

Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



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Dear Children (and Parents!),

I am really enjoying seeing all the things you have been doing at home this week. I am really impressed with your creativity. What brilliant film-makers, designers, builders, cake-decorators, artists, sports-people we have amongst us at St Andrew's.

We also have some budding authors in our midst! Lots of you are enjoying the range of writing tasks available at the moment. For those who are

preferring to write diaries- well done too! These will be so interesting for you to keep and re-read when you are older. A precious reminder of what we did 'when the world changed' - for a while.

Well done to those who had a go at the 'Growing quiz' on the whole school area. Hopefully the weather will be kind to those of us growing and our harvests will be splendid!

On Sunday Boris Johnson is going to be addressing the nation on his plans for 'moving forward'.

The St Andrew's team and I have already been thinking hard about what that might look like for us. I am awaiting further direction from Boris and Essex County Council before any plans are finalised. Please know that at the heart of any decision will be everyone's safety. I am often heard to say in school that my main job is 'to keep you safe'- this is more important than ever!

We are missing you all a lot- the staff are loving staying in touch with you on Google Classroom- so if you haven't yet signed up please do!

I hope that you are all staying safe, being kind and are still shining bright.

Wishing you all well Mrs Black





NEW SECTION- BIRTHDAY BUNNIES!

Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to the children who have celebrated their birthdays from the 1st-10th of **May**.

Charlie M, Finlay B, Charlotte M, Edward R, Mylie O, Audrey G, Ella B, Joshua T, Ronnie N.

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Information from Mrs Jeary: FREE Music Home learning with Yumu

In addition to your child's usual home learning, from next week they will also be given access to the school's music teaching platform, Charanga. Yumu is an area of the Charanga platform dedicated to supporting students' music-making. This will give children the opportunity to listen to selected music, sing, perform (if they play an instrument) and even compose.

The idea is to add another choice for the children, not to give you more to do!

We will be sending home login details next week. Once children have their login details, all they need to do is visit the following website and login.

essexonlinemusic.co.uk/yumu

This is of course just an option- there is no pressure to get involved; but it might be a perfect opportunity for your child to try something new!

Message from: The Home-Learning team:

UPLOADING WORK/ PHOTOS TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM

This week's trickle then flood on Google Classroom has been delightful to see. The teachers will not be able to comment on everything (but will be trying hard!) but we can all see that you have all been hard at work and very much enjoyed looking at your work and photos. It is also lovely to see the other things that you have been doing, not just those on our Home Learning Bulletin.

Please feel free to upload as much or as little as you would like to; there is no limit and your work is safe and secure in your area in Classwork - it can't be seen by other children unless you agree to share it. However, we don't want anyone to feel under pressure to upload everything, so please do what feels manageable!



PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED:

I am going to create a Powerpoint 'film' of how our St Andrew's families have managed to celebrate or commemorate 75 years since VE day.

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If you would like to join in—please send a jpg image to your child's year group email address by Wednesday next week.

These will be shared on Google Classroom and on the website!

Well done to Grace from Base 1 for creating this beautiful rainbow mural—what a wonderful message of hope.



We are part of NWESSP.

This link gives some ideas for sporting activities.



http://www.nwessp.co.uk/parent-zone/

You will receive a phone call in the forth-coming days and weeks from your child's teacher.



This is will be from a 'with-held number'.

Contact via the year group e-mail addresses is the best way to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or would like to share news.

Reflection time:

We are thinking of all of our lovely families as the challenges continue.

We are thankful to the kindness being shown by strangers and our communities.

We are looking forward to when we can spend time together with friends and loved-ones.

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