



Trottiscliffe CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning together, believing together, achieving together

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A Message from Miss Henderson

As we all settle in to a very different way of life whilst we fight the global pandemic, I wanted to thank you all for your continuing support for your children at home with their learning. We all know it has its challenges and we want to remind you that we fully understand that everyone will be approaching home learning in their own way. You are the ones living with your children therefore you are best placed to see what is working and what is not working for them. When school fully reopens, we are determined to ensure each child is able to move forward in their learning and minimise any long term impact of this disruption.

I think this week has been particularly tough for both adults and children. The change in weather has affected most people's mood, all sense of novelty has worn off and despite the continual speculation in the media, we still have no confirmed end in sight. Please find comfort in knowing that most households have also found this week challenging. We will try to start next week afresh, fingers crossed the sun will return and we will be able to take inspiration from the amazing Colonel Tom and his astonishing achievements to inspire us to keep calm and carry on for as long as is needed to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I hope you are finding the weekly phone calls from school staff supportive, it is really good for the children to have the chance to speak to staff as well so please encourage your child to say hello and have a chat if they would like to. We are aware of a couple of parents we have not been able to speak to so if your phone number has changed, please ensure you update the school office with your latest contact information. School phone calls at this time will usually come from a private number, so if you have not received a call, please look out for a call from a withheld number as it may be us.

I wanted to reassure you that as a school, all staff are working every day to support your child's learning from all the planning and preparation of their home learning, regular phone calls to all families to story reading on our Facebook page. We are still supporting the school community as we would if we were in school and whilst we have no return date as yet, we will let you know as soon as we have information from the Government.

Take care and stay safe. Miss Henderson

VE Day Celebrations

With the school still closed during the VE Day 75th Anniversary on Friday May 8th, we still want to mark the occasion as a school. Therefore we are inviting you all to join with the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May. This might be as part of a family picnic in the garden, afternoon tea or just a pause in your day to raise a glass to these heroes who did so much for our country.

Many of the teachers will be sharing VE day activities as part of their home learning next week and there will be activities on the Facebook page to join in with as well. The children might like to dress in red, white and blue for the occasion. We would love to collect a photo of each child's or family's celebration to build a display for the school. These can be emailed to the office or uploaded to the Facebook page. It would be fantastic if we could have every child represented as we mark this important event in British history.

Key Information during Covid-19

We have added a 'Covid-19' page to our website to store information for parents such as the NHS guidance previously circulated.

Please see our website for more information: <http://www.trottscliffe.kent.sch.uk>

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to school but in the meantime enjoy spending time with your family, the warmer weather and cleaner air.

Stay Home | Protect the NHS | Save Lives

Bake-Off

We launched a virtual bake-off on our Facebook page recently and it was wonderful to see so many children, parents and staff getting involved. It was very hard to pick a winner but the incredible Nettle and Lemon cake in vibrant Trottscliffe-green baked by Thomas and Bill was voted the winner.

Congratulations Thomas and Bill, we look forward to tasting the real thing when we return to school!



E-Safety

There are so many useful websites offering free resources to parents during the lockdown and we wholeheartedly encourage you to access as many as you wish to keep your children engaged and enjoying learning. However, please ensure that you are mindful of the sites you are allowing your child to access and be vigilant. Keeping children safe on-line is essential so please do double check websites for appropriate content.

If you are in any doubt or need advice about on-line safety the NSPCC has some very useful information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Well done Ethan!

We love to celebrate success and it has been wonderful to all come together on a Thursday at 8pm each week and clap for the NHS and frontline workers, and we want to give a special mention to **Ethan** in Year 3 who completed a 2.6 mile run last Friday and raised **£194** for the NHS. What an achievement, well done Ethan!

Contact Details

We will continue to keep you updated via email and our website during the school closure and it is even more important now that we have your correct contact details such as email address and mobile number. Please do ensure you email the school office with any changes so we can update your details.

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