

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

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I really hope you have had an opportunity to sign up to our Parent Hub app. If you download the app onto your smart phone or device you will be able to receive regular updates and messages for free. We hope that this will be a more reliable way to communicate and are hoping 100% of our families sign up.

The new app will allow us to share not only news, but photos, images, links to our website and be able to message you regular updates.

This week we have been meeting all our new reception parents. It felt a bit sad that we could not do our regular induction and have you all in to look around the school. However, we know September will be completely different and we are so delighted you are joining us.

Take care

Cal
Head teacher



TERM DATES AUTUMN 2020

- **Tuesday 1st September**
- INSET/ Teacher Training Day
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
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- **Thursday 3rd September**
- Children return to school
- **Friday 23rd October**
- INSET/ Teacher Training Day
- **HALF TERM**
- Monday 26th—Friday 30th October
- **Friday 18th December**
- END OF TERM

SPRING TERM 2021

- **Monday 4th January 2021**
- Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term

Class Teachers & Class Names 20/21

| Current Class | Teacher | New Class Name |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Mersea/ 2YO | Natalie (Room Leader) | Caterpillars |
| Bishop Rock/Nursery | Tanit (New Teacher) | Butterflies |
| Recp | Naomi | RB |
| Recp | Rachel | RY |
| Lundy | Hannah | 1B |
| Lindisfarne | Abbi (New Teacher) | 1Y |
| Skye | Lexi (New Teacher) | 2B |
| Mull | Adam (New Teacher) | 2Y |
| Guernsey | Angie | 3B |
| Jersey | Lisa | 3Y |
| Corsica | Usma | 4B |
| Sicily | Tom | 4Y |
| Tahiti | Zoe | 5B |
| Hawaii | Mel | 5Y |
| Cuba | Muzeyin | 6B |
| Jamaica | Maeve | 6Y |

We are currently planning transition arrangements. These are clearly more tricky this year as we have not been in school consistently for the last few months.

It is currently our plan to return all children to school on Wednesday 3rd September. At this stage I am unable to confirm if that will be on a full time or part time basis.

I promise to keep you updated. Cal

Parent Hub



Don't forget to sign up and follow us on Parent Hub - a fantastic new communications system. Download now for **free** from the app store or google play. As of next week, the newsletter will only be sent through Parent Hub.

Please see last week's newsletter for more details.

Returning To School

If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, but has not returned to school as of yet, please remember to inform the school by noon on a Thursday for a Monday start.

You can inform the school by calling the main number or emailing.



BABY NEWS!

We are so pleased to bring you happy news. Katie Cooke, Guernsey teacher has had her baby this week. She had a healthy little girl born on Monday. Both mum and baby Maggie Hazel are doing well.

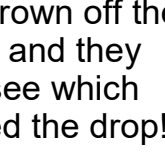
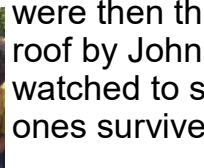
!! CONGRATULATIONS !!



Year 6 Egg Drop

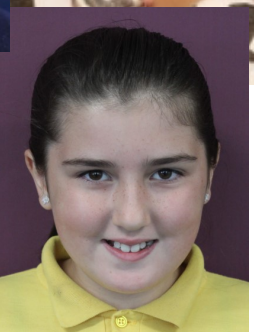
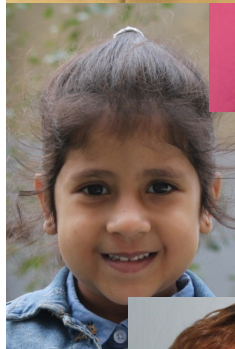
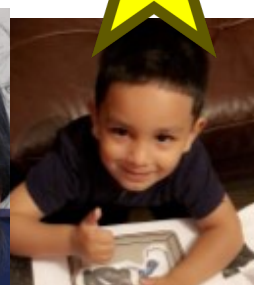
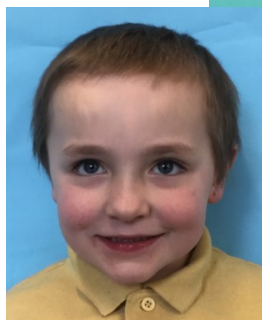
The Year 6s watched a video by Mark Rober (Scientist extraordinaire) about the physics of falling and kinetic energy. Year 6s then took what they learnt and made drop proof egg containers, which

were then thrown off the roof by John and they watched to see which ones survived the drop!



Stars of The Week!

We have seen such great school work this week, from children in school and from those at home. It is therefore our great pleasure to celebrate some of you as our stars of the week!



Whole School Task

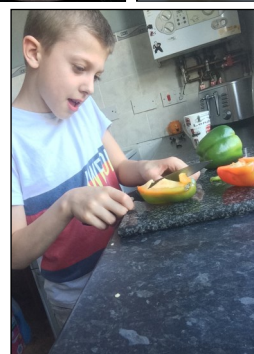
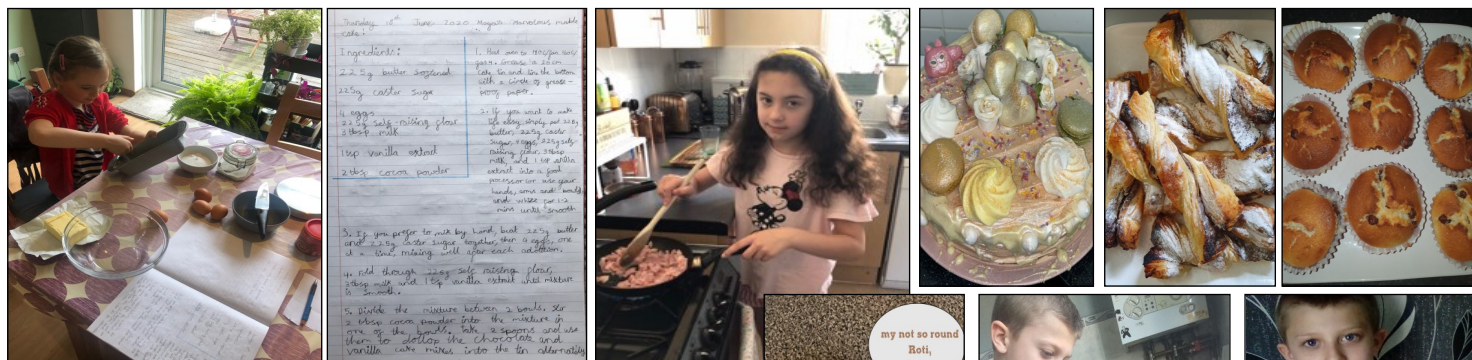
We have seen some brilliant home cooking this week! Remember everyone from Nursery to Year 6 can take part. You have until Friday 3rd July to send your picture to your teacher.

Haven't had a go at the whole school task yet? Need some inspiration? Have a look at this link.

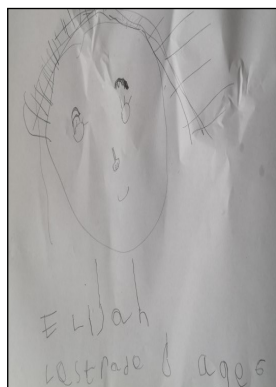
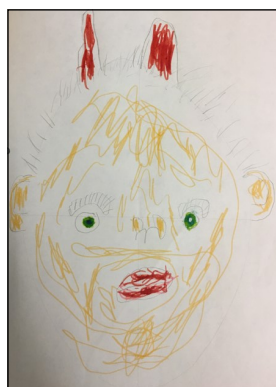
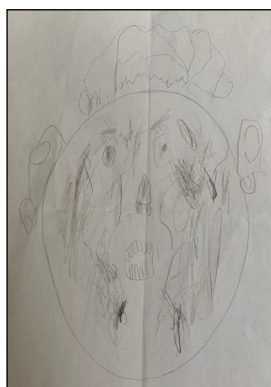
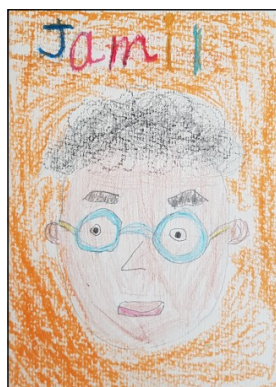
There's a new children's cooking video everyday!

<https://biteback2030.com/real-story/cook-jack-15th-19th-june>

Kentish Town Community Centre are offering **free** meal kits to people in Camden and Kentish Town. Drop them a line to reserve your kit, which will be available to collect from KTCC on Fridays between 2pm and 4pm. <https://www.ktcc.org.uk/cooks>.



Here are some final self-portraits that have been sent in, as well as a home made rocket!!! These are all amazing! Well done everyone!



Back To School Guide

During these challenging times, it is important that you are empowered and encouraged to travel actively. This handy advice will help you make the best choice for your family.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Many families have been enjoying walking, running, scooting and cycling as part of their daily exercise. The school run is a great opportunity to keep this going when schools return.



Have you thought about how you and your children will get to school when it is time to return?

Consider active travel if you can

By walking, cycling and scooting you can help make space for those who have no alternative but to use public transport. Other benefits include:

- Children enjoy being active
- They arrive at school fresh and ready to learn
- The streets around school are safer, with less congestion
- It's healthy for us all, it's also good for the planet, and doesn't create air pollution around the school
- It's a chance to chat and share things as a family

At Sustrans, we are here to help you travel actively



The majority of primary school children in the UK walk to school, with average trip distances less than 1.5 miles (20-30 minute walk).



15 minutes of exercise (including a walk, scoot or cycle to school) can improve a child's mood.



Active travel to school can increase a child's concentration level by up to 4 hours.

"We are asking Londoners to work with us to ensure capacity on public transport is kept free for those people who need it most - this means many more journeys will need to be walked or cycled"

- Will Norman
Mayor's Walking & Cycling
Commissioner

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ADVICE ON KEEPING SAFE ON THE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL



What you can do

- Give yourself a bit more time in the morning. People walking, running, scooting and cycling tend to arrive at school over a longer time period. This makes it easier to manage limited space on the roads and paths around school.
- Vary your route if you can. This can be more interesting and pleasant, especially if you can stay away from busy roads. Find the route less travelled!
- Stop and wait for people to pass (and say hello!). Look for wider areas of the path (e.g. at junctions) and use other people's driveways so people can pass.
- Talk to children about slowing, stopping and giving space, especially if they are scooting and cycling. Remind them that it's really important right now to respect other people's space and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- If you do have to step in the road to pass people, reinforce 'stop, look and listen' with your family. Looking and listening is how we understand the world around us, so the more we do this by the roads, the better decisions we make.
- If using public transport, follow TfL advice on maintaining physical distancing and wearing face masks across the transport network provided [here](#).

What Sustrans can do

- We can offer help and advice to plan your journey to school.
- We can help make sure your bikes and scooters are safe to ride through activities and 'how to' guides.

Contact your schools' Sustrans Behaviour Change Officer with any questions you may have about your journey to school.

We are here to help!



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