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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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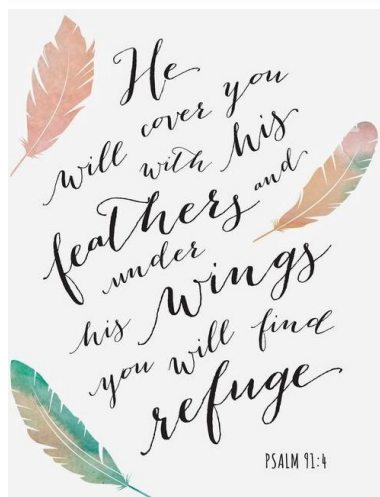
It is hard to believe that this is our fifteenth newsletter shared during lockdown. More than 100 days have passed since we were all together as a complete school family, but we are continuing to see the wonderful work, attitudes and personalities of all of our children across Google Classroom, in the classrooms and around the school.

It was wonderful for us to 'virtually' join with our wider Diocesan family this week to celebrate a Diocesan Schools Mass led by Bishop Terry. The Bishop was able to reach out to all of our school family, along with our extended families and other NPCAT schools, specifically talking to those pupils leaving us this summer to begin the next phase of their educational journey. It was a wonderful opportunity for reflection, unity and the celebration of the superb achievements and people across our Diocesan schools.

Just to let you know, the end of year reports to parents will be sent out the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July. How they will be delivered to you, will be confirmed. For the children who are in school, they will take their reports home with them. In the next few weeks, you will also be notified of your child's teacher for the academic year 2020 - 2021. Teachers will continue to communicate with you through telephone calls.

Please enjoy reading all about the amazing work that continues here in St Edward's; it really is delightful to see the wonderful photographs sent in each week. Have a relaxing and safe weekend.

With best wishes,  
Mrs M D Brown  
Headteacher



### Year 6

Another fantastic week has flown by with our Year 6 children. We have witnessed creativity, dedication and resilience once again, through the work submitted on Google Classroom and the work carried out in the school building. The children have been extremely productive this week, building nets and 3D shapes of all sizes as part of our maths topic! They have also further developed their writing skills by creating setting descriptions for the Land of Ice and Fire (based on our class novel Viking Boy).

As this week would usually be their transition week to secondary school, we have focussed many of our tasks around this. The transition booklets allow our children to consider the different aspects of secondary school, including: routines, responsibilities and feelings, helping them to build resilience.

We would also like to say a HUGE well done to Tallulaith, one of our Y6 pupils, who won the Roald Dahl Twists competition last week – judged across the whole of Middlesbrough! We are very proud of you! If you would like to enter a competition, this week, we are encouraging our Y6s to enter the '500 word writing competition' this week. Further details are on our Google Classroom for all of our Y6 children to see – we can't wait to read some of your entries!

Well done for another brilliant week Year 6.



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### Year 5

In Year 5, we have been enjoying reading *The Secret Lake* by Karen Inglis. So far, have read the first 7 chapters and will continue reading it during next week. In maths, we have focussed on percentages and have been applying skills to real life problem solving. We began our new topic in RE – Stewardship; we have been thinking about how we can take responsibility for our world and be stewards of creation.

Many of the Year 5 pupils have now completed their DT project: designing and making a working shaduf, inspired by our work on Ancient Egypt. We have been blown away by the creativity! We have also been translating Hieroglyphics and learning about the Rosetta stone. A very successful week! Well done to all of those who have continued to work hard and share what you have been up to on Google Classroom each day. We love to hear from you.



### Year 3/4

Year 3/4 continue to work hard, with lots of lovely work being handed in. We are focussing on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation in English and Multiplication and Division in maths. We've had lots of lovely pictures sent in of the wonderful activities the children have been doing at home – Art activities, hatching caterpillars into moths and butterflies, as well as lots of gardening going on. We have been so impressed by our children's hardworking and resilient attitude throughout this period, they have just handled the situation so well.



### Year 2

Year 2 children have been very busy this week completing a whole range of activities. In English the children have been creating a variety of Seaside poems, including shape poems and they have been using their senses to describe their experiences of the seaside. In Maths, the children have continued to complete work on our 'Statistics' unit, they are becoming very confident in reading and interpreting data. Science work has given children the opportunity to describe what a plant needs to survive. We were lucky enough to receive a work pack from the Dorman's Museum about Tom Dresser, comments on Google Classroom have indicated that the children have really enjoyed this research. Thank you yet again for continually making us proud of your achievements each and every day Year 2, well done.



### Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year 1 where the children have been exploring poems and rhyme through the classic nursery rhyme *Hickory Dickory Dock*. In maths, the children have been recapping on their knowledge of addition and subtraction and practising different strategies to solve calculations. The children continued to learn about Islam in their RE lessons this week. They listened to stories about Muhammad preaching kindness and thought carefully about how they show kindness towards others in their lives. In science, the children have been learning about the properties of some everyday materials to understand how they are used for different purposes. Lots of the children who are continuing their learning from home have been gardening. Check out the photographs – can you spot the wild honeybee comb?



### Reception

Reception have had a 'super' week reading another Julia Donaldson classic 'Superworm.' The children have thoroughly enjoyed going on mini-beast hunts as well as making a wormery. In maths, they have explored length by constructing different size words from materials such as playdough, pasta and Cheerios. They enjoyed composing magic potion chants in order to save Superworm. We have also witnessed some 'edible mud' made from rice cakes, Oreos and gummy worms! Yummy!



### Nursery



There has been lots of fun outside, visits to the beach, playing in the garden, having picnics and having fun with crafts! There has been lots of growing going on, with updates sent in for carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, to name but a few! There was exciting news from Mrs Bell's garden at the end of last week – we have our first runner beans growing! So exciting!

