



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

As another week of 'lockdown' begins, may I start by saying a huge thankyou to all the staff for their hard work responding to our 'Toilet Roll Challenge' which I hope you all saw last week! If you missed it, here is the link:

<https://click.email.vimeo.com/?qs=f0c750426af8715d3765f6d60cf506571ba27460c29a8f9b5ad33ddd837c1c37ee58d3c6dd65ecf17bab122a3df148d37527c02a497aef6351120c66e43ace40>

It has been lovely to read people's comments after seeing the video and I hope you and your children enjoyed seeing the teachers. A special thank you goes to Mrs Rotchell for putting the film together. Watch out for something else which we have up our school sleeve, appearing soon!!

Also, many thanks for all the hard work going on at home and being posted on Seesaw. It is a real joy to see what the children have been up to and great that many of you are taking this opportunity to teach your children life skills such as baking and gardening as well as doing the tasks set by the teachers.

Easter Egg Competition

Well done to those who entered. These were: Charles and Zachary E, Felix S, Barney, Betsy, Reuben and Annabel. They will all receive a delicious chocolatey prize on our return to school!



On Easter day, me and my mum decorated eggs because I couldn't decorate it at school. I did an egg version of Eddie Izzard and my mum did an egg version of an eagle owl. It was so much fun!



Compassion Trust Perseverance

Storytelling at 1pm

As mentioned last week, we have been asked by a certain parent known to do a spot of street entertainment (I will leave it up to you to guess who!) to promote 'Covent Garden Stories'. Each day a talented performer reads their favourite children's story on Youtube and it also includes some footage of their show and some tricks thrown in too. Visit coventgardenstories.com for more information and prepare to be entertained!

New Phonics Resource

Today, the DfE is launching a new phonics teaching resource designed to help parents of Reception and Year 1 children to teach phonics at home. It follows 'Letters and Sounds' which is the programme we use at school and consists of a short video each day. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/34KsiFS> and see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Storytelling competition

The closing date for the competition mentioned last week is Thursday 30th April. See last week's newsletter for details. Or visit: <https://bookcaseforall.co.uk/short-story-competition/>

Reach

REACH Update. In these challenging times we need to find ways to help children (and families) to sing, dance, act, make music, perform, design and create. With this in mind, the REACH team at City of York Council are releasing a regular newsletter full of ideas such as virtual music and dance events to join in, virtual museum tours, singing sessions, creative writing opportunities and much more. It is worth a read and may help you and your family to explore our amazing city in a new 'virtual' way, to find a new hobby or to enjoy singing or making music together. The latest newsletter is attached.

Baby News

I am delighted to announce the safe delivery of the twin baby Bowker girls. No names as yet! Well done to mum (and dad!) and we all wish you, the twins and the boys well at this exciting time in your life as a family. Thankyou also for the sterling work you are doing at keeping our school numbers up!!

Contact with school

As last week, the admin team and I can be contacted on the school email address and both this and the school telephone answer machine will be monitored daily on weekdays, even though school is closed.

The teachers and I can also be messaged directly via Seesaw on weekdays, should you have any concerns.

Don't forget to keep an eye on Twitter, Facebook and the school website for updates.

Keep safe everyone,
Brenda Christison,
Headteacher