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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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An unbelievable twelve weeks have now past since we were altogether as a whole school family. This week, it has been wonderful to welcome back some of our Year Six pupils; their positive and resilient attitudes really are a pleasure to see. They are adjusting well to the changes in school, working extremely hard and setting a fantastic example. Working from home, our other Year Six pupils are also setting a great example completing work set. The key worker pupils have also been very busy and have shown a wonderful, mature attitude whilst in the school building. Well done to you all. We look forward to some of our Year One pupils joining us from next **Monday 15th June**. May I take this opportunity - once again - to thank you for your continued support during this difficult period.

Please may I remind all parents/guardians that when dropping off and picking up children, the Curial Office car park must not be used. As always, we have permission from the Little Theatre to use their car park. Please could parents respect the local residents' parking spaces when parking in the vicinity of the school.

I hope you enjoy reading our weekly newsletter about all of the work completed by pupils this week, both on Google Classroom and in the school building. We are also showcasing some of our fantastic, fundraising pupils - you make us very proud. All that is left for me to say is have a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs MD Brown
Headteacher



In school this week
(written by some of our Year 6 pupils)

We are really enjoying school so far; we are really glad that we came back. We think that it is much better than learning from home because we can see our friends and teachers. We don't have to worry about anything because the teachers are really helpful and kind; there are lots of arrows on the floor to point where we need to go too. The playground is also all set out for us so we can still play certain games and have some fresh air (if we take it in turns). It is definitely very different to learning from home but we like the normality and routine of being in school. We love it in Year 6: it's the best school ever.

Overall, we are very happy that we can end our year - and our St Edward's journey - with as much normality as possible.

Year 6

It has been a wonderful week in Year 6 welcoming some of our lovely children back. Albeit a different final half term to the year, the children have been so upbeat, hardworking and resilient to the changes. We have also loved keeping in touch with our whole Year 6 family on Google Classroom, where we have been completing a maths problem of the day and starting our new Vikings topic too! We have received some fantastic, informative biographies on Leif Ericsson (a famous Viking). It's been great to see so many children engaging in all of the work set; their enthusiasm to learn really shines through, both in the school building and our online classroom! We are looking forward to seeing some of your entries for the Roald Dahl Twits competition which we posted on our classroom. Even our Year 6 staff have had a go! Well done Year 6 - you make us proud every single day.

WOW!

During this challenging and difficult time, some of our pupils have dedicated themselves to raising money for lots of different charities.

*Frankie in Year 6 has raised over £1000 for the COVID-19 Ward at James Cook Hospital by walking, running and cycling over 200 miles!

*Theo in Year 1 even appeared on the Jeremy Vine Show for his efforts! Theo has raised £75 for a local Guide Dog charity by jumping 260 times on his trampoline! He has surpassed his target of £26 by a long way!

*Siblings Fraser (Nursery) & Spencer (Reception) responded to the CAFOD Coronavirus appeal by holding a (socially distanced) cake sale for their neighbours. They made rainbow cakes to make people smile - raising £30!

Well done - what inspiration young people have at St Edward's!



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have continued with our Ancient Egyptian theme through our History and English: we have been planning and writing stories based on a short video clip and learning more about how the Ancient Egyptians lived. We have also begun researching designs for a shaduf (an Egyptian farming tool for watering crops) as part of our DT project. In maths, we have been recapping on multiplication strategies and applying this to problem solving. In Science, we have introduced our final topic of the year, Animals including Humans. In lesson 1, we focussed on the human life cycle in more depth. In RE, we have continued with our Freedom and Responsibility topic. We have been learning about the story of the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land and the story of the Ten Commandments. For Computing, we have continued with coding using Purple Mash. Remember to check into Spelling Shed each week as your weekly spellings are there for you to practise and continue with Times Tables Rock Stars too. The teachers are setting up challenges every week.

Year 3/4

This week Year 3/4 have enjoyed more of the 'Hodgehog' story. We have been using this book to develop our inference skills as well as using speech verbs, adverbs and descriptive language. In maths we are revisiting and developing our calculation strategies adding 1's, 10's and 100's.

We have begun our new RE topic building bridges this week, a topic which will help us to have a deeper understanding of forgiveness and the sacrament of reconciliation.

We have enjoyed using BBC online learning activities for mapping skills in geography.

Our children continue to amaze us with the quality of work and dedication to their learning each day. We are very proud of them.



Year 2

Well done Year Two we have had another wonderful week of learning. This week we have finished our final novel by Dick King Smith and the children have completed Book Reviews to give their opinions. It is clear to see that the children have really enjoyed all his books we have read. In Maths we have now come to the end of our unit on Number and Place Value where this week we have focussed on combining different amounts of money and problem solving. The children have explored food chains in their Science work and have created their own food chains, identifying consumers, predators and prey. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using a jungle painting by Henri Rousseau as inspiration for their own artwork.



Year 1

In Year 1 this week the children have enjoyed reading and comparing the two stories 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'The Three Billy Dogs Gruff' in our English lessons. They found the similarities and differences between the two stories and used our letter writing skills to write to the crocodile asking him to let the dogs cross the river safely. They have also been working hard to identify alternative pronunciations in our Phonics lessons. In maths this week, the children have been learning about length and measure. They have enjoyed using non-standard measures, like our hands to measure and compare the length of different objects. They have also put all their family members in order of height!

This week on the Google Classroom, we have been marvelled by all your amazing work and have enjoyed seeing all the great activities you have been enjoying at home. Thank you for sharing these experiences with everyone, we are so proud of you all!

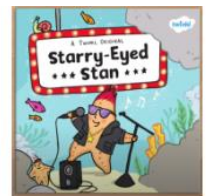


Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story Starr-Eyed Stan who was a starfish that liked to sing! The children discussed how he worked with his friends as a team to send a nasty crab away.

The children then wrote a sentence describing what happened in the story and drew beautiful pictures. We have practised some tricky words, our handwriting and how to spell some decodable words. We have then learnt our number bonds to ten and practised writing our numbers correctly. We have even learnt some Samba dance moves put them together to make a Samba routine.

Another fun but busy, busy week!



Nursery

Nursery have fully embraced the changeable weather this week and have been finding fun ways of being active outside; from playing on the beach, climbing up high and enjoying the views, jumping in big puddles, making a home for snails and even finding a feather outside and making it into a quill to write with! There's been lots of great name-writing practice too! Well done everyone.



