



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.
'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11

Date: 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support this week; we are extremely proud of the work the children are uploading and can see how hard you are all working at home. We fully appreciate the impact the lockdown is having on families, and the additional pressure of home learning, however, mitigating the risk of Covid-19 and protecting the health and safety of pupils and staff, and their families is the most important objective at this time.

This week we have seen a significant increase in parents requesting keyworker places in school and I would like to remind parents that the government closed schools on Monday 4th January to all children to protect the NHS and to lower the levels of transmission across England. Schools are only open to vulnerable children and the children of critical keyworkers who cannot stay at home. In accordance with our risk assessment, we are unable to offer any more places in school as this will compromise the health and safety of our staff and their families. The health and safety of staff is paramount.

We are all hoping for a wider reopening from March 8th, but this will only happen when there is a significant reduction in the infection rates locally and nationally. Cheshire West and Chester's infection rates are still alarmingly high and are three times higher than in December. Schools mirror what is going on in the local community. Where cases in our local community remain high, schools remain at high risk of spreading the virus. We continue to implement all safety measures in school to protect staff, children and families, however, I am greatly concerned at the transmission locally and the impact this will have on the education and mental health of our children.

This really is a plea to work with us and help us to widen the reopening of Tilston Parochial Primary School. School leaders across the country are fortunate to have Dr Matt Butler, a consultant from the Covid Assessment Unit at Cambridge University Hospitals, supporting us through this global pandemic and sharing his knowledge and expertise. I attended a meeting on Wednesday and Dr Butler clearly stated, 'The behaviour in communities needs to change to avoid future closures of schools.'

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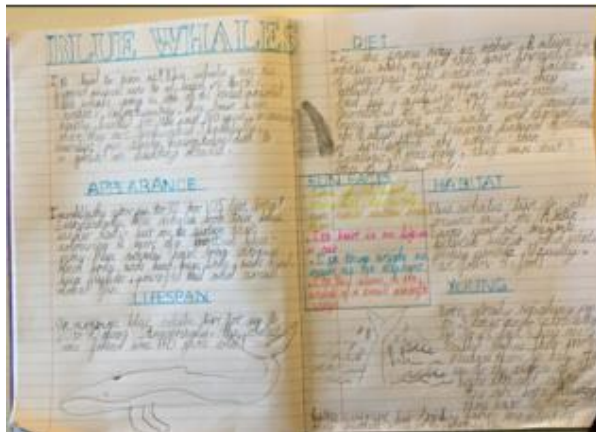
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This lockdown has been particularly challenging and we hope we can rely on you to support us by following the national lockdown rules. Our children need to be in school, learning alongside their friends and being taught face to face by their teachers. We cannot do this without your support. Please stay home and only go out for essential journeys. We hope by working together we can open our doors and welcome all children back very soon.

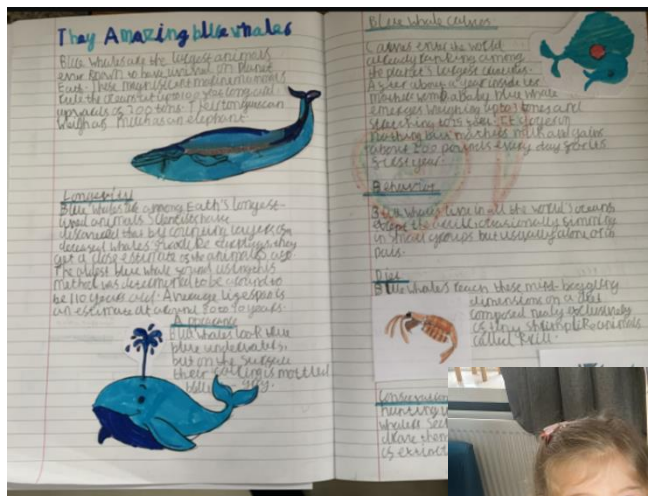
Online Learning

We are extremely impressed by the quality of work being completed by children across school and would like to share some examples.

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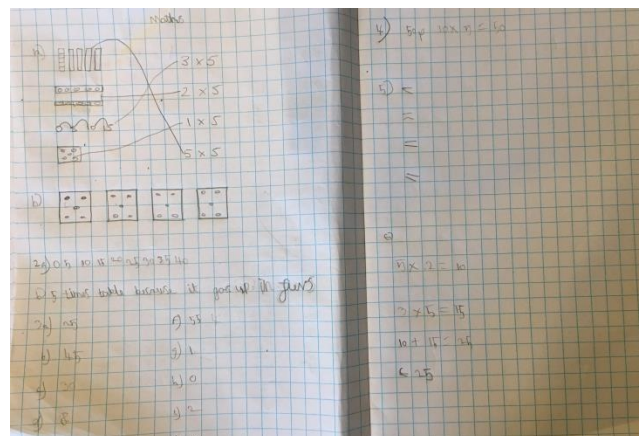
Lilla- Year 3



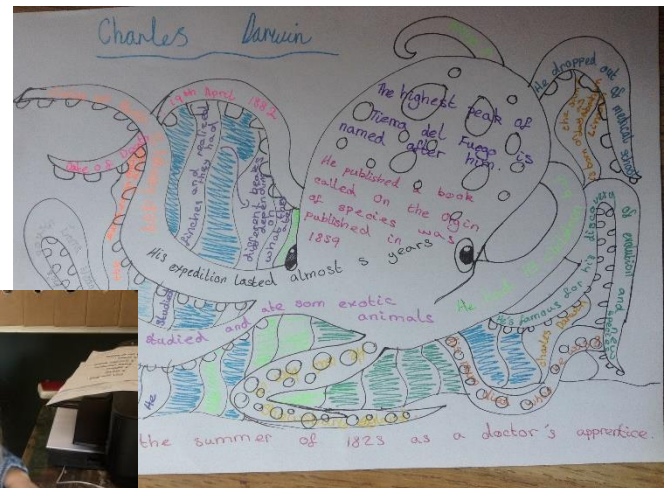
Beatrix- Reception



Noah- Year 2



Olivia- Year 6



Keep Up the Good Work!

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Half Term Holiday

The Department of Education has announced that all schools will close for half term as planned. We will close on Friday 12th February 2021 and will reopen to critical keyworker children on Tuesday 23rd February 2021. There will be no online work set during the holiday. Monday 22nd February is a planned Inset day and all staff will be completing statutory safeguarding training.

Lunch Time

Lunch Menu for week beginning 8th February 2021	
Monday	Beef* meatballs and pasta in tomato and herb sauce with garlic bread and veg or filled jacket potato with salad.
Tuesday	Cottage pie* with veg or deli option with salad
Wednesday	Roast gammon dinner or deli option with salad
Thursday	Mac 'n' cheese or filled jacket potato with salad
Friday	Fish & chips or omelette with crusty bread and salad.

*Vegetarian option available

Celebration Assembly

Our personal development goal this week is **push yourself**. We know that working from home is very different than working in school alongside your friends. Well done to the following children who have worked hard all week and pushed themselves.



Stars of the Week



R	Tom: pushing himself with his writing tasks.
Y1	Grace: pushing herself with her writing.
Y2	Isabella: pushing herself in her maths work.
Y3	Archie: giving his best and working really hard in all areas of learning.
Y4	John: pushing himself to work independently in literacy.
Y5	lolo: pushing himself in all areas of his learning.
Y6	Olivia: always showing determination and positivity in all that she does.

Let's Go Green for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

Last year you will remember the amazing event we held to raise money for The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, a charity close to all our hearts. The School Committee organised the event and raised an incredible £1248.90, with the help of Mr and Mrs Hayward.

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We hope you will join us again this year, although a little different to last year's event, by turning days into miles and taking on your own personal challenge. There are 31 days in March so that equals 31 miles. You can run, walk, cycle or any other way you want to cover the 31 miles in exchange for a donation, no matter how big or small, to The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. The challenge will start on March 1st and you have until the 31st of March to cover the 31 miles and complete your challenge. To make it a special occasion, you can dress in green and involve the whole family. We hope you will join us. Please send us photographs and keep us updated on your progress too. To donate, please follow the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tilstonprimaryschool>

Prayer of the week: By Olivia Hughes

Dear Lord,
Help me to remember to focus on what is good in the world.
I am grateful for snowy days and sunny days.
I am grateful for my family and friends.
I am grateful for my kind and caring teachers.
All of these things help me to feel good.
Thank you for reminding me what is good in the world.
Amen.



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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