



St Andrew's Newsletter

5th June 2020

Growing and learning together with God

Welcome to the second half of the Summer Term. I do hope you all managed to have some rest during half term. The first week of this half term has been totally different once again from anything any of us have ever experienced before. It has been wonderful to welcome back some more of our pupils this week. I do hope you have managed to look at the little video I posted on Dojo, which shows you just how hard the staff have worked to prepare the school for partial re-opening, but also tells you just how grateful we all are here for the amazing resilience of the pupils who have returned and for the support of the parents throughout this difficult time.

We are currently preparing to welcome some of our Reception children back from next Monday. At the moment we have many of our staff working across the school to teach the small groups of children each day, and a number of staff members working from home to focus on supporting those children who are still learning at home. Further details of our re-opening plans can be found on our website at <http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/news-events/covid19.php#parents>

Pastoral Support

Throughout this difficult period, we have been working hard to continue to provide as much pastoral support for all our families as we can.

This has obviously looked very different from the way things were when we were all together in school. However, school staff have been making regular phone calls to many of our families to check in with them. Mrs Anstiss and Mrs Gibbons in particular have been speaking with some of the pupils they had been working with in school, and over this past week, they have both been in school to catch up with some of the children who are here and to continue making phone calls to families.

Staff in school have been sharing key resources with their classes about coming back to school in a bubble. We are committed to supporting all of you and your children during this difficult period, and are starting to prepare resources for transition back to school (whenever that may be).

We will continue to post key links on Class Dojo and on our school closure page of the website for you to access as needed.

Please do keep in touch with us via Class Dojo and let us know about any particular concerns, worries or questions you or your children have at this time. We will do our best to answer them.

School Insights

Messages sent to families

107

53 Last week



Photos and videos shared

428

158 Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



Social Distancing

Please remember that if you do go out and meet up with friends and family that you must still maintain social distancing and stay 2m apart from those who do not live in your household.

School re-opening updates Year 1, Year 6 and Key Worker Children

Please remember to email the absence line today by 12pm if you wish to change the days your child is coming to school next week. Remember that we are being flexible at this stage, while numbers are low. We have capacity to take on more Year 1 and Year 6 children, but we do need to know in advance so that we can plan accordingly. Thanks.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will be starting tomorrow. With libraries closed and the current restrictions it is in a different format from normal and the attached link shows you information about it which you can share with your families.

<https://bit.ly/2Mq5O4y>

A similar page will go up on the Hillingdon website tomorrow.

The Pantry Message

If your child is not attending school and you have ordered lunches for this term via The Pantry, please can you log in to your account and delete those orders.

If your child is attending school and you wish to order them a packed lunch from The Pantry, then all orders must be placed by midday on the previous Sunday. Please make sure you are ordering lunches only for the days your child is in school, and that if you change this at the last minute, you may not be able to order lunch from The Pantry.

If your child is a key worker child and they are attending school, then you can either provide them with a packed lunch or they will be given a packed lunch from The Pantry. You do not need to order this directly from their website unless you want to. The lunches provided for key worker children are usually tuna, cheese or egg sandwiches. The Pantry ordering system has more options for ordering lunches. Please see their website for details.

Asthma Update

We wanted to get in touch and let you know that there is updated health advice on going back to school, on the Asthma UK website.

We've had lots of questions from parents and carers who have children with asthma about the reopening of schools - much of this is covered:

www.asthma.org.uk/about/media/news/advice-for-parents

Asthma UK are following government guidance, as are all of us, and advising parents who are worried about sending their child back to school to contact their GP.

There is also a page advising parents how they can prepare their children for going back to school including tips to cut the risk of them having an asthma attack:

www.asthma.org.uk/advice/child/back-to-school.

Dr Louise Flemming has kindly written a blog for Asthma UK on children, asthma and COVID risk: <https://www.asthma.org.uk/support-us/campaigns/campaigns-blog/covid-19-impact-children/>.

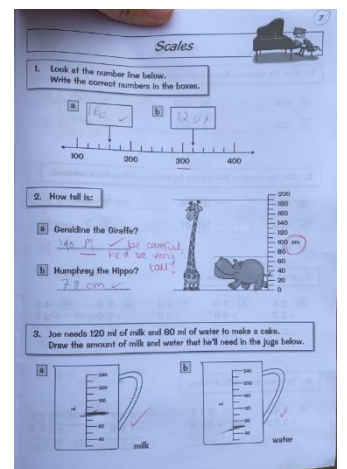
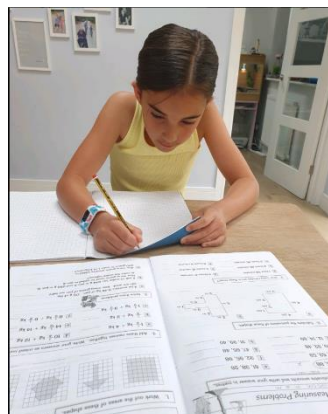
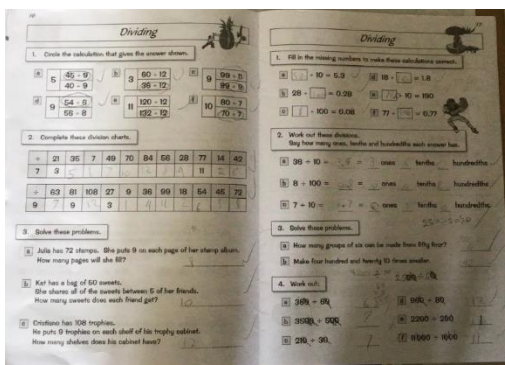
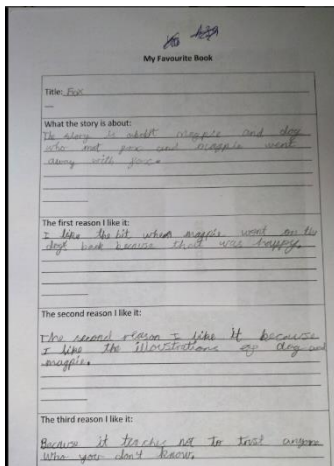
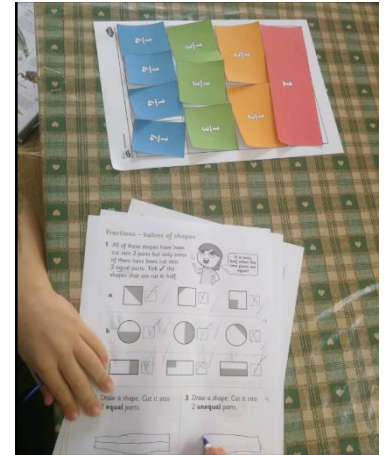
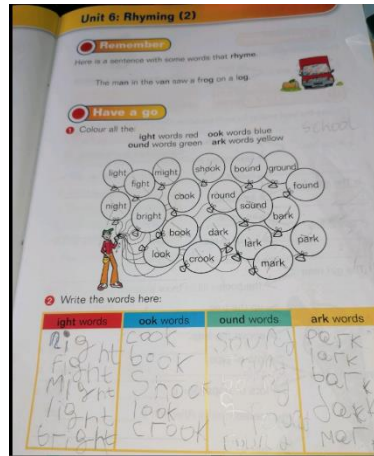
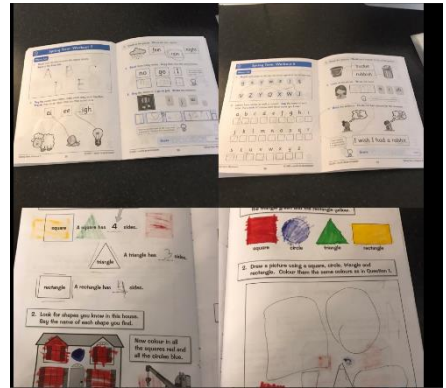
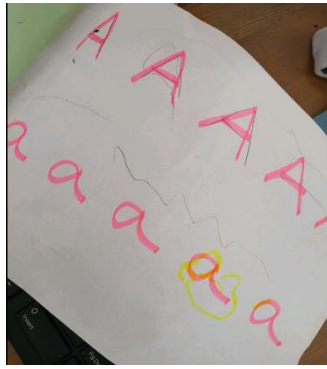
We hope this information is helpful; as always please do not hesitate to get in touch.

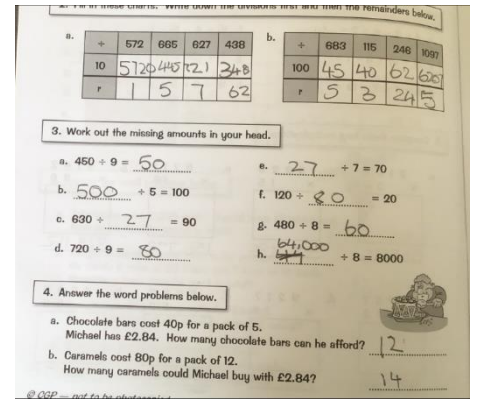
Best wishes,

Hillingdon Hospitals Paediatric Asthma Team

Some more amazing snapshots of the Dojo Portfolio posts.

Highlights this week include: bug hotels and activities, 30 days wild, lots of Maths activities, plus some pictures of some of your half term highlights.





We are preparing new home-learning packs which will be sent out next week via email and Dojo.

Stay safe and take care.

Nicola Edwards

