



St Anthony's Newsletter



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"...amongst the top 3% of primary schools in the country!"

From a letter received from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP; based on pupil progress in reading, writing and maths from the end of Year 2 to the end of Year 6.

In it together

Dear Parents and Carers,

In these unprecedented times, it has been lovely to hear about the children and receive updates from you. The community of St Anthony's is incredibly strong and I have heard accounts of kindness, generosity, courage and creativity from children, parents and staff.

Working from home, maintaining full cupboards, managing children's learning (and emotions) and trying to keep everyone happy is not an easy task. You are all however doing an amazing job and the teachers have told me about your positivity and appreciation for our school.

As a staff, we are working to improve the ways that we support the children's learning, from home. Next week we will attempt to streamline the number of emails that you receive as well as further develop our consistency of approach. I will also send out a survey to all parents which will help us plan for 'Distance Learning' for after the Easter break. This will enable us to have a clearer picture of the number of children who have access to an appropriate device.

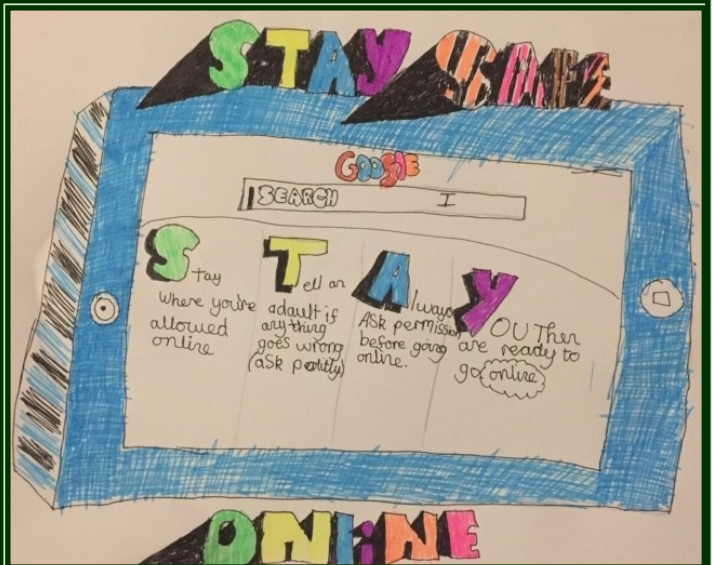
The school continues to be open for Critical Worker families although I am in daily contact with the Local Authority regarding the establishment of hubs as there are some schools who (due to illness or numbers) are unable to offer any provision at present. It is my intention to keep St Anthony's open for as long as possible and we are also providing care for NHS frontline staff over the Easter holidays.

Within school, we only have a skeleton staff and as such we ask that parents email in any urgent matters to school@stanthonys.southwark.sch.uk, marking it URGENT, rather than phone as our phone system does not permit remote access.

I continue to be humbled by the staff's response to this crisis and I know that you are valuing the contact that they are keeping with you.

God bless,

Joanne Hawthorne



Working remotely, particularly online, it is important to stay safe online. Thank you to Jasper in Year 4 for this great poster.

Online Safety: Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

School Contact

To contact the school, please **do not use the telephone**, use school@stanthonys.southwark.sch.uk

Safeguarding

If you believe a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, contact the police on **999**.

If you have concerns about a specific child, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **020 7525 1921** (weekday 9-5) or **020 7525 5000** (out of hours). You can also email them, on MASH@southwark.gov.uk.

Other boroughs also have MASH, please check online for contact numbers.



Faith Life: Lent 2020



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **compassion** (the Wednesday Word for Holy Week and Easter was sent home last Friday as a small booklet)
- This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of Lent**, the Gospel for the day is John 11:1-45 (Jesus raises Lazarus to life)
- **Lent Almsgiving** Parents can continue to contribute through Parentpay to our Lent appeal for CAFOD
- **Year of the Word:** our scripture, along with tradition, forms the bedrock of our religious heritage; with that in mind here is a little nugget from Isaiah 41 v10:

Do not be afraid—I am with you!
I am your God—let nothing terrify you!
I will make you strong and help you;
I will protect you and save you.

St Thomas More Parish News

The church is currently closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, however Fr Gerry is saying Mass privately in the church every day at 7.30am.

Sunday liturgy TenTen has prepared a Sunday liturgy for families that is free and easy to use: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/> (also sent by email to parents)

CAFOD have similarly prepared a **children's liturgy**: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Weekly offering—please help: if you are a regular attender at St Thomas More, please would you consider setting up a standing order to continue your support of the parish. The monthly outgoings are considerable and without the weekly collections it's going to get tricky. If you're able to help the details are:

St Thomas More Church
Sort code 60-23-19
Account number 44136757

Stations of the Cross: CAFOD have a beautiful powerpoint version, which we started using in school this Lent: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

Sunday Liturgy for Families



During the Coronavirus outbreak, Ten Ten, our provider of many liturgical resources, is producing a free to use Sunday liturgy for families. It is a beautiful resource with hymns, readings, video, prayer and Spiritual Communion.

SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS!

PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

The London PE and School Sports Network has produced a document with lots of ideas for wellbeing activities, from yoga and mindfulness to exercises and healthy recipes. See attachment with parent email today.

Puzzle Corner

Maths

Certain pairs of two-digit numbers give the same answer when both numbers are reversed and they are multiplied together

e.g. $12 \times 42 = 504 = 21 \times 24$
 $46 \times 96 = 4416 = 64 \times 69$

There are over 10 other pairs—how many can you find?

General knowledge

What did Alexander Graham Bell invent in 1876?

Words

E	A	L
K	T	B
A	S	N

How many words can you make from any or all of these letters?

The Gallery

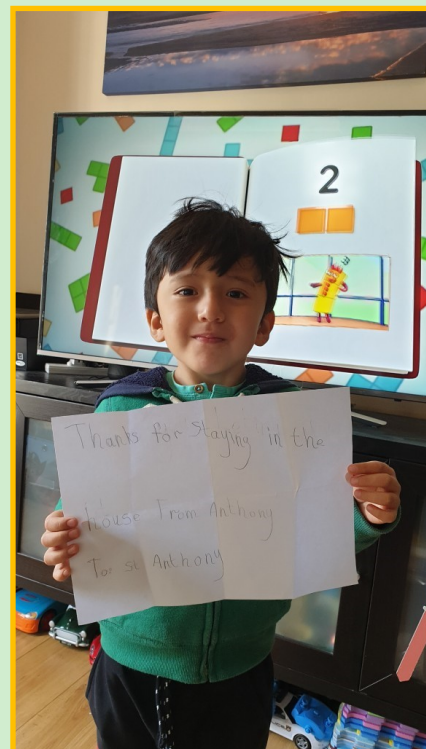
Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures of their work this week. If you would like your work to be shown please send it to your class email .



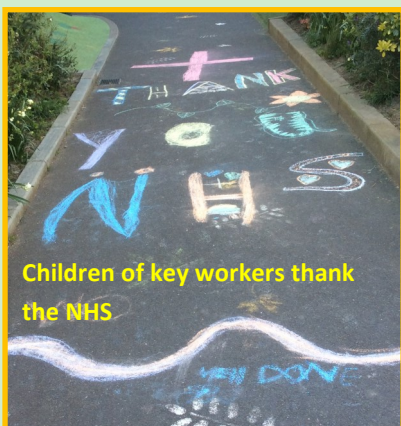
Noah's Ark by King (Yr 1)



Estelle and Sophia K (Year 4)



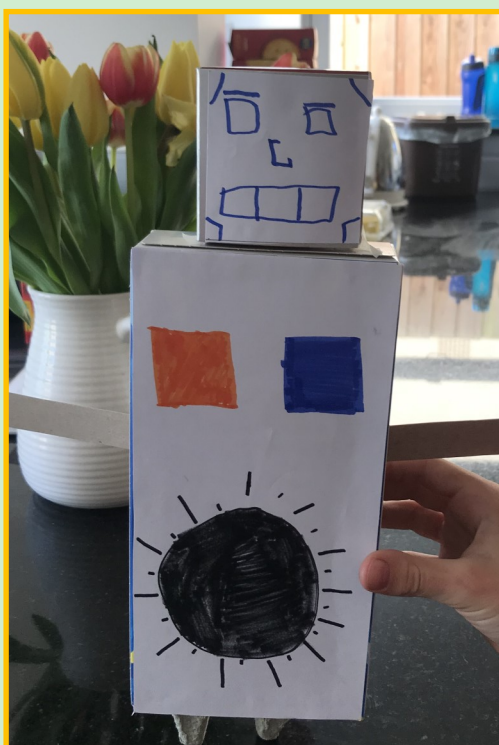
Anthony (Reception)



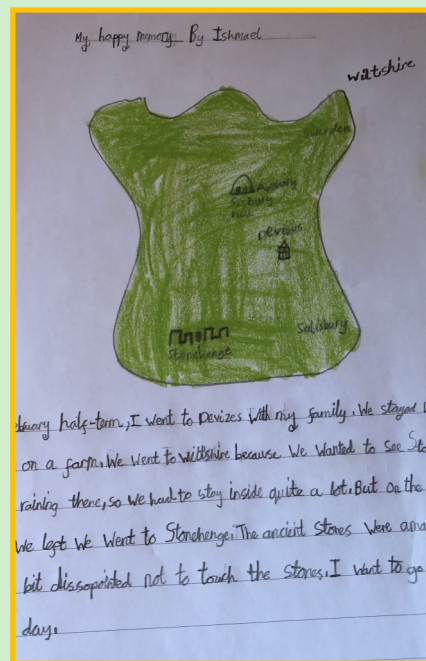
Children of key workers thank the NHS



Why not try shadow drawing: use a small toy to cast a shadow on a piece of paper and draw it. Thanks Mrs Wallage for this great idea!



B-Bob the Robot by Samuel (Yr 5)



My Happy Memory by Ishamel (Yr 3)