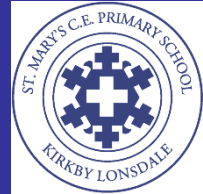




Newsletter

23/04/2020

St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale



Dear Parents,

Well we are currently in the fourth week that our school has closed, two weeks on holiday and two weeks home schooling. During this time, we are all under lockdown with limited time to be exercising. As educators, we are all aware of the challenges that we are facing and the need to juggle our roles and commitments and being with our families. For many of the teachers, we are facing the same pressures. We are also, like you, adjusting to the loss of loved ones, worries about loved one, ill health and the challenges of working and living in isolation.

As teachers, we want the very best for your children. We are very fortunate that for many of our children, they were using Google Classroom, Dojo and Tapestry, to communicate learning. We know this has been a huge adjustment for families supporting learning at home. With all of this in mind, we would like to say that we will continue to provide the work and we would value your engagement with this. But we absolutely recognise that we may provide what seems a lot for some families. We also note that some families would like even more. Various families are struggling to engage with the learning we provide at all. My suggestion to everyone is that you must find a way forward for your family and you need to prioritise what you think you can manage as a family. In doing so, this will empower you to manage a lot of pressure and stress and find a path forward. Please do what you can and don't feel guilty if you don't quite get there. We hope that in recognising the pressures, as we face them as well, we can all ensure our children enjoy their learning and you are much more able to cope.

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Lessons we have learned already...

- The children do like interacting with one another on Google Classroom/Hangouts which makes them feel less isolated
- Children in a daily routine are finding managing work and well-being easier
- All children seem to value interacting with staff and friends online however, children who struggle with learning appreciate this a lot and it does reduce family conflict whilst learning (Don't be alone in supporting your child)
- Every piece of learning, however small, will make a difference and reduce the learning gap between children
- Balancing work, providing other fun and creative opportunities along with exercising together helps the children cope

We are trying to talk to families and see how the children are doing. Please do not feel worried about these calls, we think they will eventually help in touching base and maintaining relationships.

One thing that is important is that we must not become complacent with our social distancing as this could further spread the virus. We must also keep washing hands, following the advice of the government and staying at home.

Tonight, I hope you will perhaps join the many members of the community across the nation, in appreciating our NHS at 8:00pm.

I wish you all well, stay well and stay safe and have a fantastic St George's Day.

Kindest regards

Mr. Jones

P.S.

I have the great pleasure of exploring the Dojo classrooms and Google Classrooms. I could not be more impressed with the range of work being shared by the children. You are amazing! What an amazing school you are! You really are having fun and I love seeing your work. Keep going and have fun as you learn. Don't give up!!

E-School Nurse Video Clinics

Twice weekly online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals, supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

Tuesday and Thursday During school term only

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link that is private, secure, confidential and convenient for you. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

0300 30 34 365



Are you concerned about a child?

**We are all living in unprecedented times,
it is really important that we look out for
each other and support each other in our
communities.**

This will be a difficult time for lots of families, and families may be making different care arrangements for their children. Families may experience added stress and pressure at this time, with added financial pressure or isolation from support networks. These issues can add a great burden onto families and children and young people could be at increased risk of harm during these times.



**If you are concerned about a child or young person who
you believe might be at risk of harm, please contact:**

**The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0333 240 1727
or NSPCC 0800 800 5000.**

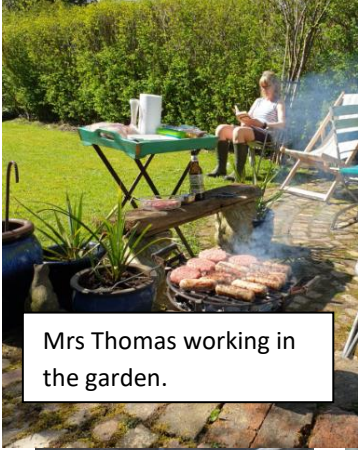


**If you believe a child is at risk of immediate
danger dial 999 and speak to the Police.**

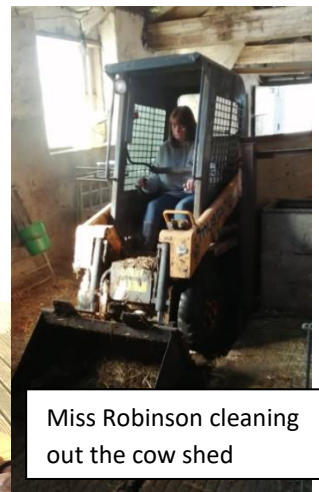


cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk

Whilst we are working from home and in school helping critical workers we have also been doing lots of things at home over the past four weeks just like you...



Mrs Thomas working in the garden.



Miss Robinson cleaning out the cow shed



Mrs Day watering the garden.



Mrs Gladwinfield with her new chick



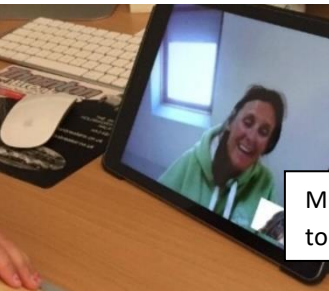
Miss Cook planting with Harvey



Mrs Lyall having fun!



Mrs Arnold camping in the garden



Mrs Chalmers listening to reading



Reggie and Miss White helped break a world record for 'dogs drinking tea with the owners' to support Guide Dogs UK



Mrs Smith digging a pond.



Mr Yates getting out for exercise



Mrs Gates up a tree in school this week



Mr Gorst helping out on the farm



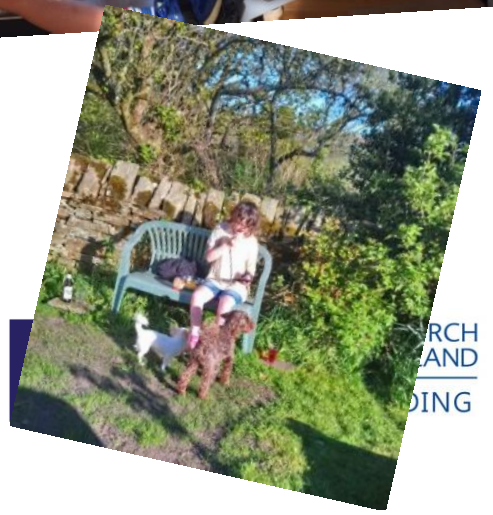
Mr Jones in the garden.



Mrs Neale in the garden with Winston.



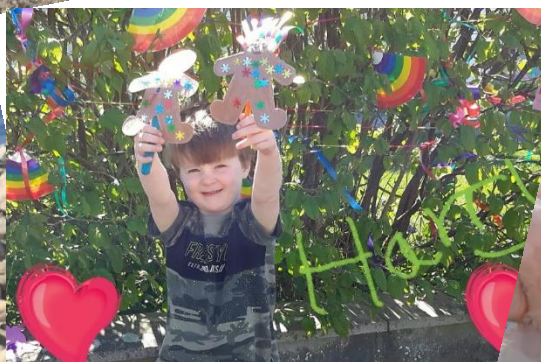
Mr Bromley getting out for exercise



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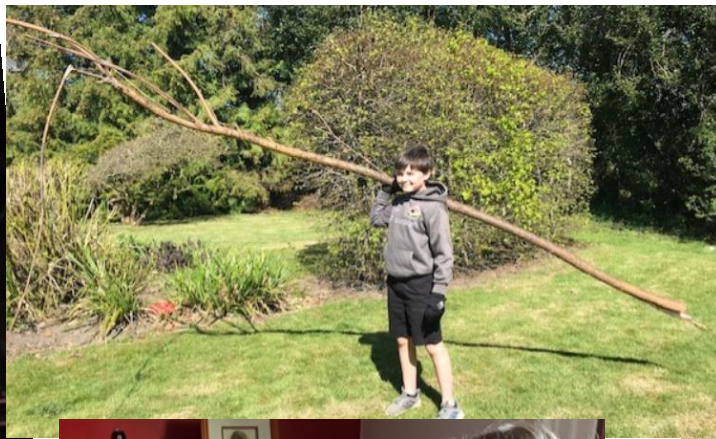
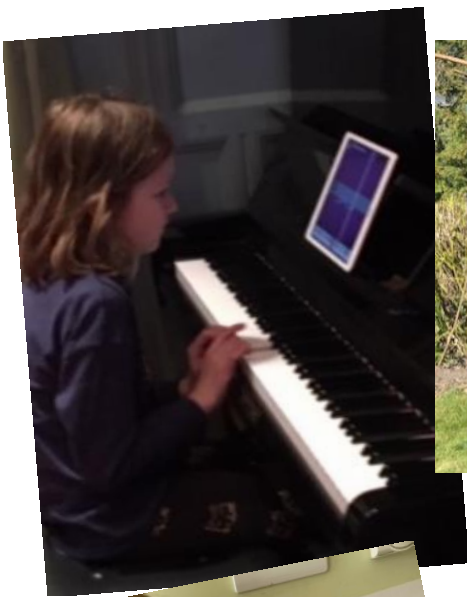
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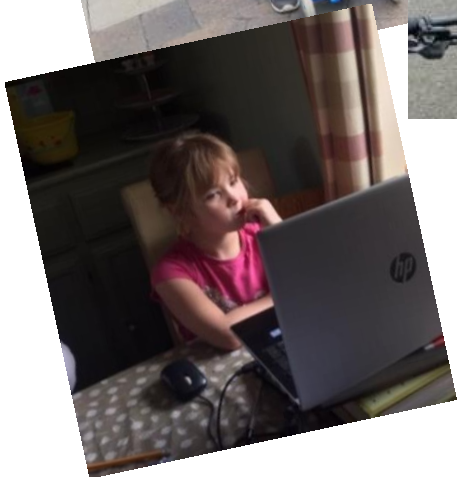
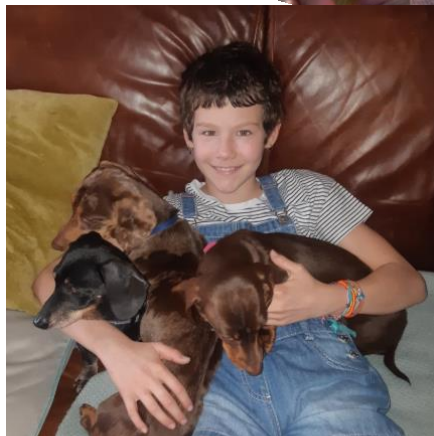
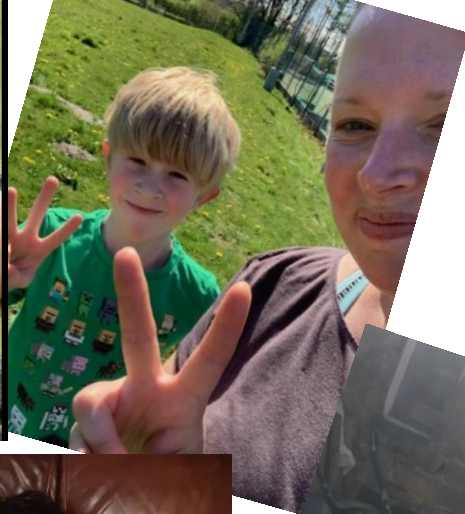
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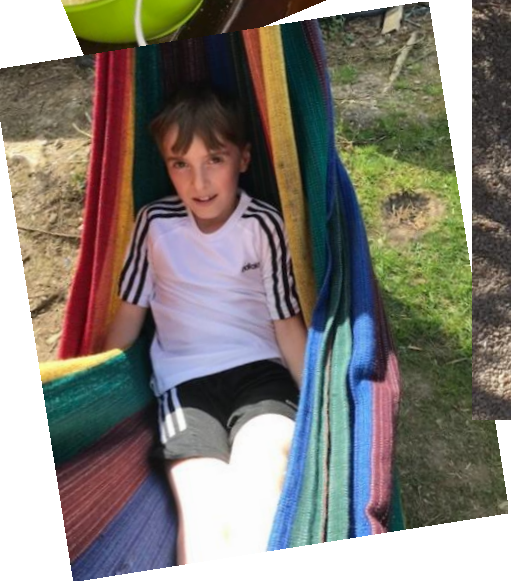
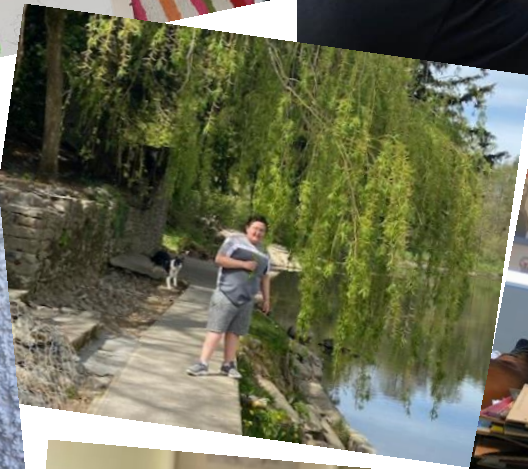


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School – What has been happening this week while we learn at home?

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