

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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A message from Mrs Sage

Home learning, coupled with learning in school, continues apace and, once again, thank you for your support in this.

We know many of you are juggling work with home schooling – everyone is in a different situation and you are all doing your best for your children. You should be very proud of this and are doing an incredible job.

Remote learning: we are seeing impressive engagement when children are based at home. We have several documents which outline our commitment to remote education provision and what you can expect from us. Please read [our remote education news item](#) as a useful reminder.

Microsoft Teams: thank you to all the children who joined our Teams meet ups this week. We have shared our [Teams code of conduct](#) as an important reminder of how to work online and consider safeguarding also.

PTA photo competition: we are looking forward to seeing whether the snowy weather will feature in any of your entries. There's still plenty of time to enter. See [full details here](#).

Keeping in touch: this week, continuing the school's commitment to our community, we will be using Twitter [@Saltfordprimary](#) to keep in touch and share all the wonderful things that are still going on in these uncertain times.



HOME LEARNING CORNER

This week's home learning challenge is to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Mrs Newark has lots of tips and useful links in [this week's sheet here](#).

There are also lots of ideas from Mrs Smith for creative activities you can do at this time of year, linked to getting out for your walks in our area. See [Walking into spring here](#).

Find the entire [Home Learning Corner here](#).

Regular Covid testing for staff

We continue to adhere to our very thorough Risk Assessment to ensure everyone's safety at school. This week we began Covid testing for all staff using lateral flow tests. This will take place each Sunday and Wednesday. This could possibly mean that our provision at school could be affected if the routine testing picks up any positive results. As we have been throughout the pandemic, we will contact you via text and letter should this be the case.

Reading Books

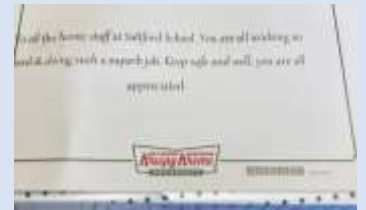
We are setting up a system where your child will be able to access reading books linked to their colour via the Rising Stars scheme. Look out for the post going out next week on Tapestry and Seesaw with the link to your child's digital library. We feel this is the safest way to move forward and will avoid large numbers of parents needing to collect books from school.

We recommend you look also at the [online library from the National Academy here](#). There will be new books, recommendations and videos every week.

Thanks for the thanks

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the trouble to express their appreciation of the work we are doing in school. Kind words and an anonymous delivery of doughnuts have been equally appreciated this week!

"You are doing an amazing job with your weekly messages... maths sessions are also perfectly judged." Y5 parent.



Teachers have been **"both positive and encouraging every step of the way... Congratulations on your superb team."** Y2 and Reception parent.

Joke of the week

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt...



...archaeologists believe it may be **Pharaoh Rocher!!!**

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Everyone is invited to join St Mary's online in praying for school on Zoom on Thursdays at 8pm See [details and how to join here](#).
- See our [Community notices page](#) for what's happening in our community, including the [Julian House Big Sleep Out on 5th March](#) and [tech club holiday provision](#).
- [Community news here](#) including Covid response and PO/library hours.

Mrs Sage's learning legends

EYFS

ED: Parker M for super learning about the composition of 8.

GD: William B for super phonics work and lots of perseverance with handwriting.

KS1

CE: Isla H for amazing and unique materials used for modelling a car for our transport topic in History. Well done Isla!

RH: Elliott M for creating a wonderful reflective snowy picture.

NJ: Seb G for brilliant weaving and a lovely rainbow for our materials topic.

MN: Robbie M for a beautiful fabric rainbow for our materials work.

KS2

CM: Sophie V for her fantastic Roman mosaic artwork.

ESST: Oscar J for super enthusiastic and positive approach to home learning, especially our work on Trolls.

RJ: Ted F for his fabulous performance of his playscript from James and the Giant Peach.

PN: Finley W for a super performance of his play script from James and the Giant Peach and great use of props!

JSB: Jack F for brilliant creative writing for our Cosmic topic in English.

AB: Ellie K for her very creative and striking image using colourful geometric shapes painted onto chipboard built around the word RESPECT in response to our Inspiring Black Figures art project.

NS: Phoebe L for a well-written and beautifully read Georgian king fact file.

JG: Eloise R for previously showing good understanding of how rationing affected the lives of children during WW2.

Mrs Sage's learning legends are earning their Headteacher's awards for work at school or at home. Home learners will receive their award in the post!

We hope you enjoy these examples of the super variety of learning going on this week.