



St Andrew's Newsletter

15th May 2020

Growing and learning together with God

This week has been a very long week in terms of the amount of different information that has been coming thick and fast from government. I am certain that many of you will have been trying to keep up with it all, just like we are. On Monday I sent out a letter to parents explaining that we would only be able to start sharing plans about what June 1st might look like once more information had come through. I can confirm that we do have some draft plans, but that, owing to the fact that there is still a great deal of media speculation and scaremongering, alongside a huge amount of guidance and recommendations coming through from the DfE daily, I am going to wait until Monday before trying to share what these might look like with parents.

There is one thing that I can promise you all at this stage, and that is that all of us here at St. Andrew's – staff and governors, will continue to work our hardest to keep supporting your children's learning and to support you as families.

I have been so incredibly inspired and encouraged by seeing all the wonderful things that you and your children have been doing at home. There have been lovely messages from parents too, for all of the staff here. We are all really proud to be part of the St. Andrew's family, and we all truly believe that together we can get through these incredibly difficult times.

'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.' Reinhold Niebuhr

School Insights

Messages sent to families

192

262 Last week



Photos and videos shared

671

667 Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



Home-learning Packs

Thank you to everyone who collected these throughout the week, and especially to those of you who were able to deliver packs to others who couldn't get out.

It has been lovely to see some of the activities from the new books being uploaded onto the portfolios. The new CGP books are designed to give you the opportunity to do a Maths or English activity each day, which your child can do independently first if they wish. We sent some reminders out this week that each book also has answers with it so parents (or older children) can then check the work afterwards, and they have lots of extension tasks and challenges, which is why we provided all children with exercise books too.

Alongside the cover sheets we sent out this time with all the website links, the challenge activities, plus our regular activities like Mathletics and TT Rockstars, we really feel that there is more than enough for every child to keep busy – but without causing too much pressure for parents.

As I said in my newsletter on 24th April, you are all doing a great job of keeping your children safe and well at the moment, and teaching them lots of new life skills. All children are different, and all family circumstances are different, so just keep doing the best you can for your own children, and do not worry about whether others are doing more or less.

Cats!

Something fun to do this weekend!

Stream Andrew Lloyd Webber: Royal Albert Hall 50th Celebration for Free! Watch the Andrew Lloyd Webber: Royal Albert Hall 50th Celebration this Friday at 7pm BST on The Shows Must Go On YouTube channel!

Sadly this is the last weekend of shows. But it is available for 48 hours

<https://www.andrewlloydwebber.com/the-shows-must-go-on/>



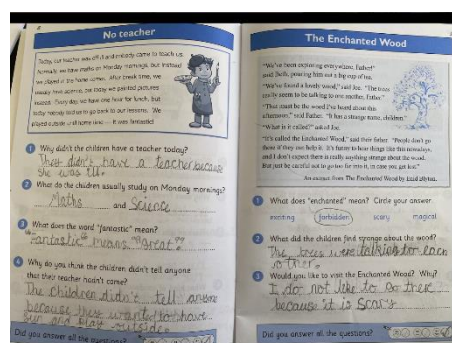
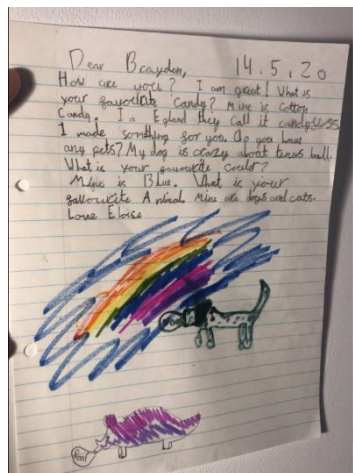
FSM Vouchers Update

Voucher codes for 3 weeks were sent out on 7th May. This will cover families up to the half term break. The majority of these have been successfully converted to vouchers to be used at the supermarkets.

If your working circumstances have changed due to Covid-19 and you believe you may be entitled to free school meals, please do email the school office for an application form.

For more information see

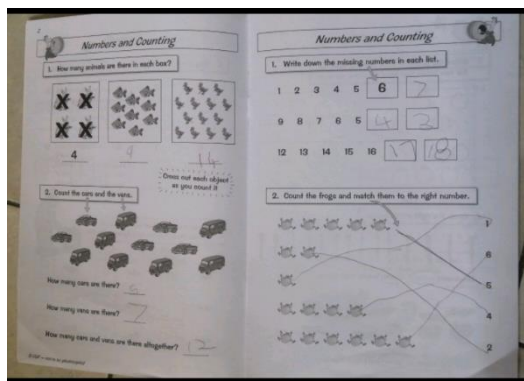
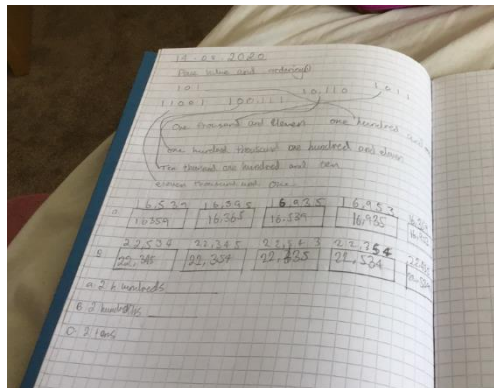
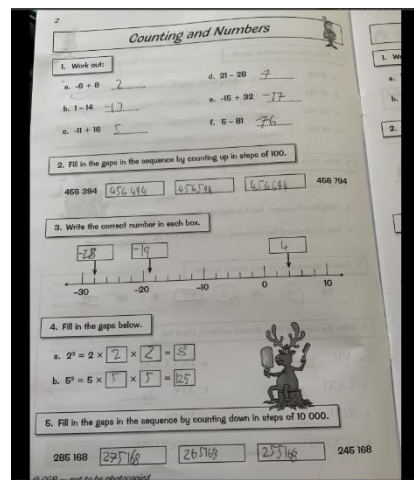
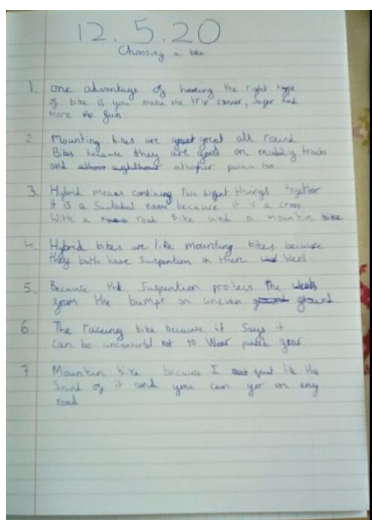
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Slip, Slop, Slap

The warmer weather looks set to return this weekend. Hopefully you will be able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Please remember to take care in the sun, by making sure you apply sun cream, wear a hat and sun glasses, and take a water bottle out with you to keep you refreshed.



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