



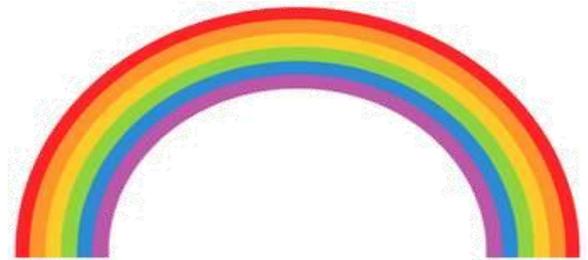
We would like to introduce you to a new-look Newsletter whilst we are all adapting to a new, temporary, way of living. The first thing we would like to say is a huge thank you to all of you for support and encouragement during the past few difficult and uncertain weeks. We appreciate the efforts both children and parents/carers are making to try to continue learning from home. We would also like to stress that there is absolutely no expectation for children to complete all the work being set. Remember, learning can take place in any context at any time and does not just have to be academic.

The teachers are loving hearing from their pupils, whether this is just to say, "Hi, how's it going?" or to share some of their work.

Meanwhile at school, the few children (and staff!) who have had no option but to come in have been busy making rainbows, doing treasure hunts and let's not forget the legendary daily Joe Wicks exercise programme with which they have been starting their day. A few aching muscles after that - and not just the children! The rainbows are to show hope and unity and children will be placing them in their windows at home. Hopefully there will be many dotted around and make your walks more fun as you try to see how many you can spot.

I am really proud of my rainbow because it looks good.

Junior (EYFS)



We would like to keep communication flowing between school and home over the challenging few weeks to come. From next week, we will be starting our Jar of Joy, Boredom Busters and Class Prayers to which you can help contribute.

The **Jar of Joy** is where children can suggest things they are missing doing. These could be everyday things we generally take for granted, such as going to the beach or visiting a relative. Email your suggestions to your teacher. We will publish some of your ideas in our Jar but you could start one at home too. Once life returns to normal, one 'joy' can be taken out each week and done with a new appreciation. We look forward to seeing how creative your suggestions will be...

Online Help

If you have problems logging in to DB or MyMaths, please email admin@st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk giving your child's name and year group. Type DB Access or MyMaths Access as the subject and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Boredom Busters are for you to share some innovative things you may have been doing at home so others can try them if boredom threatens. Send your favourites to your teacher by email. Again, we will publish a few each week – pictures welcome!

Finally, we will create a **Class Prayer** for each Newsletter, starting next week with Year 6. Just email your teacher a line of a prayer, maybe being thankful for something or to remind us how to think of others or show our help or kindness by our own actions.

Have fun learning, stay in and stay safe.

Dear God, thank you for all the people who look after us and make us food. Thank you for the doctors and police who are working hard and doing a good job to keep us safe. Amen.

By Rosa (Year 4)