



**Rothersthorpe CE Primary School**  
**Pride, Ability, Positivity**  
**Rothersthorpe Reporting 4th May 2020**



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**Dear Parents,**

As time goes on—working and learning from home may get harder for some, if not all of you. Everyone understands—everyone is affected and we all have up and down days or even weeks. Children are now really missing school and their friends, as are adults. Knowing that we are keeping everyone safe whilst staying at home doesn't really help much practically. But in the future when we are going about our usual daily routines, we will look back on this time and know that 'we all did our best to help keep ourselves, our families and our wider community safe'.

With regards to children's home learning—Teachers are providing a range of activities via Classdojo, Tapestry and email to cover children's differing interests and motivation levels. Children are all working differently, as all families are different. As I have previously mentioned, teachers are setting work that your child should already be able to do. Everyone will eventually catch up—we are all in the same boat. Remember that mental health and well-being is the main priority and new learning will start again once we are back to school full time. All we can do is 'keep going' - use activities that work for you and your family and await the Government's next steps. In the meantime, please do what you can, when you can; keep your families happy and safe. We will all be back together soon. If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher via email. A support call can also be arranged.

Ms ACE has spoken to the Y6's about a Zoom Y6 Lunch on Thursday 14th May—it would have been their Sats lunch!! An invite will be sent out shortly.

**With kindest regards, Mrs Fountain and all the Staff at Rothersthorpe Primary**



**Stars of the Week**

Class 1 **Oscar P**—all round fantastic learning

Class 2 **Lawson**—super effort with all work  
**Ellie**—being thoughtful

Class 3 **Ben**—excellent cave art  
**Oscar Herbert**—giving his best with everything

Class 4 **Ethan**—lots of hard work  
**Aimee**—a good mystery story

Well done everyone this week for carrying on even though it rained all week, and you were stuck inside the house a lot. A bit like 'wet play' at school! At least all the plants, flowers and vegetables got a good drink.



**Shout-outs!**

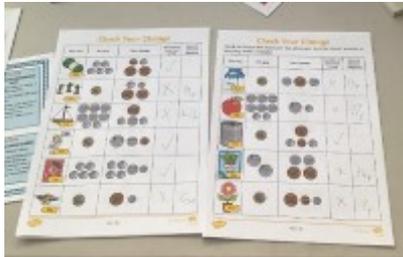
- ◆ Well done Harry in class 1 for persevering with his reading.
- ◆ Great effort from Callum who taught himself to play the recorder.
- ◆ Wonderful that Etta-Jean sorted all her books out and donated some to charity.
- ◆ Well done to all those children in class 3 who wrote a letter to Mrs Walker giving her ideas on what they could spend the Friends of School class saver money on.
- ◆ Great cooking skills from Megan and Alex K. An amazing cake that Megan made and Alex's bread making looked fun.
- ◆ Well done Hollie for an amazing rain forest video interview.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mrs D'Costa for raising £300 for the Willow Foundation since January with a swimming challenge. The Willow Foundation raises funds for young adults with cancer.
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs Dellar and Mrs Carol Morphy who social distanced this week to tidy up the school gardening beds. They found a lovely parsley plant as well as noticing that the gooseberries, strawberries and blackcurrants are looking really good.



**1000 piece Jigsaw Challenge!**  
 Started by our Y5 pupil who has now completed 8 puzzles. He is happy to share his puzzles with you. Send in a request to borrow one. Others are now catching onto this great idea.



**Who else is going to join in?**



**Great Maths Activities—Well done!**



*Butterfly Conservation Colouring Competition*

The sight of a Spring butterfly lifts the spirits. These familiar and much-loved insects signal new beginnings and fresh hope.



We are launching our #ButterfliesForHope colouring competition to spread a little positivity and provide a simple and fun activity for all ages.

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/education/colouring-competition?fbclid=IwAR1Q9JWxtaVQYRjtBIMalGSJwpJpeEK1NnCdurqYuwGKgS6sRj4Ub4LhSZ4>

*Some more fabulous work from Class 3's Stone Age topic*



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY—The Northamptonshire School Games 2020 are going virtual!**

I am pleased to announce that **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** will see the launch of the Northamptonshire Virtual School Games. Schools and families can join in, trying different sports over the course of 9 weeks leading up to a countywide Virtual School Games Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

There will be 3 sporting challenges to try each week - no special equipment will be required and the challenges will be quick, inclusive and simple. Support will be provided through coaching tips so that you can improve your performance and achieve your personal best.

We will also be setting themed puzzles, quizzes and problem solving activities so that you can challenge your mind, and launching a Skills Showcase to enable you to share your videos and photos of the challenges across each week.

The Virtual School Games Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, will be a celebration of sport and physical activity with a virtual opening ceremony followed by an 8 activity skills circuit. Families and schools will be able to get involved during the day and challenge the scores set by staff from the 5 School Sport Partnerships.



For further information and to register your interest please visit: [www.northamptonshiresport.org/school-games](http://www.northamptonshiresport.org/school-games)



**'Sing Up' at Home has been launched**

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/>

If you are in the school choir or just like singing—The 'sing up' website is now freely accessible to all families. Look in the A-Z as there are some school favourites—Eye of the Tiger; Can't Stop this Feeling; We will Rock You. Some songs also have 'British Sign Language' and 'Makaton'.

Just join up! It would be great if children could learn the song 'Three Little Birds' also using British Sign Language by **Friday 22nd May**.

Also share on Classdojo any songs you are enjoying.

**Action for Happiness**

**The world is in crisis. Keep Calm, Stay Wise & Be Kind.**

Join this great group/website which has some lovely resources and ideas. You can also download an app.

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/?fbclid=IwAR11kTBthCLCqjTCUqjOA0yWmDGW652k5na-CwaAwxfJ1l2ztiZHnpEteBY>



**The 10 keys to happier living—**

<b>Giving</b>	<b>Relating</b>	<b>Exercising</b>	<b>Awareness</b>	<b>Trying out</b>	<b>Direction</b>
<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Emotions</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>	<b>Meaning</b>		

## Good News Blog



- ◆ It was Captain Tom, (now Colonel Tom's) 100th birthday last week and he raised over £33 million for the NHS and received over 125,000 birthday cards.
- ◆ A nine year old boy in Northampton shaved his 'pride and joy' head of hair to support NHS charities. He managed to raise £370.
- ◆ Thousands of labourers in Pakistan who were out of work because of the coronavirus are being hired by the Government to plant millions of trees.
- ◆ Australian scuba operators stopped running tours because of the coronavirus and are using staff and vessels to plant new corals along the Great Barrier Reef.
- ◆ While India is in lockdown, hundred of thousands of undisturbed sea turtles came ashore for the first time in years to lay 60 million eggs.



## 75th VE Day Celebrations—Thursday 7th May 2020

### Virtual Home and School Link from 2pm

School would still like to organise and share this celebration with our families for some of the afternoon. This would be via Zoom.

**2pm Activity One** VE Day red/white/blue themed cake competition. Join School Zoom at 2pm to show your cake before eating it!! Prizes available.

**3pm Activity Two** Create a fun obstacle/assault course and share with School Zoom at 3pm. Receive a certificate for taking part.

Dress up and have an afternoon picnic in your garden if you want to. Zoom joining information is attached to this newsletter. **WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**



## 'Wellbeing Whilst Working and Learning at Home' session for parents



**WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY FROM 4-5PM VIA ZOOM**

**Delivered by Dragonfly Impact Education**

The talk will cover:

- ◆ What learning involves
- ◆ How parents can best support their children
- ◆ Keeping children motivated and engaged
- ◆ Helping children to manage anxieties, frustrations and other 'big feelings'
- ◆ How to safeguard your own mental health when juggling new pressures

*To learn, grow and reach our full potential, we need to be equipped with the tools to support our emotional and mental wellbeing. We work with parents, carers, schools and children and young people to ensure that they have the foundations they need to be successful. With over 30 years' combined experience working with young people we have a broad range of expertise to share, so that you feel prepared to help your child navigate their way through difficult feelings.*

A letter fully explaining how to sign up for this important session was attached to this newsletter which was emailed to you. **Please reply to Mrs Fountain: [head@rothersthorpe.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@rothersthorpe.northants-ecl.gov.uk)**—Zoom log on details will be sent to you before the meeting.