

THE ST CHARLES' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th June 2020

"Bring Forth Christ"

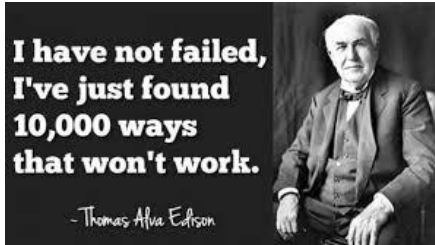


Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

INVENTIONS

We hope you've enjoyed our theme for this week and enjoyed inventing new things. I know our children in school this week have been enjoying the theme and linking it to animals by inventing them new wings or tails.

We also hope that through this theme, you've explored the topic of resilience and remembered the quote shared with you from Thomas Edison:



NEXT WEEK'S THEME: STAYING SAFE AND ACTIVE



Today marks the start of Drowning Prevention Week and so we thought we'd link our theme to this. We're also going to incorporate some other areas where we can keep safe and "up and active" ideas too. There are some fab ideas within the theme and I'm sure you'll enjoy taking part with some of them.

We're still wanting you to send in your photographs and videos from home so we can see what you've been up to. Remember you can upload them via the link on our school website or by emailing: remotelearning@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those parents who took the time to respond to the survey we shared last week. This was to get an idea as to how the work we are issuing is helping. The majority of parents thought the work being sent home was appropriate, that there was enough of this and you were enjoying the themed weeks. You also say that you know where to access support and are happy with the level of communication from school. The only area you want help with is extra confidence supporting your child and there were also comments around the disengagement you are getting from children at the minute.

Therefore, I am proposing to set-up ZOOM calls for each class to take place every Friday starting next week. This is to give children chance to say hello to their class teacher, say hello to the rest of their class and potentially share with them some of the work they have done at home. Each class teacher will also use this opportunity to share with you and your child the work for the upcoming week and also some ideas from the weekly theme. Details of the ZOOM meetings will be posted on ClassDojo! and will also be e-mailed out to parents early next week. If you are unable to access ZOOM, please let school know and we will look at other alternatives for you. Class teachers will also be ringing you next week to check in with you and see what extra support we can offer at this time.

As always, I'm available to assist in any way I can. I'm in school next week and can always be contacted at: head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk

Thanks, Mr Kennedy

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Today, if school was open normally, we should have been having our Class Photographs taken. Unfortunately, that wasn't to be but it's something we don't want your child to miss out on. We are proposing to create our very own 'COVID-19 LOCKDOWN CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS.'

We will need a head and shoulders photo of your child (potentially sporting their new lockdown hair cuts!!!). If possible, the picture could be taken in front of a door to highlight that we are in lockdown times but this isn't essential. We will then combine the photographs for each class together and share it with you. We'll e-mail the completed class picture out to each class and we'll also explore having them professionally printed. Once we have the printing costs, we'll inform you giving you the option to purchase them. If the pictures could be submitted by next Friday, 19th June, we can then combine it all together ready to distribute. We'll also contact those parents who haven't submitted pictures to make sure they don't miss out. Please submit your photos by clicking on your class link on the homepage of our school website or by emailing them to: remotelearning@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk



Thanks

PS – Here's a sneaky peak at how the staff picture is coming along...

READING UPDATE - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Every year, we team up with Lancashire Libraries to launch the Summer Reading Challenge in school. We're still getting involved this year and would love for as many children as possible to take part. It's a great incentive to get children reading and earn rewards and badges as they do so. This year's theme is the 'Silly Squad', so it is sure to get everyone smiling! Follow the link below to find out more and sign up! Please let us know in school how you get on!
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



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READ/LISTEN 24/7 ON THESE DEVICES

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NEED HELP?
For help and support you can reach our team via support@bolindigital.com

LANCASHIRE LIBRARIES AND BORROWBOX

If you or your child has an account with Rishton Library (or any other Lancashire Library), you can access a huge range of books using the e-Reader App - BorrowBox. This is a free service and also has a Dyslexia-friendly font to allow wider access to all. There is a huge range of children's books available and it is really worth taking a look. Details of how to set it up can be found below.

EXTREME LOCKDOWN READING!

Reading is a great activity to pass the time whilst being stuck at home and is an excellent way of escaping from the same daily routines. Can you find an 'extreme' place to do some reading, either at home, in the garden or whilst out on a walk? Send your photos to remotelearning@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk and we will put them on the school website!



Some ideas shared with me earlier this week which might also engage some of our children at home. Make sure to send in the different things you create - I know my little boy will love some of these activities!

A MONTH OF BUILDING

What will you be building today?

- 1 What do you think a city on the moon would look like? Build it!
- 2 Make a super-fast race car that could win a Grand Prix.
- 3 Make the coolest school you could imagine (it probably needs a water slide!)
- 4 Host a mini music festival for your LEGO Minifigures - who is performing on the main stage?
- 5 Use your bricks to make a character from a book you like. Build them a new adventure!
- 6 You're the next Picasso! Create a 2D brick piece of art to go on the wall.
- 7 Build your dream 3 course meal. Yum!
- 8 Design a cool new playground for your neighborhood.
- 9 Make a brick version of tic tac toe. Have a game and see if you can win.
- 10 Is there life out there? Build what you think an alien would look like.
- 11 Re-create your favorite movie in bricks - see if you can make a mini stop motion film.
- 12 Use cardboard or paper to create ramp for a LEGO car. How far can you make it fly?
- 13 Make the tallest brick tower you can. Can you make one taller than you?
- 14 Build a space pirate ship and an awesome crew to fly it.
- 15 Use your bricks to build an ancient civilization. How did the world look different at that time?
- 16 Make a LEGO Minifigure version of yourself and go on an indoor photography safari around your home.
- 17 Where is the best vacation you could imagine? Build it!
- 18 What creatures live at the bottom of the deep sea? Find out and build one.
- 19 Put on a play! Make a brick stage and put on a show with your LEGO Minifigures.
- 20 Design your dream bedroom (also probably needs a water slide)
- 21 You're an arctic explorer. Build a vehicle to help you navigate the snowy terrain.
- 22 Build a mysterious kronkiwong!. You must decide what that looks like.
- 23 You're a brick chef! Build a pizza with all your favorite toppings.
- 24 Combine bricks and a marble to make a marble maze! How long can you make it?
- 25 Build someone from history who you've learned about. How was their life different to yours?
- 26 Make some balance scales. Use them to weigh different things in your home.
- 27 You're in a race to sail across the ocean! Build a super-speedy yacht.
- 28 Use a LEGO baseplate to make your own brick built board game.
- 29 Build a box to store all your treasures.
- 30 Design a new LEGO set!

LEGO #LetsBuildTogether

WIDER REOPENING OF SCHOOL

The wider reopening was delayed again this week. We are waiting to see what we are told on Monday 15th June regarding the plans to reopen schools in Lancashire. As I mentioned last week, the initial plan I had in place has had to change due to the increased number of Key Worker children we have in school. The biggest change so far will be not being able to accommodate all the Year 6 class at once and so please make sure you read and respond to the letter which will be sent out once we know the date for reopening.

I'm sure you understand that I don't want to communicate any information about the reopening just yet as it may be further delayed and my plans might have to change... again.

Please make sure school has up-to-date contact information for you. Let us know if you are not receiving these newsletters by e-mail, the weekly work packs or don't have access to ClassDojo!

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS..

We'll continue to have some themed weeks planned. We're are also going to be asking the children to create some pictures to go in some of the artwork frames around school for when we reopen fully in September so please keep your eyes open for these.





OUR THEME FOR THIS WEEK IS: STAYING SAFE AND ACTIVE

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"> This week is Drowning Prevention week. Research the Water Safety Code and prepare a short presentation to inform your friends and family. Can you record it and send it into school? Design a poster to explain what the different coloured flags on the beach mean. Use the information sheet to help you (See website) What is the Recovery Position? When might you need to use it? Can you practice on a family member and send in some photos or a video of you trying it out? (See information sheet on website) Complete the Pool Safety Spot the Different sheet and learn about how to stay safe the next time you visit a swimming pool. (Sheet online)
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete this Road Safety sheet to learn about staying safe when out and about (Sheet on website) Complete this Road Safety Crossword to test your knowledge of keeping safe on the roads. (Sheet on website) What is the Green Cross Code? Use this website to do some research: https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/ You could then present your information as a poster, leaflet, TV news report or maybe a song? Spot and discuss local dangers whilst out on a walk in the local area. Create a poster to encourage people to be safer. Why is it important to wear reflective clothing when you are out in the dark? Design your own reflective jacket.
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This half term, Year 6 children would have been taking part in Bikeability. Learn how to maintain your bike by visiting the information page here: https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/be-prepared/looking-after-your-bike/ Produce a poster to help your friends look after their bikes. Lots of you will be going on bike rides now the weather is getting nicer. Can you design your own bike? It can be as inventive as you like! Why is it important to wear a helmet when riding your bike? Design your own. (Use the template on the website to help you) Go on a bike ride with an adult. Use a map to plan your route before you go. When you get back, record some of the sights that you saw and what the weather was like.
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is it important to warm up and cool down before and after exercise? Create your own warm up or cool down routine. There are some great ideas here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW_JqSK-CgY Darcey Bussell is one of our most famous dancers. Take part in a fun dance from the 80s with her at: https://ddmixforschools.com/1980s-intro/ Or join in daily with her or her friends for a ten minute shake up at 1.30pm everyday on Facebook Live at DDMIX For Schools. Take part in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Schools 'Virtual Mile' and send in a photo of you completing it! Register and enter your time here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHHcqHkhrDtVc7HdHyUuZNKrNyqUkk0vk_QZyLxDi_sp_y_kw/viewform (See the school website links for more information)
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to stay active to keep our bodies healthy, especially our hearts. Make a card for someone in the shape of a heart to show them that you care about them. You could try to make this pop up card: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoM2fZMePIk Can you make your own model of a heart? You could papier-mâché a balloon as a starting point. Try to label it with the four chambers. What foods should you eat to keep your heart healthy? Which foods should you avoid? Perhaps you could cook a healthy recipe and share it with your teacher! Exercising our muscles is very important to stay healthy. How many muscles can you label on the human body? (Blank template on website)