



Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School



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Dear Children (and Parents!),



Another week has flown by, we have enjoyed improving weather which is always good for the spirit- as well as the gardens.

Google Classroom is slightly quieter and we are looking for new ways to keep the interactions between us all meaningful and fun! Staff will be posting mini videos on Monday morning and we plan to start using Google Meet- for small group 'topic based' chats with staff. These will start properly after half-term- but your child may be invited to be a 'tester' for this during this week. I have included an interesting article below by an American Head teacher.

In these difficult times looking for a silver-lining can help.

Wishing you all well this week. Mrs Black

What if?

What if they cancel the rest of the school year, students would miss 3 months of education. Many people are concerned about students falling behind because of this. Yes, they may fall behind when it comes to classroom education but what if, what if instead of falling behind, this group of kids are **ADVANCED** because of this? Hear me out....

What if they have more empathy, they enjoy family connection, they can be more creative and entertain themselves, they love to read and they love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own backyard and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home? What if they learn to stretch a dollar and to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home? What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of every day?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers like truck drivers, grocers, cashiers, logistics and healthcare workers and their supporting staff, just to name a few of the millions taking care of us right now while we are sheltered in place?

What if among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life? What if they are **AHEAD**?



Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to the children who have celebrated their birthdays from 11th- 17th of May.

Jack G, Thomas P, Leo L,
Max E, Evie-Mae W,
Clark W,

Music Home learning with Yumu

Everyone should have received their Yumu login details this week, from Mrs Dutaut.

All you need to do is visit the following website and login.

essexonlinemusic.co.uk/yumu

We are really pleased to see some of you already logging in and using this service. Remember, if you usually have instrumental lessons in school, you can ask your class teacher for information about accessing this through Yumu too!

Message from the Home-Learning team:

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We are so pleased with the number of pupils who are now making regular use of Google Classroom—147 pupils as of today!

If you are one of the families who have not yet been able to access this platform, remember you can email our Google administrators (Mrs Waring and Miss Watson) on googleclassroom@hpsajs.org



Goodie Bags for the Extremely Vulnerable

Last week, our school based pupils had the opportunity to work with Maldon Community Voluntary Services to prepare goodie bags for adults and children in the local area who are extremely vulnerable.

St Andrew's Juniors pupils spent time beautifully decorating the bags, which were filled with jam, scones, flowers, puzzles and books. These bags were then delivered by volunteers wearing 1940s clothing on VE Day—including our very own Mrs Larrad!

We are so proud of our community's support of this wonderful endeavour, and are sure that these bags will have put a huge smile on people's faces.

Well done to all involved!





BritishRedCross

First Aid Champions

The British Red Cross are offering free training resources for children aged 5-11 about spreading kindness and to learn First Aid Skills.

If you would like to know more about the program or to view the resources, go to;

<https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/primary/>

We would love to see pictures or hear stories of you spreading kindness in the weeks to come!

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You will continue to receive phone calls in the forthcoming weeks from your child's teacher.



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

Reflection time:

Thinking of our whole community as the uncertainty of our situation continues.

Hoping for wisdom in our leaders.

Enjoying the sunshine that heartens all of our spirits.

Praying for those who are unwell, or sad or lonely.

Smiling at the hope that situations will change in time.

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