



St Bede's Happy News!



Volume 1, Issue 1

27.3.20

St Bede's Happy News!

Hello from all at St Bede's! We miss you!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We hope you are all well and enjoying your first week of home learning. While we were devastated to have to close on Friday for most children, we must all do whatever the government suggest at present to ensure we all stay safe and have been so grateful for your support.

Remember children, Mams and Dads may find this new situation we are all in tricky too so please be on your best behaviour and be kind to them! Your **health and happiness is more important than anything at the moment** so just try and get yourselves in to a routine that works for you and make sure there is lots of laughter and love in your home. Also, try and enjoy the sunshine whilst we have it!

We would love to hear from all of you as we are missing you very much and we have lots of ways for you to communicate with us.

Firstly, we are sharing lots of ideas on our **Twitter account @StBedeSacriston** so please keep checking this. It is also on the home page of our website at www.stbedessacriston.co.uk if you do not have a twitter account.

We will be uploading more ideas for home learning on our website too in the coming weeks. Teachers will be uploading these as and when they are able to so please bear with us. This is on our **website in 'curriculum and classes' on a new page called 'home learning'.**

We also have a **new e-mail**

address so you can share your lovely work with your teacher, ask any questions you may have or simply say hi! The e-mail address is stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net. We would love to try to hear from all families **at least once a week** and would encourage you or your child to send your teacher an e-mail each week. Please allow them time to respond, however, in line with our communication policy. Please also be aware that **all staff can access this e-mail**. If you have a confidential query, e-mail Mrs Alderson at st.bedes.rc.sacriston@durhamlearning.net

If you have a safeguarding concern, please telephone 03000267979 or e-mail Mrs Alderson via the confidential office e-mail address.

We will only be opening school for emergency care for the children of key workers and will be opening around the hours needed for these children in order to continue to limit non-essential working for staff. Please **DO NOT** call school as it highly unlikely we will be able to answer.

Your best method of communication is via our e-mail address. However, **in the event of an emergency only**, we do have a school mobile phone number you can contact during school hours. This is 07833868921. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Remember, we understand how worrying a time this is for everyone and want to help you in any way we can. Our community has excellent support in place.

E-mail enquiries@sacristonenterpriameworkshops.co.uk should you require help from their food bank, know someone who would benefit from their 'befriending' service or could volunteer to help.

Remember, every day we are also one day closer to this being over and us all being able to return to life together with a renewed sense of just how precious it is. Take care of each other and try to find happiness in the little things.

With very best wishes that you all stay safe and tread carefully,

Mrs Alderson and the staff

'When this is over, may we never again take for granted,
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the store,
Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre,
Friday night out,
The taste of Communion,
A routine check up,
The school rush each morning,
Coffee with a friend,
The stadium roaring,
Each deep breath,
A boring Tuesday,
Life itself.

When this ends may we find that we will become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be

and may we stay that way - better for each other because of the worst.'

Laura Kelly Fanucci

Birthdays



Sunday 22nd March
Mrs Brady

Tuesday 24th March
Lyla

Friday 27th March
Emi

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing at present. Please do keep in your house and follow the government guidelines carefully. See <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for more details.

Important Notices

- Primary assessments (SATs, phonics and times table tests) will no longer be taking place. We are awaiting advice on assessment.
- We are awaiting advice on the free school meals vouchers governments will be offering for eligible families, we will contact those families as soon as we know more.

Happy News!



Whilst there is a lot going in the world at present, we thought it would be nice to share happy news on this newsletter to cheer us all up!

We would love for you to share your happy news and photos with us so please send any in to our e-mail account at stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net and we will try to include it in future newsletters.

Here is some of our happy news this week:

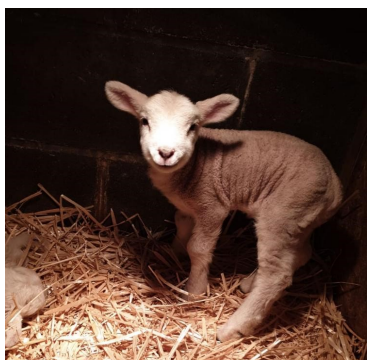
- **Mrs Jones is expecting a baby in the summer!** We are absolutely thrilled for Mrs Jones and her husband and know she will make a wonderful Mammy. She wants Class 4 to know that this is why she was not in school last week, as we need to keep her safe at the moment but she misses you very much
- **Mrs Brady turned 50 on Mother's Day!** Congratulations, Mrs Brady, we hope you had a wonderful day!
- Our staff mothers had lovely days on Sunday and got spoilt from their children. We hope you all did, too!
- Mrs Daynes says she and her family are still smiling, as always!

Happy Photos



'The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.'
Mark Twain

Mrs Tervit's friend had their first birth of a newborn lamb on their farm! Signs of spring are everywhere...



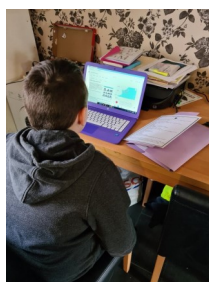
Miss Armstrong enjoyed some time to read during a walk along the beach, following social distancing guidelines of course!



Please send us your own happy pictures in to share in our newsletter in the coming weeks!

Happy Home Learning

We have had lots of examples of great work happening this week...here are a few examples! Thank you for sharing these. Keep up the hard work!



Rainbows

Everyone is being asked to spread some joy during this time by putting pictures of different things each week in their windows so that all can see them.

This week the theme is rainbows. In the Bible, God says, I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.' Genesis 9: 13-16 We can trust in God's beautiful promise.

Here are some lovely examples of rainbows you have shared with us this week...



During the coming weeks, there will be different themes, as follows:



w/c 30th March: Sunshine

w/c: 6th April: Easter

w/c 13th April: Animals

w/c 20th April: Flowers

w/c 27th April: Smiley faces

Please feel free to e-mail your pictures to stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net for our future newsletters!

Useful Websites

We hope you are enjoying your home learning packs. We would like to share some great websites you can also use. Please feel free to send us your ideas, too.

Read Write Inc

From Monday 23 March, Read Write Inc. are scheduling free phonics lessons on Facebook and Youtube for children to watch at home. The lessons will be streamed live at the following times:

- Set 1 speed sounds - 9.30am and 12.30pm
- Set 2 speed sounds - 10.00am and 1.00pm
- Set 3 speed sounds - 10.30am and 1.30pm

Read Write Inc. are also releasing a film of a teacher reading a poem for Reception and Year 1 children to join in with at 2.00pm every day.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/coronavirus-covid-19-update/>

Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ2fbclid=IwAR2zPh6YahiI_fOxLD_ikMQES-EWj_I_6L8MYTCYUYMBv-1DePkw5_7--E

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education/>

Home reading hotline:

From Monday 23 March, Read Write Inc. Phonics has sent up an email hotline for parents and carers helping children learning to read at home: homereading@ruthmiskin.com

Oxford Owl for home from Oxford University Press

- 72 free eBooks matched to Read Write Inc. Phonics Storybooks
 - 62 Speed Sounds practice sheets
 - 28 Ditty practice sheets
 - Parent information booklets
 - 8 Speedy Green Words slideshows
- Resources will be on [Oxford Owl for Home](#) over the coming days and weeks. Parents and carers will need to login to access eBooks.

Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/sacriston>

Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

NumBots

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login-type>

Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Spelling Shed / Maths Shed

<https://play.edshed.com>

Classroom Secrets

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-online-learning/>

Twinkl

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

Bedtime Math

<http://bedtimemath.org/fun-math-at-home/>

Maths Playground

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

Hungry Little Minds

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

British Sign Language

<https://www.british-sign.co.uk/shop/product/introducing-british-sign-language-enrolment/>

Reading

<https://readon.myon.co.uk>

Also, tune in to Joe Wicks every morning at 9am on youtube!

David Walliams audio stories

For 30 days, popular children's author, David Walliams, will be releasing an audio story from The World's Worst Children [here](#).

<https://www.themathsfactor.com>

Art for kids hub

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

Digital art

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/>

If your child works with the **Speech and Language Team**, then visit <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents> for lots of speech and language resources, advice and tips for working at home.