

THE ST CHARLES' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 7th May 2020

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

VE DAY

Our theme for this week has been VE Day which is tomorrow. It marks the 75th anniversary of the formal acceptance by the Allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on the 8th May 1945 signalling the end of World War II. You have been doing some great work at home and it has been great to see the decorations you have been making and putting up around your houses. I have also enjoyed reading some of the work that some of our older children have been doing.



One person I want to make a special mention to is Hannah from Year 6. Hannah received a pin and certificate dedicated to Pilot Officer Gordon Stanley Tanuck of the Royal Canadian Air Force who died during World War 2 on the 8/6/1944. Hannah decided to research and trace the living family of Pilot Officer Gordon Stanley Tanuck. Hannah was successful in her quest and tracked down Gordon's son and grandson. She sent the pin to them and created a PowerPoint to tell the story. Please check out our Facebook page and school website to see her PPT.



Hannah with the D-Day 75 pin and certificate



Pilot Officer Gordon Stanley Tanuck's son and grandson with the commemorative pin and certificate Hannah sent to them.



WILDLIFE WEEK

Next week we are having a wildlife theme. There are lots of activities you can be doing at home or on your daily walks if you choose. We've broken the activities down into different days which will give you an idea of what we'll be doing in school on the various days. If you don't want to follow our order then just pick and choose the activities which suit you.

As always, keep sharing your pictures and videos from home. A number of you are now using the Upload' tab within the Covid-19 section of our website.

The Future

There is growing speculation around the announcement the Prime Minister is going to be making on Sunday about the process of 'reopening' the country following the lockdown. I've been asked by a number of parents what I know and the answer remains that I only know what you know. There have been no secret documents shared with schools and so I will find out what his plans are at the same time as you.

If an announcement is made, I ask that you give me and my Senior Leadership Team time to liaise with staff and Governors to formulate a way forward for St. Charles' RCP School which follows the advice we will be provided with by the Government. This might take a few days to produce and get ready to communicate to you. The main ways this will be shared is by e-mail and ClassDojo! and so I ask that if you aren't receiving the weekly e-mails with this newsletter or the Work packs, you contact school, preferably through ClassDojo! or the school Facebook page to give us an up to date e-mail address.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

The board of governors of St Charles currently has vacancies for two Foundation Governors. To be considered for this role you have to attend Mass regularly and obtain a faith reference from your Parish Priest to that effect. The governors are responsible for shaping the vision and strategy of the school and offering challenge and support to school leadership to ensure every child is happy, safe and makes progress in every way. Whilst it is a volunteer role it is immensely rewarding and upskilling. We would particularly welcome interest from those with a financial background and buildings/health and safety expertise but these are not essential. Should you wish to find out more please e-mail mryates@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk

THANK YOU FROM OUR GOVERNING BODY

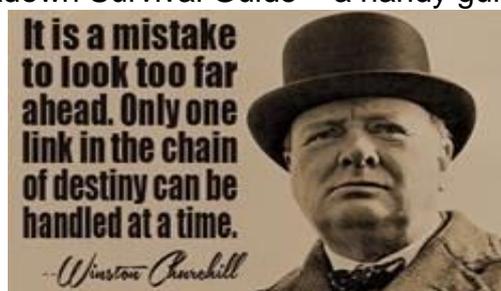
After speaking with some of our Governors last week, they want to put on record their thanks to all staff at St. Charles' for what they're doing to provide work, childcare, support and for keeping our St. Charles' school family community going. They also want to thank you, as parents/carers for engaging with the work and activities school are providing and for sharing the fantastic things you're doing which, again, help to keep our school community going.

We all can't wait for the day we are able to open the school gates and be together again as one big St. Charles' school family. But until then, stay in touch, stay safe and hopefully we'll be together again soon.

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATES

The Covid-19 section of our website continues to grow. This week the following information has been added:

- Covid-19 Gallery (this will hopefully grow some more this week).
- Extra Work Ideas – at the bottom of this section, there are some links to some 'Adventures in Learning' fun education packs. These have been created by Debra Kidd (a friend of one of our Governors) for the National Education Union. There are a range of activities based around a 'Journey' theme including links to the South Pole, Space and Ancient Greece.
- Useful Links – ABL Lockdown Survival Guide – a handy guide which as been shared by one of our parents.





OUR THEME FOR NEXT WEEK IS:
WILDLIFE
HERE ARE SOME ACTIVITY IDEAS

Have a go at as many of these activities as you want! Worksheets to support this work will be posted in the Covid-19 section by Monday.

Worksheets

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why don't you take a walk on the wild side and explore the wildlife around Cutwood Park, along the Shrubbery Path or the reservoir on your daily walk (Mrs Troughton has created a fab guide to help) • This is also good with resources divided into indoor and outdoor activities https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/ • Create your own bug display in your windows for our children to try and find during their daily exercise. You could send in your location through our website and we'll add you to our Rishton map so people know where to go to locate some bugs. • Red Ted Art will help you create your very own Bug Hotel - https://www.redtedart.com/simple-bug-hotel-for-kids/
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why don't you collect a pebble on your wildlife walk, take it home and create a 'pebble hug'? Simply paint a rainbow, write the words 'pebble hug' and leave it on the door step of a friend or elderly neighbour on your next walk. • Go on a bug hunt in school or at home and research the bugs you find. Create a interesting report or project full of pictures and information for a chance to win. • Watch a wildlife webcam - Check out the secret lives of birds and animals. What do they do when no one's watching? • You'll find bats, badgers, barn owls and more here: https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/webcams • Birds of prey to well-known garden visitors a plenty here: https://www.birdfood.co.uk/webcams • For more exotic species visit here - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2KSeUU5SMCX6XLRD-AEww
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the KS Wildlife Comprehensions with good fact sheets saved in Files. • Can you make a daisy chain as tall as you? Send us a picture of your creations. • Bolton Abbey have produced a resource called Connecting to Nature which they have adapted for work at home: https://boltonabbey.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/connecting-to-nature.pdf • Make a nature collection - Children love to collect things so you can help them learn about the natural world by collecting feathers, pinecones, leaves, shells and twigs. Fun for all ages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Listen to a dawn chorus - Get kids bouncing out of bed before sunrise? Take them outside to listen to natures finest symphony. Tickets are free and at this time of year you have a front row seat! Males will be out competing for territory and females in the annual mating game! You can then try to identify the calls here - https://www.british-birdsongs.uk/
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a tasty Hedgehog Cafe in your garden. Follow this link for all the instructions. https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/make-a-hedgehog-cafe/ • Get creating - How about get the young ones to write a nature poem, song or story? Or maybe design a wild wordsearch or draw a maze or join-the-dots? Brothers, sisters and parents alike will be amazed, astounded and baffled at the lines and puzzles that have been invented
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you're lucky enough to have a garden, Gardeners' World have suggested 10 gardening projects for primary school children: https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/10-gardening-projects-for-kids/ • The Great Bug Hunt competition, http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/bughunt