

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

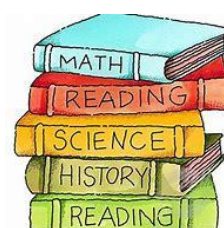
Easter Newsletter 1st April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I do sincerely hope you are all well, both physically and mentally, in what are the most unprecedented, uncertain times. However you have managed to balance family life, work life and personal life all mixed in with a large dollop of home schooling – **I commend you and I have absolutely no doubt you have all done an excellent job.**

It has been a rather steep learning curve with advice and guidance coming at us from all directions. As a school we have done our best to ensure we continue to put our children first, follow Government and NHS direction and guidance and provide support to you as parents and carers at this challenging time.

We have received some really positive feedback on the home learning packs, activities, ideas and websites that we sent out to each class and the pencil cases that we provided for each child were well received. We also received constructive comments and feedback that we will certainly take on board for term 5. Thank you to everyone who has emailed in with comments – these really are much appreciated.



It is now important for us all to pause, catch our breath and recharge over the Easter break so that we are ready with renewed energy for term 5. Teachers will not be using Tapestry or Seesaw to set daily tasks and activities until next term. However, Canterbury Diocese has provided some really lovely ideas and resources linked to Holy Week and other resources to support your child's understanding of coronavirus - we have put these on our website and I would certainly encourage you to have a look. There continues to be a wealth of websites, apps, TV and radio programmes covering all aspects of the curriculum which you may find useful. **Please keep reading alive – every child should continue to read daily and be read to – no matter how old they are.**

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Miss Fassum who is leaving us to embark on new adventures and to thank her for all that she has contributed to the life of our school. We wish you all the very best Miss Fassum!

Please refer to our website for any letters and resources you may have missed over the last couple of weeks and please don't hesitate to contact me on the office email or my headteacher email as these will continue to be checked throughout the Easter break.

Good-bye!

See you later, Alligator!

After while, Crocodile!

In an hour, Sunflower!

Maybe two, Kangaroo!

Gotta go, Buffalo!



My very best wishes to you all – please stay safe and keep well. I very much look forward to getting back to our usual routines and rhythms and welcoming you back to school – whenever that may be

Delia Cooper

