



# St Ann's Church of England

## Primary School



*Always our best for God, each other and ourselves. Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!*

Value of the Half Term

*Forgiveness*

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As he hung on the cross, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Luke 23:34

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### HIGH PRAISE TO ONE & ALL

WELL DONE! We've reached the end of week 4 of remote education. What an achievement! Please rest assured that we are very aware that aside from supporting and encouraging your child to continue with their learning at home, that you will have so many other commitments, whether that is work or perhaps caring for elderly or poorly relatives. If you have felt the strain this week, it is really no surprise – we are in challenging and unprecedented times.

All we can do is prioritise, and everyone's health and safety has got to come first, everything else is secondary. Be kind to yourself. And if you are struggling, we are just a phone call or email away, so please get in touch. We want to help.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children and staff. Neither of whom are used to learning and teaching purely online. The way in which everyone has adapted has been truly inspiring. I am in awe of them each and every single day.

**Stay safe.**

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR WELL BEING



For further information about parents/ carers looking after their own wellbeing during lockdown you may wish to read the following article.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw>

## SAFEGUARDING & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

There are some very concerning content and 'challenges' on various social media platforms. To keep your child safe, please check the PEGI rating of APPs they are accessing and only allow them to access their devices in a space where they are supervised.

Our advice is to sensitively check in with your child about their online activity. Do this by having an open conversation but do not directly mention specific 'challenges' or content by name. Suggest that you've heard there is some disturbing content being circulated in an online challenge and ask if they've heard of anything like that? If during the conversation they talk to you about a specific challenge it's a good idea to let school know or find out more about it to understand how to configure safety settings on the platforms they use. This is the best way to open an indirect conversation, it enables the child to talk about any concerns without inciting them or their friends to seek out the actual content. Make sure your child knows they can talk to you or school about anything that they come across online that upsets them or causes them distress.

## REMOTE EDUCATION ADVICE & SUPPORT

If any parents/ carers require further support or advice about their child's remote learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can do this via the school office phone or email address.

## REMOTE LEARNING & DEVICES

If any children who are currently learning at home, only have access to a mobile phone for MSTEAMs, please contact the school office, as we may be able to offer you a chrome book to loan.

## SCHOOL RE-OPENING UPDATE

Following the prime minister's announcement about schools not re-opening until Monday 8th March at the earliest, there will be no changes in the current arrangement at St Ann's for the time being. While infection rates in the local community remain dangerously high, school will not be able to open more widely to further pupils. Any further updates from the Department for Education will be communicated to parents/carers at the earliest opportunity. Many thanks for your continued understanding and patience with this matter.

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week, Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health, alongside the role that all staff at school play in supporting your child.

Miss Foster has filmed a worship which the children will watch on Monday (<https://youtu.be/Tph5EGmXhe4>) which contains lots of information regarding Children's Mental Health Week. During the course of the week, we would like the children to take part in a 'Screen free' afternoon whereby they can choose an activity from the suggestions below in order to express themselves.

The children do not have complete their screen free, creative activity on a set afternoon. Instead, it is open for you, as a family, to choose when best suits you to do this. This might even be at the weekend. However, we will only be planning 4 afternoons of school work so to reduce the demands on your timetables. We have also listed 25 different activities to provide you with some ideas and inspiration for your screen free afternoon.

We would love to see and hear about what you choose to complete, so feel free to send any images or messages over to your teachers on the chat function or share on the school's social media channels.

**Non-screen activities you can do at home**  
What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

**1** How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

**2** Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

**3** Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!

**4** Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

**5** Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

**6** Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

**7** Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!

**8** Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?

**9** Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

**10** Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.

**11** Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?

**12** Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

**13** List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.

**14** Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?

**15** Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.

**16** Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.

**17** Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?

**18** Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.

**19** Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.

**20** Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.

**21** Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

**22** Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.

**23** Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

**24** Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.

**25** Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

## HARRY POTTER AFTERNOON – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Harry Potter Book Night takes place each year and is a chance for everyone to join together to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful series. In light of the current lockdown situation, St Ann's will be having a Harry Potter Afternoon this year where everyone in school can join in!

On Thursday 4th February, all year groups, whether learning remotely or in school, will be taking part in Harry Potter activities chosen by our teachers.

The wellbeing of our pupils is incredibly important to us at St Ann's and all tasks chosen by our staff will help promote a sense of fun and creativity allowing the children to have a break from our normal curriculum of work. From inventing a new magical sport to getting creative and drawing a dragon's egg, all activities are designed to allow everyone to have an exciting afternoon!

Please do share the fun with us on Twitter – we can't wait to see what you manage to create!

## STAND UP SPEAK UP & CHURCH SERVICE

The week beginning 8th February is Stand Up Speak Up week. The aim of this week is to introduce our children to advocacy – ensuring all children have their voice heard on issues that are important to them. As we are a rights respecting school, the children are aware of their rights. Each class has a class charter which was written and agreed by everyone outlining the children's rights and entitlements.

As the week progresses each year group will focus on one Article taken from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and one Sustainable Global Goal. The aim will be to help our children understand global issues and how they impact on children's rights.

We have chosen a beautiful story that the whole school will read together as the theme of the week. The words and pictures work together to help children to understand their place in the world and to move forward together in a positive and constructive way. Mrs Rynn will read the story to the all the children and they will have a special treat posted out to them to enjoy whilst listening to the story. More details for the link for the live story to follow.

After half term, to celebrate the work of Stand Up Speak Up week, there will be a virtual whole school Church Service. This will celebrate all of the children's efforts from Early Years to Year 6.



## MRS RYNN CHECKS IN

This week Mrs Rynn popped on a TEAMS call with every year group to say hello and find out the children's views about what is working well in terms of remote education. The children's ideas and suggestions will support our teachers in continuing to move forward with our home learning provision.

## POSITIVE CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID19

Please can politely request that parents/ carers continue to inform school if someone in your household tests positive for Covid. We are continuing to support our local health protection team in the tracking and tracing of cases within the local community. Thank you



## PUPIL & PARENT/ CARER FEEDBACK

Once again huge THANKS for all the heart-warming messages of thanks and praise for all that the staff at the school. It really does boost everyone's morale. Before school breaks up for half term we will be sending out by text a survey for children and parents/ carers to complete. The feedback will continue to inform our

remote education as we move through this phase of the pandemic.

## OXFORD OWL LOCKDOWN LEARNING HERO AWARDS



From superstar parents, to teachers who go the extra mile, to children who have been learning legends – it's time to celebrate the inspirational individuals who have made a difference to learning throughout lockdown no matter how big or small!

The **Oxford Owl Lockdown Learning Hero Awards** are here to help you say thank you to those who have been extra creative, supportive of others, and just downright resilient in the face of unprecedented circumstances and school closures.

### Who can enter?

We're calling for primary school teachers, parents and children to nominate their hero in one of these categories:

1. Teachers or members of staff at a primary school
2. Parents/carers of a primary school age child
3. Primary school age children

### What will they win?

One inspirational nominee in each category will win **£100 of Oxford University Press books** for their chosen school, and a **Samsung Tablet** (or a **Fire 7 Kids Edition Tablet** for our children's winner).

Three shortlisted runners-up in each category will win £50 of Oxford University Press books for their chosen school.

### How to participate

To nominate your Lockdown Learning Hero, simply complete the entry form, telling us why they deserve to win. Pay close attention to our judging criteria, which you can read below.

[Nominate your hero](#)

### Judging criteria

Our judging panel, led by Claire from playHOORAY!, will be considering how your hero has:

- had an impact on the learning of others during lockdown, or made significant progress in their own learning
- gone above and beyond their role or exceeded expectations to make a difference to learning
  - demonstrated creativity to overcome barriers to learning caused by lockdown
  - supported and/or motivated others during lockdown
  - demonstrated resilience in the face of unprecedented circumstances

Nominations close at **11.59pm on Sunday 14th February 2021**. You can read [full terms and conditions here](#).

### Meet our head judge

Claire Russell is a mum and Early Years Specialist who's on a mission to spread the word about play with [PlayHOORAY!](#) Full of fun ideas and with a growing online community, PlayHOORAY! inspires parents to fill their day with play, and ensures that those long lockdown days at home with young children never feel lonely.

### POLITE NOTICE

When speaking with members of staff, please remember to do so respectfully.

***Verbal abuse will not be tolerated, and could result in action being taken.***

### TOAST

If your child has not been allocated a place in school this half term and you paid for Toast this credit will be carried over to next half term.

Thank you.

### REMOTE EDUCATION, SAFEGUARDING & LIVE LESSONS

Next week Parents will receive a letter via email about the use of pupil cameras in "Live" lessons.

## WEEKLY REMINDERS

### REVISED PE DAYS DUE TO CLOSURE

Don't forget on the days children have PE, they should wear their PE Kit to school. As this forms part of the children's school uniform, children must wear the full and correct PE Kit.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y4	Y2	EYFS	Y2	Y1
	Y3	Y1	Y3	Y5
	Y5	Y6	Y4	
			Y6	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TERM DATES

	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Spring Term	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Summer Term	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

We have recently transferred to a new telecoms provider. As a result of this when staff make telephone calls to parents from school it will now show the school number (0154265869) if you have caller display or a mobile phone. Parents may wish to enter school as a contact on their mobile phone to make calls easier to identify.

**Courtesy**  
**Care**  
**Concentration**



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Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

*'But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.*

*They will soar high on wings like eagles' Isaiah 40:31*

**Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Community Cohesion Meeting 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Harry Potter Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	3G Family Worship – To be Confirmed
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Stand Up, Speak Up Week
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Internet Safety Day
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Star Day
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	KS1 Service- To be Confirmed
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	School closes for half- term
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Children return to school
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Book Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Maths Day 4F Family Worship
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Assessment Week
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	3H Family Worship – To be Confirmed
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Super Leaders Day 2
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	4P Family Worship- To be Confirmed
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Aspirations Day 1
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Aspirations Day 2 Easter Bingo – To be Confirmed Y5 Easter Service – To be Confirmed
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	School Closes for half term



# ST HELENS WELLBEING



## Calling all local families...

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Book onto one of our hour-long virtual family Chat and mindfulness sessions:

**Monday 1 February, 1pm**

**Tuesday 2 February , 11am**

**Wednesday 3 February, 10am**

**Friday 5 February (Parents only), 9:30am**

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*Are you juggling home-learning with a million other things? Feeling stressed and missing the support of family and friends during lockdown? Next week we are offering virtual family sessions to help you find a bit of calm in the storm! Families can sign up together (though we also have a parents only session on Friday). It'll be a chance to chat and share experiences with other families and learn a bit more about mindfulness techniques and the five ways to wellbeing so grab a coffee and join us. You can sign up for one of the sessions via our website*

at <https://www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk/services/mental-wellbeing/pages/virtual-family-wellbeing-session-booking> and we'll send you a link to use for the session.