

# THE ST CHARLES' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination**

**Friendship**

**Good Manners**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**

## **RAINBOWS**



Rainbows have been the theme for this week and it has been great being able to share all the different rainbow themed pictures that members of our school community have been creating at home. In these times of increasing challenges, anything which can put a smile on our faces as we try and work out the 'new normal' for now helps. The rainbow picture created by the staff and children in school put a big smile on my face whilst working from home. There is a gallery of pictures on the next page for you to look through in case you haven't seen them on our Facebook page.

Next week the theme the staff and children in school are working on is: 'The World' with the message: 'And the world came together as the people stayed apart'. During next week, staff and children will be celebrating 'National Doctor's Day' on Monday (with a wider focus on the NHS), exploring this theme through the use of Emojis and developing some prayers of hope and healing for the world. Like this week, please keep sharing the fab things you are doing at home with us so we can keep our St. Charles' Community alive and well in these troubling times. You can send through Facebook Messenger to the school page, ClassDojo! them or e-mail: [remotelearning@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:remotelearning@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk)



## **GENERAL UPDATES**

- I have been working at home and removed all menu choices between now and the end of Easter. Anyone with credits can request the amount to be transferred to another payment item if the money is not going to be used. Please e-mail me at [bursar@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk) or message through dojo, and I will action this for you.
- I have today updated the attendances for Breakfast Club for the final week (WB Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March) before school closed. These should now be showing on your account. Miss Hurst has also reconciled After School Club to make sure it is accurate. Unfortunately, where payment is made through childcare vouchers for the wrap around provision we provide, and your payment item is showing a credit, we are unable to make any refunds due to the nature of how these schemes work. We can hold these payments until they are used again in the future. You may wish to suspend sending any voucher payments through if you are in credit on either breakfast club or After School Club.
- If you have any queries around ParentPay or any other services we offer, please send them in through ClassDojo! to the office account. Thank you, Mrs Holden.

## **TT Rockstars**

Well done to all those children who have been on TT Rockstars this week. A special mention to Alex (Year 3) or if we're calling him by his Rockname 'VV Steel' who is currently the fastest in school with a current Studio Speed time of answering one question every 0.92 seconds!! – Wow. Starting at 5pm tonight, I've set up two 'Battle of the Bands' competitions. Year 6 will face off against Year 5 and Year 4 will battle it out against Year 3. You have until 6pm next Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) to take part. I'll announce the winner in the next newsletter. Remember you can also challenge other children and teachers in school. Any issues logging on or taking part, please contact me via Dojo.

## **READING**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and at least managing to enjoy the sunshine as much as you can. A special mention to Harvey (Year 3) and Katie (Year 6) who have used Reading Eggs the most over the last week!

## **READING AT HOME**

With the majority of children now learning from home, I appreciate that many children will not have the same access to reading books as they do at school. Here are some ways in which children can still access a wide range of books from home:

## **EPIC**

I have signed all children up to an online eBook resource called Epic, which is completely free to parents over the coming months. Children can access thousands of books, both fiction and non-fiction, all sorted by age and topic. There is also a huge range of videos and audio books available. You should have received an email invitation from me. If you haven't, please check all email accounts and your spam/junk folder. If you still have no luck, please send an email to [remoteteaching@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:remoteteaching@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk) with your preferred email address and I will set you up. Once you accept the invite, you just need to enter the following code in the Student Login section 'ubw3889'.

## **READING EGGS**

All children have a Reading Eggs account with their own username and password. Reading Eggs has a library of over a thousand books, again sorted by age and topic, which children can access freely. Reading Eggs also has a vast range of Reading, Spelling and Grammar lessons and games. If your child has forgotten their username and password, please send an email to [remoteteaching@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:remoteteaching@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk) and I will send you the details.

## **LANCASHIRE DIGITAL LIBRARY**

Although libraries are now shut, if your child has a library card and pin number, then you can access Lancashire's online library which contains eBooks and audio books. The following link will take you to the login page: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/digital-library/?page=3>

## **ONLINE READ-ALoud SESSIONS**

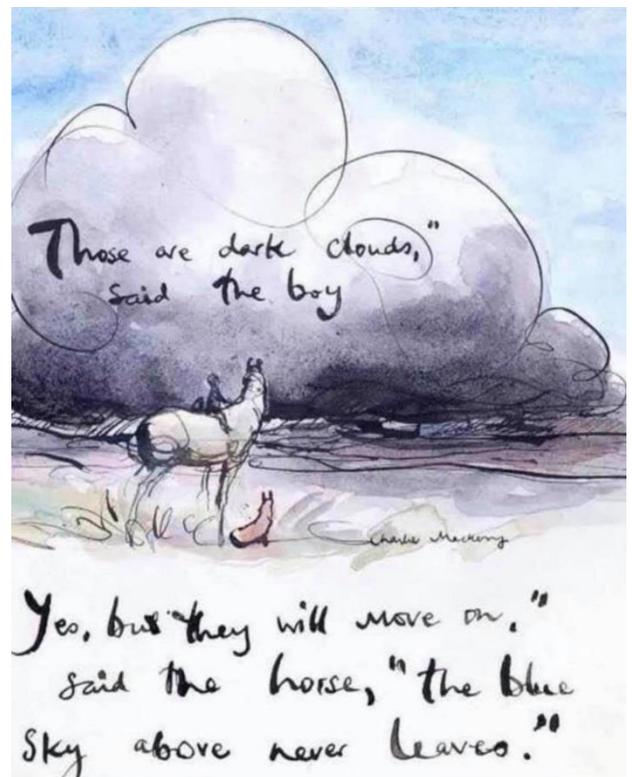
A number of authors are streaming story time sessions on their websites. There's a full list here: <https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

Here are a couple which I thought our children might enjoy:

David Walliams - <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>  
Oliver Jeffers - <https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>

Please get in touch using the Remote Learning email address if you have any problems in accessing any of the resources above, or if you would like any support at all with your child's reading at home.

Happy reading and stay safe! Mrs Dewhurst



# RAINBOW PICTURES FROM MEMBERS OF OUR ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY



