



## School Newsletter

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I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. It has been a hectic week at school as we prepare for the possibility of a phased return to school. It is important to note that this will be from June 1st at the earliest and only if certain conditions are met.

Over the next two weeks the staff, governors and I will develop draft plans for reopening to more children. These plans will be guided by the principle that the safety of children and staff is paramount. I will of course give you as much notice as I can about our proposals and the precautions we will be putting into place.

Thank you to all parents of Foundation , Y1 and Y6 pupils who filled in the form relating to potential return. If you have a child in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 6 and have not filled in the form please could I ask you to do so as soon as possible as it will really help us to plan effectively. The link can be found [HERE](#)

Today we have also sent a form to all of you who have let us know you are keyworkers, please could I ask you to help us by filling this in as soon as possible. [HERE](#).

If we return to school we will continue to support learning online for all children in Years 2, 3, 4, and 5. I feel it important to share with you that the re-opening of the school to children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 may not be all at once on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. As a trust, we are considering a phased return that has been carefully risk assessed, giving priority to the children of critical workers and our most vulnerable children, whilst also trying to adhere to the government's guidelines of having a maximum of 15 pupils per class. Furthermore, although strict hygiene risk assessments and adjustments will be made, schools will struggle to meet the government's 2m social distancing policy for all of our children. Obviously, all of this may be subject to change in the coming days and weeks; but for now, our school remains open only for our children of critical workers and those who are classed as vulnerable.

At the end of this newsletter there are some examples of the exceptional work children have produced at home. It is so lovely to see them take such pride in their learning – thank you all for the amazing support you are giving the children. Stay Safe -Mrs Paterson

### SAFEGUARDING IMPORTANT MESSAGE

During this period of partial closure the safeguarding of all our children remains our top priority. At this time, our school will continue as normal in supporting our vulnerable children. Please contact the school if you have any questions or queries.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety please contact us:

[safeguarding@dsatkibworth.org](mailto:safeguarding@dsatkibworth.org)

or our Safeguarding line: **07593 445084**

Further advice can be found on the school website. Take care and keep safe.

### Friday Fun

Each week Mrs Lopez shows the children in Year 1 how to have some 'Friday Fun'. This week she has made a 'Nature Tree' collage by collecting items that:



Make her happy	She likes looking at
Would make someone else smile	Are her favourite colour
She loves to smell	She is thankful for in nature

I thought it was such a lovely idea that everyone would like to know about! I am really inspired to have a go this weekend. Well done Mrs Lopez!



### Reading Raffle

Our first virtual Reading Raffle winner was chosen in an online draw on Monday!

**Congratulations to Jacob in Year 1..** He has received a £5 Amazon voucher and is now choosing another great book to read. Remember to send your teacher a photo of your reading diary showing that you have read 5 times in the week. Next draw is on Monday. Enjoy your reading!

## Looking After Everyone's Wellbeing

I would like to give a huge 'Shout Out' to Mrs Lakin, Mrs Rowland, Mrs Rose and the support staff at school who have worked with great dedication, empathy and kindness to support parents and children during this unprecedented pandemic. If you or any member of your family is having a hard time coping right now, bear in mind that there are lots of charities and organisations out there which offer free advice and counselling.

The charity Mind offers free support for anyone suffering from mental health-related issues. If you need advice or signposting to an appropriate support service you can get in touch with Mind by phone (0300 123 3393) or email ([info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)).



YoungMinds is the UK's leading mental health charity for children and young people. Through its website, young people and their parents can access a wealth of resources to help them respond to mental health challenges and get help. If you're concerned about your child's mental wellbeing, they also have a parent hotline you can call on 0808 802 5544, where you'll get advice on how to tackle the issue.



Year 6  
**Lily**

Year 5  
**Morgan**

Year 4  
**Josie**

Year 3  
**Jacob, Neve, Olivia and Amelia**

Year 2

Year 1  
**Nancy**

EYFS  
**Archie, Alfie and Javier**

## Join a World Record Attempt

Being part of attempting World Records is the next experience that is on offer for in the coming weeks:

### The World's Largest Online Art Lesson

Be a part of Rob Biddulph's attempt by joining his online Art lesson on Thursday 21st May at 4pm by going to his You Tube channel [HERE](#)

### World's Highest Times Tables Rock Star Score

TTRS are looking for the highest score achieved on 'TTRS in one minute' - . All you have to do is submit a video of yourself playing a Studio game with the highest score in the world by 4th June 2020.

More details can found [HERE](#)

## Values Vote

Remember to vote for your most important values.

You can see our teacher's ideas [HERE](#)

You can share you most important values by voting [HERE](#)

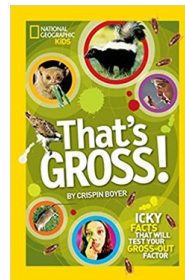
Also send a video to your teacher explaining your which favourite value is and why or send a photo of a poster you have made.

## On my Bookshelf

### Mrs Tyrrell's Weekly Book Review

#### That's gross! By Crispin Boyer

This week I wanted to look at a non-fiction book as I know lots of children enjoy them! This book is recommended for children aged 8+.



'That's gross' is a book to read at your own risk! It's full of yucky, disgusting, gross facts about the world around us. I'm sure you will say "that's gross!" at least once whilst reading it!! There are facts about your body, animals, around the world and many more! Did you know that dung beetles spend their days rolling animal poo around? Do you know how to make an Egyptian mummy? There's so many more horrible and nauseating facts in this book to tell your friends about. I can't wait to hear them...

## Postcard Success

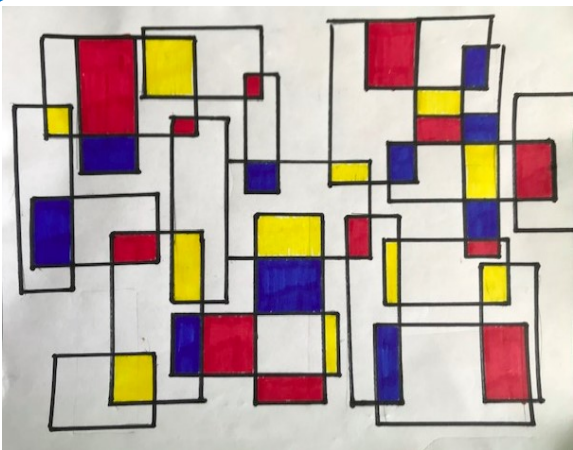


The amazing response to the online learning our teachers have kept up our reward system using virtual postcards.

We have given out over 450 in this period.


We have also been posting vouchers to those children with 5 postcards so much so WH Smith's have even run out of vouchers so we will now be using Amazon vouchers.

Keep working hard!




### WHAT ANIMALS DID CHARLES DARWIN FIND?


**Giant Tortoise**  
The Galapagos tortoise is the largest living tortoise. It can weigh up to 417 kg and live in the wild for 100 years. They inhabit volcanic islands on the Galapagos Islands.




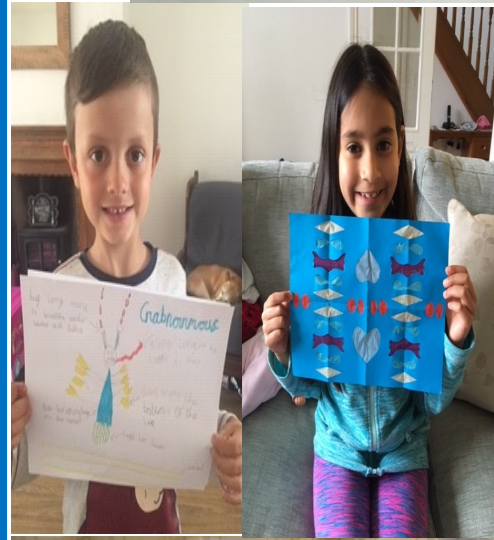
**Sea Lion**  
The sea lion breeds only on the Galapagos Islands and is considered a keystone species. It is a mammal that swims in the water and comes ashore to rest. The sea lion has a black head and is approximately 55cm tall.



**Marine Iguana**  
The species of Iguana is only found in the Galapagos Islands and usually grows 100cm long. It can eat seaweed which is found on the rocks in the water. It can live up to 10 years. There are various colours of the Iguana.



**Less Gull**  
As the largest Gull in the world, the Less Gull is considered a keystone species. It is a bird that lives on the islands and has a black head and is approximately 55cm tall.

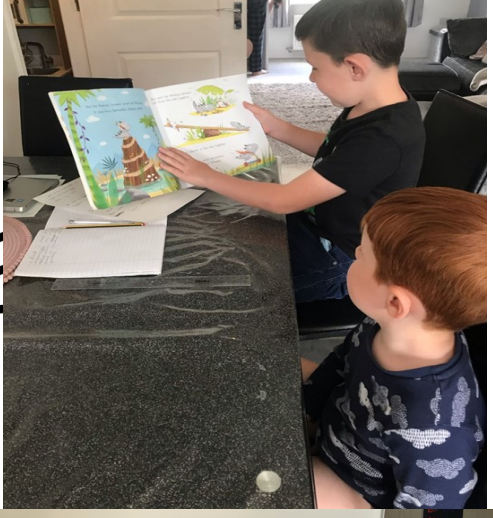



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**Shine**


Matthew 5:16



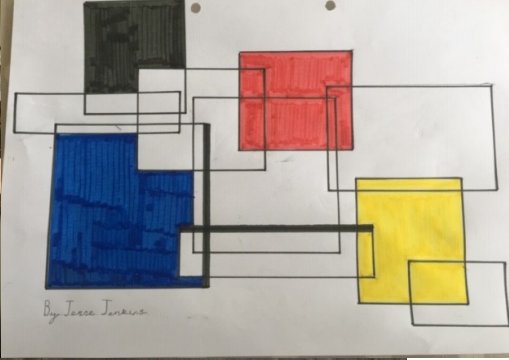
### My Elephant fact file

They are the world's largest land animal and can weigh 6 tonnes. Elephants use their trunks to suck up water to drink. Elephants' trunks are leathery and they first appear at age two.

Elephants spend 3/4 of their day eating and eat 150kg of food per day. Elephants are pregnant for 22 months and they live for 70 years. Elephants live in groups of females and the leader is usually the biggest and the oldest.




Where do elephants live? They live in Asia and Africa.



### Clothes

half again  
money  
busy



**HALF** world

