



HANDSWORTH NEWS

BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

We miss you all and have really felt it this week! We want nothing more than for us all to be together again. We miss the whole school community and the happy buzz that fills our school, we miss the laughter and our wonderful children who keep us on our toes every day! Many of us are finding it hard. Keep being resilient, keep digging deep and looking after yourself and each other, we will get through this, but you must look after yourself and take it one day at a time. **If you feel alone remember we are here to support you.** I know it takes a lot to reach out, but we are here for you and are with you throughout this! I am more than happy to chat on the phone or do anything we can to help. Remember **together we are strong!**

The Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it may be safe to commence the re-opening of schools from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February, we hope it will be safe to commence the reopening of school. We will be given at least two weeks notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education and will of course continue to keep you informed of any changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff. I am sure you will agree, the office, teaching and cleaning staff are doing an amazing job. Special mention to Dale too, who keeps everything running smoothly. Ms Addai and I are so proud of how children both in school and at home are engaging in their learning. The live and recorded lessons are fantastic and the teaching staff who are coming in to school are ensuring our children feel happy, cared for and safe!

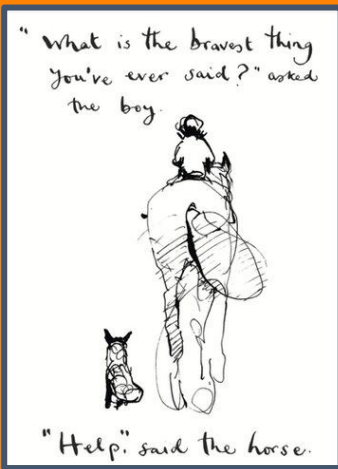
Thank you, parents and carers, for supporting us. Learning from home isn't easy and you are all doing amazingly well to keep all the plates spinning.

Have a good rest this weekend and be proud of what you are doing. This is a difficult time but we will get there, the end is in sight! Click under our **Feel Good Friday** section to the right of this message for some motivation! **Thank you all for everything you do!**

Mrs Nairne



[Do you remember the amazing parent flashmob to This is me? Watch it again here!](#)



Dear Parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the whole school community for pulling together during these difficult times. The wellbeing of our school community has been our top priority throughout the Covid-19 outbreak and we are grateful to our parents and carers for supporting us in this.

For those coming into school, thank you for adhering to the measures of control put in place; for following the one-way system around the grounds and for wearing face masks.

Thank you for helping your children engage with the online learning and supporting others in this through the many generous donations of laptops and ipads that we have received this half term. As always, thank you for your continued donations to the Voluntary Fund. All your contributions make a real difference and help us serve our very special school community.

We are always keen to hear your views; just click contact governors on the governors' page of the school website to get in touch.

The Governors



Bishop's Stortford College

THE 12TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE

2ND - 12TH FEBRUARY 2021

Bringing acclaimed authors, illustrators and poets together to inspire children and adults to read for pleasure.

Our 'Primary School' ticket gives all pupils access to the Festival live or on catch up from home.



Primary School Programme

Introduction

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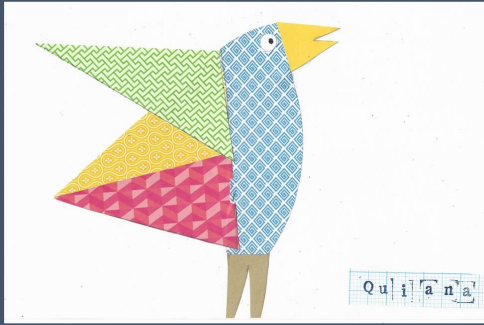
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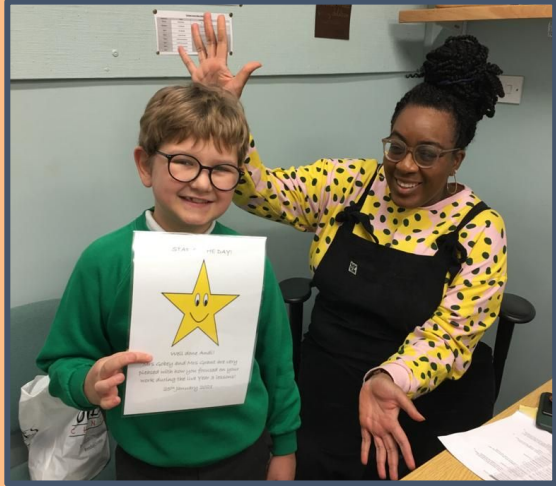
Spring by the water picture

by Yasmine in Year 1.

It's amazing!



Well done Stanley and Quiana



Year 5 Science



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The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!