS

Rydes Hill families from home....



SOPHIA (LP) - BLOWING BUBBLES AND SERIOUS MATHS WITH DADDY!



**SCARLETT, TILLY AND HENRY—
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT HOME**



EMILY (LT) - BAKING AND WRITING



ASTRID (UT) - BUSY AT WORK



GRACE (LT) - RECORDER AND RAILWAY ENGINEER!



BRIDGET (MP) - DEN BUILDING

Rydes Hill families from home.....



SCARLETT DG (F1) ENJOYING A BUBBLE BREAK IN THE SUN AND A MOMENT OF MINDFULNESS!