



# School **Update**

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*Welcome to the Bishops Nympton School Newsletter*

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Summer Term Week 3





**Friday 1st May 2020**

Welcome to our new digital newsletter. We will keep you up to date with all the latest news from our learners and teachers. Our school building may be closed but we are still open for learning. Scroll down to see the latest from your school community.

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### **Office 365 and Pupil Accounts**

We are delighted to announce that all children now have an Office 365 account. They are being provided with the new school system and this means they will have a login and can reach their work and programs from any device. They will also be able to have live streamed lessons! All details will be sent home later this week including full instructions for logging in and exploring.

## **Staying Safe**

We continue to hope that you and your families are well and coping with the current situation as best you can. It is certainly fair to say that little could have prepared us for what has happened over the last month or two and we are very conscious of the wide - ranging challenges that the current lock down creates for us all.

I am sure you will all be aware through the media about the increased concerns regarding the additional risks that being at home creates for children and adults who are victims of Domestic abuse. I'm quite sure that you will have seen the broadcasts on television aimed at those who are victims of domestic abuse. Please be aware that if you are (or you know someone who is) currently suffering in this way support and help is available. The current lock down rules do not apply in the same way and there are different options available. We have been asked to open the school as a place of safety for victims to make a phone call for help. If anyone needs to do this then they should contact us via email or phone and arrangements can be made for them.

Reminders from the government:

### **Stay at home**

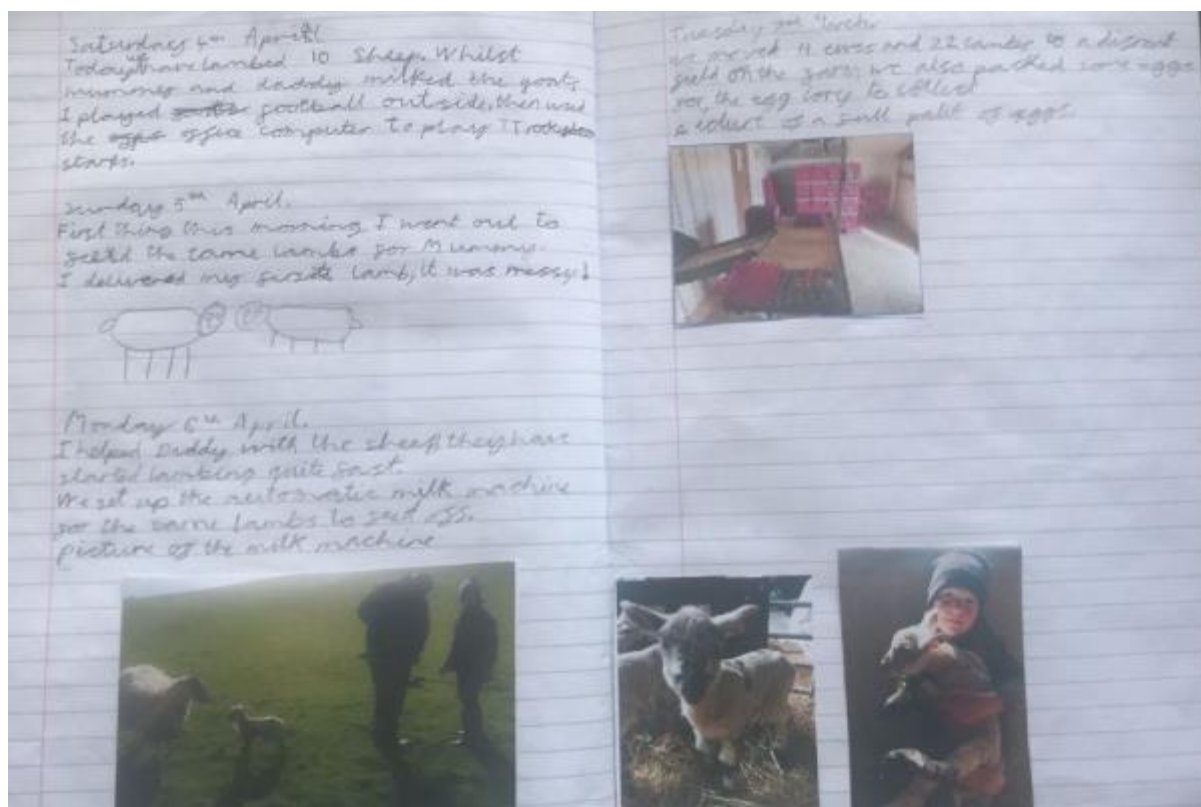
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.



## Home Learning



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### Home Learning Reminders

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1. **Start Home School.** Re-creating school at home is not straightforward but finding separation from learning time and relaxing time is important.
2. **Get into a routine.** We all need structure and this is still true when isolating at home. Setting up a daily timetable is a good way to make the structure work and get some quality bursts of learning take place. Make your timetable and put it up so everyone knows the pattern. Split time into lessons and subjects so you can really concentrate.
3. **Do some PE.** Regular breaks and exercise can all add value to the Home School experience and break up the day. You will also feel better too!
4. **Don't Panic (Parents or Children).** Do what you can and do what works for you. The school will provide learning to help during closure but we understand the difficulties in accessing this.

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Remember, you're doing a great job :)

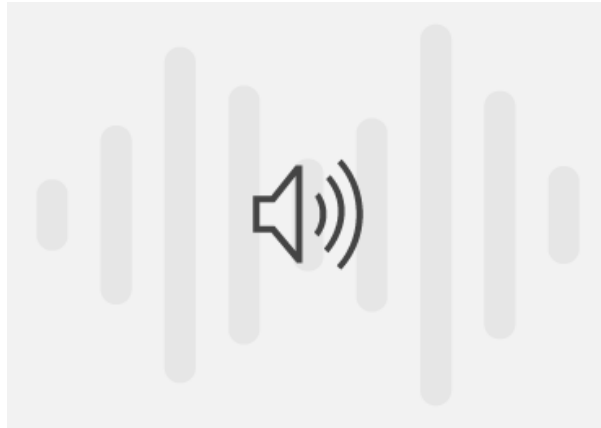
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Good News









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*1 - Click to play "Memories" from bensound.com whilst looking through our good news...*

Your teachers have been delighted to hear about all of your successes over the last week. Click on the **stack of photos** to see what everyone has been up to & read on for special mentions, comments and awards...











2 - Wow!



Phonics worksheet

loud proud sound round mountain  
 you soup could would should  
 mould shoulder

Could you order  
 a poster on  
 your shoulder?

I ate soup with a  
 spoon

The sound was  
 mouldy and sound



### The Magic Spring Box

I will put in the box  
Wibbily, wobbly lambs,  
Jumping, hopping chicks,  
Growing yummy vegetables.

I will put in the box  
Butterflies fluttering in the sky,  
A big, yellow sun,  
Animals being born in Spring.

I will put in the box  
Pretty, pink flowers,  
Green grass blowing in the wind,  
Children running outside.

My box is fashioned from solid gold,  
With a beautiful butterfly.  
It's flower button has powers to open the box.

By Phoebe Cooke



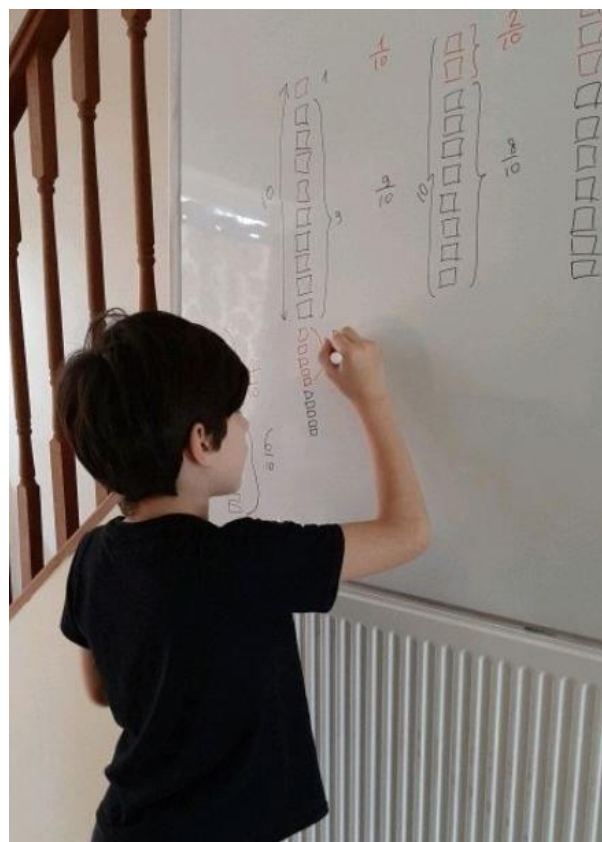




Zeus - Sky god







4 - Eric hard at work

## Special Mentions, Comments and Awards



#### **Class 1 - Ms Horrell & Mrs Sothcott:**

**Amethyst** Annabelle - for videoing herself singing a fantastic song about missing her friends and Miss Horrell. It was beautiful. Thank you Annabelle!

**Gold** Florence, Charlie B, May - posting lots of lovely photos on ClassDojo. I love seeing all the activities you have been doing

**Silver** Josh, Eli, Charlie S - lots of great work happening at home

#### **Class 2 - Mrs Lake & Mrs Sothcott:**

**Bronze:** George and Max - for helping to keep your siblings busy! Great job! Summer - for learning new life skills.

**Silver:** Curtis - for trying his best and persisting with jobs; and also for learning new skills. Georgia and Ruby - always having a smile on your face no matter what, and trying your hardest! Oscar - I have been very impressed with your writing this week, I think you enjoyed the story ☺ Hope and Max - enjoying learning at home and developing scientific skills. Christopher - developing amazing Gruffalo art this week! You really enjoyed this and tried hard. Great persistence!

**Gold:** Joseph - for trying hard with his reading, writing and phonics at home. It may be hard at times but he keeps on going and giving his best!

**Amethyst:** Gracie - for applying what she knows with her learning; and for developing a range of life skills. I have learnt something new this week too, thank you for sharing your skills and adventures with me! Phoebe - for always trying your hardest and working so hard, nothing stops you; keep it up. Barnaby - for always trying your hardest and working so hard. I have been especially impressed with your writing this week! I think you enjoyed the story ☺ Joseph - for your amazing reading this week - you were so fluent. George - for trying exceptionally hard with writing this week, it keeps getting better every week, keep it up - I am so very impressed.

#### **Class 2 - Mrs Forder:**

**Achiever** this week: Eric. Especially impressed with his particularly great fractions of a whole teacher demonstration.

A shout out to Bethany and her marvellous Fantasy Hatchery, accessible through her YouTube channel.

#### **Class 4 - Ms Peter:**

We have been really impressed to see some of the fantastic things you have been doing at home. Here are some special mentions:

Madelyn - made cake pops for her sick mum,

Ellie writing letters to her friends with the help of her cat. She has also conducted a super science experiment,

Ruby using a frame explore the world around her.

Ruben has been making and building thing. He has also written fantastic instruction on trout fishing.

See the photo stack for more...

## Competition Time



CPRE Devon are running their fun, local competition once again! Visit their website for more details:

### "My Outdoors Art Competition & Writing Competition

#### 2020 COMPETITIONS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

Once again we are delighted to be running our two competitions for primary school children – our *'My Outdoors'* art competition and our Writing competition – tell us why you think its important to protect the countryside. Entry forms and postcards are available from us – drop us an email on [info@cpredevon.org.uk](mailto:info@cpredevon.org.uk) or call us on 01392 966737 – or can be downloaded below. There will be a top prize for the winning school of £200 as well as individual prizes for the winning children. Closing date for entries is 30th June 2020.

Download the information and entry forms here

[CPRE Devon Writing Competition 2020"](#)

<https://www.cpredevon.org.uk/my-outdoors-painting/>



## Coming Soon



Even though we are not able to be at school there are still some exciting things happening. Look out for more information on the following:

- **TEAMS and remote lessons.** As part of Office 365 children will soon be able to use TEAMS and see their teacher live!
- **Mr Gurney video.** *Nature video diaries are coming out soon!*
- **Brand new website.** A brand new website is being built and will be coming to a device near you...

## ...and in other news



### Mr Gurney's special joke section...



With all the trees suddenly coming into leaf or showing such beautiful blossom it seems only fair to share some **TREE JOKES**.

- I once knew a girl who loved the woods. What was her name? **Theresa Green** (*say it fast*).
- What was the tree's favourite snack? **Can o' peas.**
- Trees must be able to swim. Well, they've definitely got **trunks!**
- I've got a whole load of tree jokes but I think I'd better **leaf** it there.

Have you got any good jokes? Send them and we will add them to this section.

### Stay in touch

- Use *ClassDojo*
- Email your news direct [news@exmoorlink.org](mailto:news@exmoorlink.org)
- Email the office [bishopsnympton@exmoorlink.org](mailto:bishopsnympton@exmoorlink.org)

### Look out for our next edition coming soon

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