

# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## A message from Mrs Sage

This week has been well-being and mental health week nationally and we think now more than ever it is important to take care of ourselves. Many thanks to Mrs Forster for sharing her [ideas for activities](#) around this theme which staff are building into their planning.

**Poetry project:** *'We are all as one and as one we can get through this storm together.'* We are so impressed with the amazing work from our Year Sixes who wrote poems inspired by Amanda Gorman. We would like to share [some of their poetry here](#) (PDF).

**Penguin party for Reception:** our Reception children enjoyed a special party over Zoom to get as close as possible to all being together for a party. Mrs Browne led the fun with dancing and games and we think some of the parents enjoyed it too! See our [penguin party news](#) for lots of pictures and more details.

**Remote learning feedback questionnaire:** we have sent all parents a link to this [online feedback questionnaire](#) which we urge you to complete to support our next steps. You really can have your say. We are delighted to have received over 95 responses so far. The deadline for response is 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at noon.

**Thank you:** once again, thank you so much for everything you are doing. Do keep talking to us and giving feedback on our home learning so we can keep developing our offer.

**Menu changes:** there are some menu changes for next week. Please see [our news page for details](#).

**Keeping in touch:** 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.



## Safer Internet Day

[Safer Internet Day](#) this year is 9<sup>th</sup> February and the theme is *'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'*. EYFS and KS1 will be learning about Detective Digi Duck. The aim is to encourage young children to start thinking about online content and help them understand that what they read or see online might be true, untrue, or simply someone's opinion. KS2 will also be looking at what and who to trust online. They will focus on making sensible decisions online and how to check whether a source is trustworthy. See our [Safer Internet Day news](#) for more information.

Our February safety newsletter is in the [online safety](#) section of the school website. It gives further practical help and support.

## Joke of the week

During the snow last week I had a 'heated' argument with a snowman...



... in which he lost his cool and had a total meltdown!

## Competition time!

In celebration of [World Book Day](#) we are pleased to launch Saltford School's PTA bookmark design competition! Each child can submit an unlimited number of entries, £1 per entry, for their chance to win a £10 book token kindly donated by [Mr B's Emporium of reading delights!](#) Prizes will be distributed according to Key Stages and all funds raised will go towards the PTA fund. Find full details, including the template, [on the school website here](#), on Seesaw and on Tapestry.

Winners will be announced on [World Book Day](#), Thursday 4 March 2021.

Also, for budding KS2 writers, see our website for details of the Keynsham Rotary Club [Young Writers Competition here](#).

## Shrove Tuesday on Thursday!

As pancake day falls during half term this year, we will be celebrating early on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, to mark the beginning of Lent.

We would like to uphold our traditional celebrations – at school and at home – by having our pancake race and a special menu. Please read [details on the website](#) and do share some pictures of your home activities too.

## HOME LEARNING CORNER

This week's home learning challenge is to take some time to focus on your own well-being.

Find out about mindfulness [on our special page here](#) and tune in to the lovely sea video suggested by Miss Donovan.

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

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our [Community notices page](#) is full of local information that may be of interest to our school community, including
  - information from St Mary's Church
  - Saltford Community Association updates
  - Local events, holiday clubs and sports clubs.
- Parents can also join the [PTA Facebook group](#) to keep in touch.

# Mrs Sage's learning legends

## EYFS

**ED:** Larissa T for great work on phase three digraphs and contribution to Teams.

**GD:** Scarlett H for great phonics work.

## KS1

**RH:** Jackson R for brilliant story telling of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

**CE:** Phoebe-Leigh P working really hard, showing great resilience and improving her reading.

**NJ:** Belle L for working so hard with her home learning, in particular with her maths.

**MN:** Amelie H for super efforts with her home learning and looking for further challenges in maths.

## KS2

**ESST:** Emily H for great efforts with her home learning, especially with her work on times tables and money in maths.

**CM:** Thea for being a kind and caring friend.

**RJ:** Seren S for showing great resilience and perseverance during lockdown.

**PN:** Reggie S for his super efforts, especially with Doodle maths.

**JSB:** Esme H for creating two beautiful portraits of Nelson Mandela, inspired by Chuck Close.

**AB:** Cam H for taking his thesaurus for a 'test drive' during his study of 'Cosmic' in English. Cam has had a lot of fun creating complex sentences bursting with imagery, relative clauses, adventurous vocabulary, fronted adverbials, alliteration and poetic description.

**NS:** Jasper G for a fantastic fundraising poster and always working hard when he is at school.

**JG:** Rufus L for an excellent attempt at a poem based upon the writing of Amanda Gorman.

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.