



# End of Spring Term 2020 News

*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 two done!**

Well we are now at the end of our second week and we would like to say a HUGE thank you and well done to all the children and their families for the learning that has taken place at home. We have been so thrilled what has been shared. If you would like a teacher to send a message to your child to gently remind them about the importance of learning or if you are struggling to encourage them to engage, please do let us know via the office email and we will try!!

We would also like to thank those parents who have sent a message of support and/or thanks to the staff team. Your acknowledgment of our hard work is really appreciated!

## **Online Leading Learners**

This week our worthy winners are:

### **Picasso class**

Primrose (Yr6) – For the consistent high quality home learning that she produces every single day, with every piece of work, alongside maintaining her creative flair. Fantastic!

Jake (Yr6) – For demonstrating such thought and care with all of his home learning activities. Thank you and well done Jake!



### **Kandinsky class**

Joshua (Yr5) – For completing so many home learning tasks in such a variety of different ways and for the very high standard of these.

Pearl (Yr4) – For showing such wonderful cookery skills when making her delicious Easter cakes. Well done!

### **Monet class**

Lani (Yr3) – For completing nearly all of the home learning challenges and working incredibly hard every day with creativity and imagination.

Lottie (Yr2) – For working consistently hard every single day. All work is always thoughtfully completed to a high standard with beautiful handwriting or detailed drawings.

### **Van Gogh class**

Oliver C (Yr1): For showing real enthusiasm and perseverance in all of his learning this week. Mrs Wilcock particularly liked your STEM project to build a nest.

Emily (YrR): For spending so much time building caterpillars that were as long as her foot, her hand and her head circumference. They even had antennae!

## Easter learning

Please remember that teachers will not be setting any home learning or responding to learning over the Easter holidays. However, teachers have uploaded links and activities that can be completed in the holidays if you would like something to do! With this newsletter we have also resent the learning links sheet which have previous shared as this has many, many websites to visit for support and ideas.

## KS2 French learning

With this newsletter we have attached some links to French learning with an Easter theme! Mrs Truche-Gordon, our French teacher wishes you all a Happy Easter and hopes that you enjoy some of these activities.

## Dear Future Me...

If your child has completed this challenge, please do remember to keep it safe for them! Maybe write the date on which their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday will fall on the envelope as a reminder of when to open it!!



## Online safety



There is a lot of support available to support you with keeping your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help and we have further guidance on our school website.

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#)
- [Parent info](#)
- [LGfL](#)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents from the NSPCC)

The Cambridgeshire ICT Service has also got a really useful page with information about how to access support with setting up parental filters and links to some great resources for parents. Click [here](#) to access this page.

## Hub model

In these very challenging times, all schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are working closely with colleagues in Local Authorities to ensure families that are vulnerable or need additional support receive the help they need.

A network of COVID-19 Coordination and Response Hubs have been established, comprising a countywide hub and local hubs led by District/City Councils. The hubs are focussed on providing local support, coordinating community led initiatives, supporting residents, and responding to individual offers of help or requests for support including access to food banks.

The contact details for our local hub in Huntingdonshire is:

**Web:** [www.wearehuntingdonshire.org](http://www.wearehuntingdonshire.org)

**Opening:** Monday-Thursday 08:45-17:00 and 08:45-16:30 on Fridays

**Tel:** 01480 388388

**Email:** [Crm\\_communitydevelopment@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Crm_communitydevelopment@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Please continue to contact us if we can help but we would suggest you use these hub arrangements to provide additional support if needed.

## Early years settings, childminders and schools helping key workers find childcare

Cambridgeshire County Council has offered to support parents find placements for Early Years children if parents are unable to access their normal provision.

A dedicated team is now on hand to signpost parents to available options, including childcare provided by nurseries and childminders. If you or anyone you know is a critical worker and in need of childcare support, please contact the Family Information Service for Cambridgeshire on 0345 045 1360.

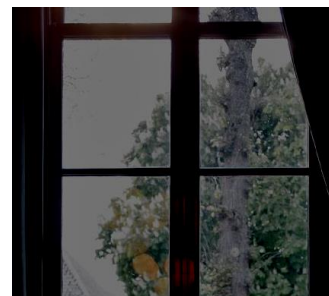
### **Department for Education**

The DfE has written a guidance document for parents and carers about the closure of educational settings. It is updated regularly so worth looking at from time to time. The latest version is available [here](#).

### **A message from Reverend Mandy for Easter**

Sadly we are not together for our end of term Easter Service so Reverend Mandy has asked us to include this for you to share with your children. She has also sent through a 'Station of the Cross' activity pack for parents to use with their children over the Easter Week. Please see attached.

When you look out of your window, what do you see? Perhaps it is some lovely green grass? Or some daffodils, lots of yellow and white as we get the blossom on the trees. Do you see birds or other animals in your garden? Or maybe you look out of your window onto part of an estate, or a road with houses across it, cars parked or people driving? Maybe you look out and see people walking their dogs or waving across the street to someone, even you as you're looking out of your window. Perhaps, also, you are one of the many who have joined in with creating a rainbow to display in your window and can see other rainbows in other windows. Whatever you see when you look out of the window it is part of the world we all share together. At this current time, the world we share with one another is battling a difficult illness and we are all playing our part in that battle by helping each other out with phonecalls, whatsapp messages, video sharing, shopping, encouraging, teaching – and staying home to look out of our windows, watching and waiting. Next week is Holy Week and Easter; another time in history when people watched and waited... and something extraordinary happened. That was a week in which the world changed, as our world has also changed in a few short weeks. Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday with an exciting procession and people waving branches. Then the week gradually gets darker as we head towards Good Friday and Jesus' crucifixion. But... after that... there is Easter Day:-). A day of sunlight and happiness when life is restored and we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. For all of us there will be an Easter Day when our current crisis is over and we can go back to our usual lives again. I imagine our world will have changed at that time ... hopefully for the better. So we will rejoice and be glad and have our chocolate on Easter Day:-) – A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!



### **Prayer**

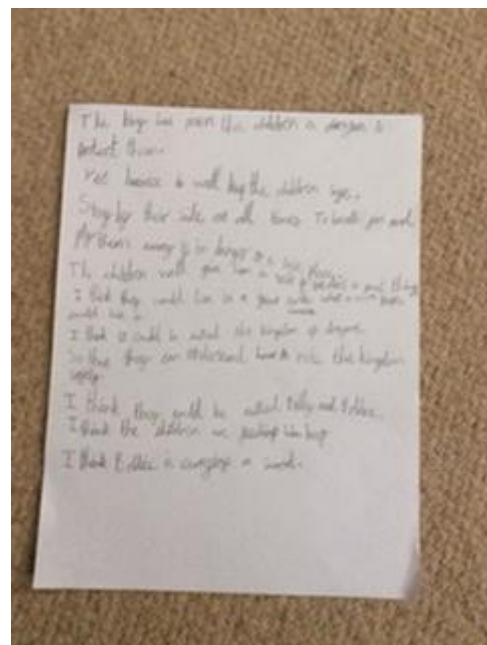
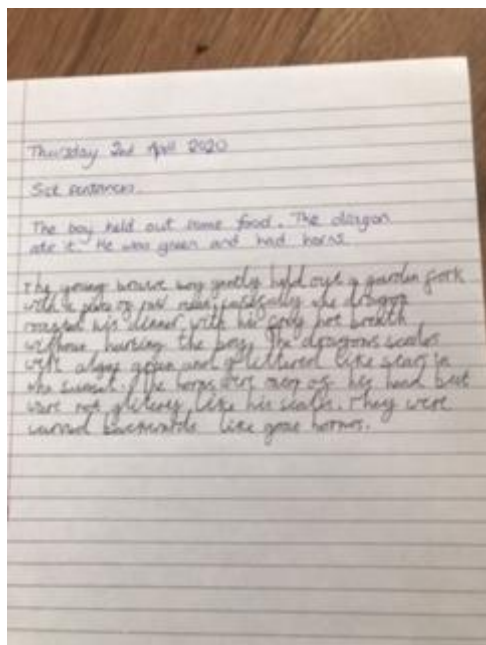
God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.



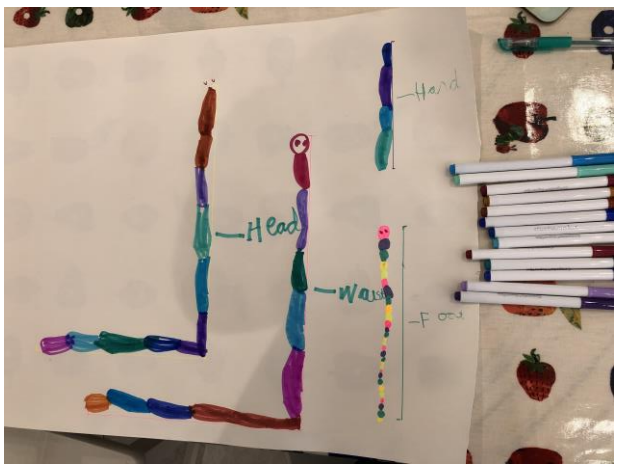
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.  
**Amen.**

## Home Learning Gallery

Do have a look at some of the work that we have been sent this week. They are fantastic!











01/04/20 Jude's Science  
and Plant Poster



You will need ...



↑ my seeds  
growing.





## My perfect pet: The Norfolk Terrier

### 'A big dog in a small package'

#### Introduction:

I have wanted a dog for a very long time. It had to be a dog that would fit in well with our family and our lifestyle. After considering lots of options we decided that the Norfolk Terrier was the perfect pet for us. Let me tell you a little about this amazing breed.

#### Characteristics

The Norfolk Terrier has some wonderful traits that make it the ideal pet for a family. They are:

- Self-confident
- Loyal and loving to nature
- Fearless Great little hunters
- Spirited
- Companionable
- Intelligent and easy to train



#### Place: The perfect home

Ideally the Norfolk Terrier should live in a home with access to a garden. It needs exercise and example taking it out for walks and playing with it in the garden. These dogs are clever little escape artists so the garden needs to be very secure.

#### Needs

When you get a new pet you need some equipment to be able care for its growing needs. For a puppy like the Norfolk Terrier, you would need:

- Feeding bowls
- Food and treats for training and rewarding your puppy
- A well-made dog collar or harness and lead
- Toys! Good quality and safe.

- Bed, not too small, not too big!
- Crate that is large enough for the puppy or dog to move around in.
- Blankets for warmth
- Grooming equipment like a brush, nail clippers and scissors
- Toothbrush and toothpaste for dogs
- Dog shampoo

#### Spends

Having a pet is a big commitment. It takes time but also money to look after it well. There are some things you would need to spend money on:

- Building / Housing
- Toys / equipment for play and exercise
- Food
- Grooming
- Vet's fees - injections, medications, injuries
- Feeding equipment
- Pet insurance
- Lead / collar for walking
- Microchipping

#### Conclusion

Before getting a pet you must ensure that you are able to look after it properly. You must make sure that you can care for it, spend time with it and provide for it. After considering all this, our family decided that we were ready for a new addition to our family. Just this week we have bought a new puppy! His name is Tobi and he is nine weeks old. He is settling in very well. As young puppies do, he jumps a bit but he loves to play and chase my dippers. We love him and look forward to taking him for walks when he is old enough. Here is a picture of Tobi. His name means **adorable**.



Don't be mean  
or put mean  
pictures online!

If anything  
upsets you  
online, tell a  
grown-up!

Don't meet up  
with people you  
don't know!

Don't talk to  
strangers  
online!



**STAY SAFE ONLINE!**



Everyone at Abbots Ripton CE Primary School  
would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

