



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Prayer

For families and friends...

We are thankful.

For the beauty of nature and the world around...

We are thankful.

For all the things in life that we too often take for granted...

We are thankful.

Please help us to be willing to show our thanks - not only in what we say, but also in what we do - every single day...

Lord hear our prayer.

Amen.

Thank you to all our superheroes

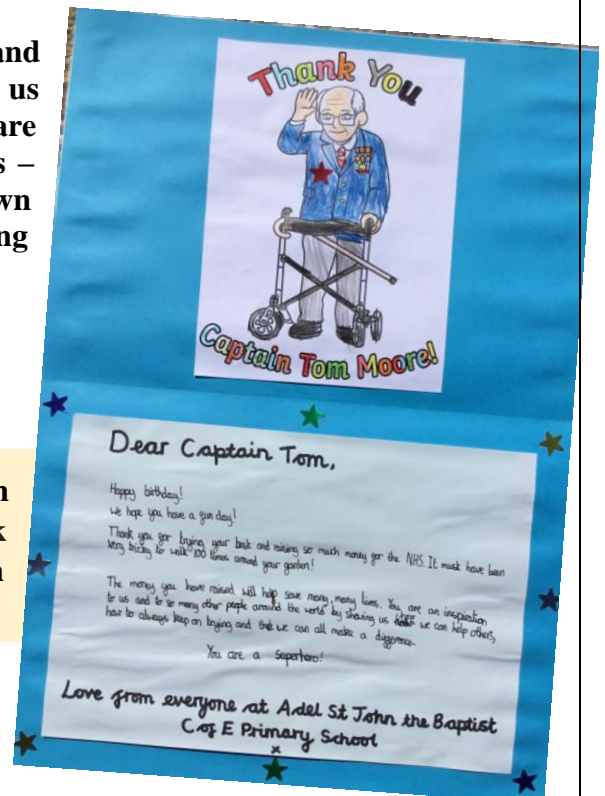
Headteacher's Message

So many of our school values seem important now! Hope, love and kindness are filling our streets on a Thursday night. Many of us are striving for patience in our moments of frustration and we are filled with awe at the achievements of those we see around us – from the dedication of all our key workers, the compassion shown to strangers and to the acts of determination shown by amazing individuals such as Captain Tom.

“The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away” Captain Tom Moore

We've made a birthday card for the amazing Captain Tom Moore. He turns 100 years old on 30 April. We want to thank him in his inspiring achievement of raising over 28 million pounds for the NHS! What a hero!

The British Red Cross have created a [kindness calendar](#) to help us to stay positive and help spread the message of kindness. They have also created [free downloadable limited edition](#) prints, designed by inspiring artists for people to display and share the kindness message far and wide. You could put it up in your window to encourage



others to stay positive, use #PowerOfKindness to share on social media or email your artwork to reducation@redcross.org.uk.

In school this week the children have been making all sorts of arts and crafts. Most importantly, we made lots of posters to hang outside school (*including a copy of the card*), saying a massive thank you to all the amazing key workers who are working so hard to keep everyone safe at the moment.

Finally, as you can probably imagine there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes at school – even though we haven't as yet been given any date or details for our return. Staff are now working on annual reports for the children and we will adapt these as necessary when we have more information from the DfE. The office staff are aware there are a number of current financial matters such as dinner money, payment of trips, music and after school clubs that require action. They will inform parents of the details of these, again, when we have more information.

We do however understand that social distancing will still be in place when we return so this may mean that our regular events will be postponed or adapted in some form. Our priority on our return will be the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff at ASJ so this is taking precedence in all our future planning.

Stay positive, stay safe and please send our love to all ASJ children – we are missing them so much!

Jane Hainsworth, Headteacher

Free digital book - Coronavirus

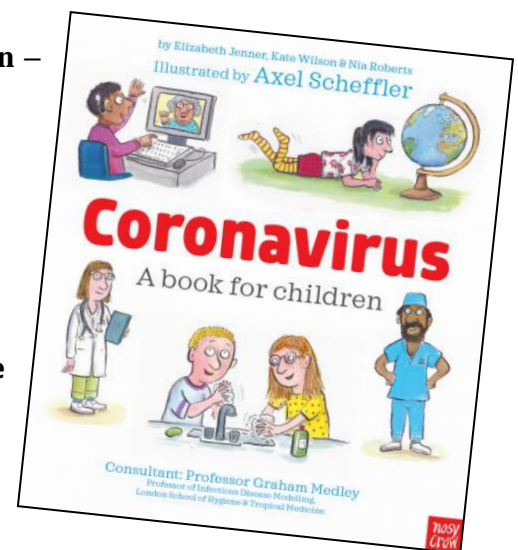
Many parents and carers are struggling to explain the current extraordinary situation to children. This book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds. It is free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it.

Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf

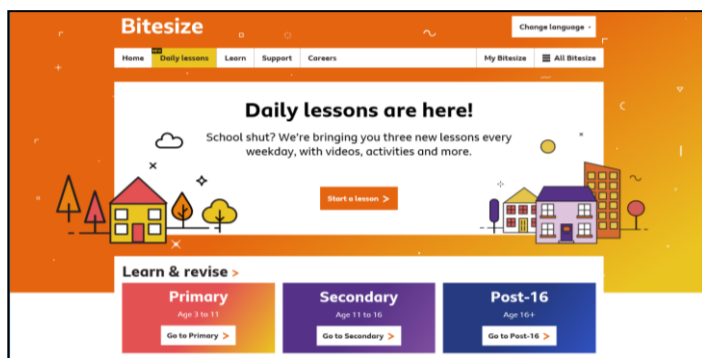
Professor Graham Medley said: "This pandemic is changing children's lives across the globe and will have a lasting impact on us all. Helping children understand what is going on is an important step in helping them cope and making them part of the story – this is something that we are all going through, not something being done to them. This book puts children IN the picture rather just watching it happen, and in a way that makes the scary parts easier to cope with."

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>



Reception place September 2020

If your child is due to start school with us in September and you haven't contacted us to accept their place, please do so as a matter of urgency. This includes those children that are siblings.
Thank you



Home learning

This week BBC Bitesize Daily was launched which plays across BBC iPlayer, Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and app, BBC Four and BBC Sounds. Designed to support parents, it plugs the gap caused by school technical issues, teacher absence or to add learning opportunities for those children who want to do more.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons?fbclid=IwAR1U4S8RSGtT-rAZXwXAVISGx5_fCX1A-Cck4mmQ455CV7vy1vKMimFByg



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