



27th March

School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

Week one done!

Well we are now at the end of our first week of school closure and we are so thrilled with the engagement on our e-learning platform. Many children are engaging incredibly well with learning from home and we are so grateful for the many positive emails from parents expressing their thanks for the work that the teaching team are doing to keep the children engaged. We know that many families (and teachers!) are starting their school day with a PE lesson led by Joe Wicks which is fantastic. If you haven't seen this yet, there is a link on your child's class home page on the STARz e-learning platform which will take you to the live PE lesson at 9am every morning. We also know that some children are still wearing their school uniform whilst completing their home learning which we all loved hearing about. Do continue to let us know your funny stories or ways of passing the time as a family – we'd love to hear them.

Online Leading Learners



We are delighted to let you know that we will continue to celebrate our amazing learners with our new award, 'Online Leading Learner'! We will email you your child's certificate and their teacher will also let them know via direct message on STARz. This week our worthy winners are:

Picasso class

Sophie (Yr6) - For her sensational 'Space' board game; such careful design and attention to detail in construction ... It looks out of this world! Well done Sophie.
Georgie-Mae (Yr6) - For maintaining the high level of work that she produces at school, at home! Great content, presentation and initiative demonstrated throughout the week. Fantastic!

Kandinsky class

Lottie (Yr5) - She is working incredibly hard and producing work to the same standard that we see in school. Fantastic!
Annie (Yr4) - For her enthusiasm with every task including when responding to feedback. Also, for her amazing book review video!

Monet class

Jude (Yr3) - For such a high standard of work and consistent effort over the week. Well done Jude!

Evony (Yr2) - For excellent, creative work and trying extremely hard at all tasks that have been set. Amazing Evony!

Van Gogh class

Henry (Yr1)- For completing almost all the online learning tasks this week to an amazing standard. Mrs Wilcock loved seeing all the pictures and videos of all that he has done, especially the video of his moving picture!

Tudor (YrR) – For challenging himself with some of the Year 1 learning and his resourcefulness in using lots of practical resources. His 3d shape sculptures were particularly amazing!

If your child is not currently able to access the home learning for any reason please do email the school office so that we can support you. For example if you have password problems.

However, please remember that the learning that is being uploaded is there to support the children and is in no way compulsory. We do understand that families might be enjoying time in the garden or doing activities at home that they have found for themselves online. We are also aware that some families are uploading a great deal of 'evidence' of learning and again, please do not feel that you need evidence for absolutely everything – it could just be a message to say you've completed it, or just one photograph rather than several. Similarly, many families are printing (and running out of paper!) all of the activities but there really is no need to do this unless it is helpful and you are able. Many activities can be done directly online.

If at any point the home learning is adding additional pressure, during a time that is challenging already, please do stop for a while and come to it when you are ready and able. Spending time together as a family; playing a board game, completing a jigsaw puzzle....even just allowing children to play.....are all learning opportunities and valuable time well spent.

Images of Home Learning

I have contacted our Data Protection Officer at the Local Authority about using photographs of home learning that have been taken by parents or children in their homes and uploaded to the e-learning platform. If we have permission to use photographs taken in school, technically once you upload to us, they become part of school learning. However, I just wanted to give all parents the opportunity to opt out of this. If you do not want us to share your photographs of home learning (on our website or in this newsletter) then you have two options; either, do not upload them to STARz or email the office to let us know that you are continuing to upload them in order to share learning but you do not wish them to be used in any publication. If this could be done before Friday 3rd April I'd be really grateful. Many thanks.

Dear Future Me...

Next week, our whole school challenge is for children to write a note or draw a picture for their future self. More details will be uploaded on Monday but this can be a really moving activity to do, particularly if you save your child's letter or postcard to give to them on their 18th birthday. We hope you enjoy this activity together!



Pastoral support



Our wonderful vicar, Rev'd Mandy has contacted me to say that she is available and happy to offer any kind of support that she can to the whole school community; parents, children, staff and Governors. She is a great listening ear and has a wonderfully reassuring way. She is happy to be contacted by phone on 01480 896541 or by email on rector@norleigh.org.uk

Some excellent examples of Home Learning from this week



Dear God

Thank you for are homes and schools
Thank you God for are beautiful planet earth
it is so nice may you bring us hope for the
future and strength to those who are
unwell

in Jesus' name
Amen

