



# 1st May

## 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.*

### **Summer term week 2!**

Well I'm not sure where the sunshine has gone this week but my garden is very pleased to have some rain! It has been a positive week for learning with a great deal of work submitted by our fantastic children. It is right then that our newsletter starts by celebrating some of this learning with our Online Leading Leaders.

### **Online Leading Learners**

This week our worthy winners are:

#### **Picasso class**

Russell (Yr6) – For demonstrating great Maths reasoning skills, throughout the week, when solving Geometry problems! Well done. Keep it going!

Claire (Yr6) – For maintaining such a high level of work across all of the subjects and enthusiastically applying herself to new ones... such as Spanish! Gracias Claire!

#### **Kandinsky class**

Joshua (Yr4) – For his fantastic bird feeder which he made using a cardboard tube, string, peanut butter and seeds in his Design & Technology activity. Fantastic!

Sophie (Yr5) – For her fantastic art work of a bird in flight. Well done Sophie!

#### **Monet class**

Emily (Yr 3) - For showing so much care, attention and original thought in all that she does. Her dedication and work rate are amazing and the teachers love receiving her work.

Joseph (Yr 3) - For showing such brilliant commitment to his written English work and amazing results in his comprehension. His teachers are so proud of the effort that he is putting in and how much he is challenging himself.

#### **Van Gogh class**

Ethan G (Yr1) - For working so hard and completely independently at his Maths and English this week. He has been able to follow instructions carefully and use the computer to help him with his learning.

Archie T (YrR) - For making some amazing puppets to help him to tell the story of 'How the birds got their colours!' He chose all the right colours for the birds and his rainbow coloured parrot was fantastic!

### Home Learning

We have had a message from a parent expressing their concern that they know of some families who are completing Home Learning for their children due to the pressure to complete activities. I was extremely sad to hear this and am so sorry to any family who feels such pressure. Please be reassured that all Home Learning is there for your child/children to access as and when they are able. Teachers are working hard to find a wide range of learning activities to suit everyone, they are giving individual feedback to every child and it's disheartening for them to feel that some of this learning may have been done by an adult and not a child.

### Reading Books

If you are struggling to know which books to buy for your children to read during lockdown, this is a really great website. It makes suggestions for books that your child/children might enjoy based on their current reading preferences. Click [here](#) for the website. Happy reading!

### Daily Hope

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. This is updated daily so can be accessed regularly at any time.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

### Acts of kindness

We were delighted to hear about 2 acts of kindness from our pupils and their families this week. Firstly, Harvey in Yr4 heard about his neighbour being exhausted and emotional after her 12½ hour shift in Critical Care at Papworth. Harvey wanted to do something nice for her so he collected some unopened toiletries including some foot cream, foot scrub and fluffy socks, hand cream, eye cream and bubble bath. He also donated some of his Easter chocolates and he delivered them with a lovely message on top of her husband's van for her to pick up. She sent Harvey a message saying she was really grateful! What a lovely gesture Harvey!



Secondly, William in Yr1 has been busy helping to sort and organise food for a local food bank. He sorts tins and packets into groups and then helps to box them up ready to be delivered to local families. A great way to help others in these challenging times – well done William!

## **Learning about online safety at home**

The [ThinkUKnow](#) website has some brilliant support and resources to help you learn about online safety at home with your child. They have produced parent/carer [helpsheets](#) which contain key online safety advice and links to resources, as well as support services. They have now also produced Home activity packs for each age range which contain two 15 minute activities to do with your child. These will be updated every fortnight so it's worth checking back then too.

Click [here](#) for home activity packs for children aged 4-5

Click [here](#) for home activity packs for children aged 5-7

Click [here](#) for home activity packs for children aged 8-10

## **Our School Prayer**

**Dear Lord,**

**All together we are Abbots Ripton School**

**Bless each one of us this day**

**Bring joy to our lives**

**Open our hearts to peace**

**Together we pray to you our Father**

**Stand by us as we grow**

**May we**

**Reflect your goodness**

**In all that we do**

**Protect the world around us and**

**Take care of your creation**

**Our family and friends we trust to your care**

**Now and forever we say**

Amen