

Building the Bridge to Success Together



# All Saints' News

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What a week! We started the week welcoming everyone back to school and had the most amazing Wow days. Thank you to the parents who sorted costumes for the first day back. The children had a fantastic day and started their new topics in a very engaging manner.

Monday evening's announcement by the Prime Minister obviously resulted in us having to change our way of working quite significantly. At present, we have the children of critical workers in school and also those who meet the vulnerable criteria. These children have continued to work hard and are following all the systems in place to keep them safe. The number of children attending school is much higher than during the initial lockdown and as a result, all of our teachers and teaching assistants are in school everyday, supporting the children in school and also running the remote learning for the children at home. This is not an easy task and I am very grateful to them all for their incredible efforts this week. They have adapted quickly to a new way of working and managed to keep smiling whilst ensuring the best for the children.

Finally a huge thank you to the children who have sprung into action at home and made a brilliant start to their remote learning. The staff have enjoyed seeing many of you on Zoom each day and have been very impressed with the work you've been completing.

Well done everyone! It's seemed like the longest week but together, we have achieved so much.

Take care and stay safe! Miss Jackson



## Benefit Related Free School Meals

The government are again looking to fund supermarket vouchers for all children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals during this lockdown.

This is not to be confused with the Universal Infant Free School Meals that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to. This relates only to those children whose parents have applied for and have been awarded, free school meals by the benefits teams at either East Riding or Hull City Council.

If you feel that your child may be entitled to free meals due to a change in your recent circumstances, you can make an online application at [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

We will confirm more about the vouchers as soon as we have an update but, if approved, they will commence from Monday 11th January and will be sent out to parents and carers at the end of each week via text and/or email as before.

## Remote Learning

Many children have made a great start to their home learning this week. The expectation for home learning tasks has changed quite considerably to that of the first lockdown, with the government now keen to ensure that children are accessing learning whilst at home.

We are pleased with the learning offer that we have put together however understand that some children may not be able to complete all of the work set. We appreciate that this is a very challenging time for parents and families and many people have multiple children to support and also their own work commitments to contend with. With this in mind, we have provided virtual teaching resources to hopefully enable children to access their learning more independently. Please be aware the children who are in school for part of the week, need to be completing their remote learning on the remaining days.

### **Chrome Books / Internet Access**

This week we have loaned chrome books to children without them and also managed to source free internet access for any families without. If you require support with obtaining the internet in your home or require additional data on your mobile phone to access the online teaching resources, please contact school. Each application is considered by the DfE individually however we are more than happy to process your application for you.

### **Paper Packs of Work**

Paper packs of work will be available from both the Infant and Junior School offices from 8am on a Monday morning. Please return the previous work pack when you collect your new one. This will ensure that teaching staff are able to monitor and mark the completed work.

### **Home Learning Top Tips**

We understand that the first lockdown was very challenging for some of our families as this is an unknown way of working. As most of you are not teachers by choice and understandably your home is not a classroom packed full of educational resources. I would just like to reassure you that as a school we are here to support you and your child with any difficulties you may face. Here are just a few pointers to help you get off to a flying start.

- ◆ Try to establish a routine. Children like routine and knowing what is expected of them. A simple timetable may support this
- ◆ Encourage your child to express their feelings as this will support their well-being.
- ◆ Try to get out for some fresh air each day, a short walk or bike ride, even on the most miserable of days, can brighten your mood. Being outdoors will also give children a greater appreciation for nature and wildlife. Being grateful is beneficial for well-being, teach your child to find things each day they are grateful for.
- ◆ Most importantly, reach out for help. If you or your child are finding things difficult, there is support you can access. For difficulties with learning or technical support, you can message your child's teacher on the Google Classroom or phone school. If you or your child needs emotional support then we are available to help.



# This week's activity... to make a winter garden

First of all you will need to go for a walk with your adults or go out into the garden to collect a variety of interesting things. These are items to use in your winter garden, such as pine cones, twigs, leaves, small cuttings from a bush, pebbles etc.

As you look for your things, take notice of how beautiful nature is during winter. Can you find anything that is starting to grow? Can you see any flowers? What can you hear?

## What you need:

- A tray or a cardboard box lid. You could even ask an adult to cut a cardboard box down so it just has a small lip around it.
- Something to put on the cardboard to set the scene. If you wanted to make a snow garden you could pull apart cotton wool balls or paint the bottom of the box white. Or you could put a layer of compost on the bottom.
- Your collection of items from your walk / garden.
- Colourful paper / felt tips / glue
- Any plastic animals / bugs / fairies that could play in the garden.
- Anything else you would like to include! The more imaginative the better! Please tweet photographs of your completed gardens and tag @allsaintsfed

