

Friday 15th May 2020

Newsletter



I hope that you and your family are safe and well. Thank you to everyone who is in regular contact with their class teachers – sending in your work and letting us know what you've been up to whilst staying safe at home. Thank you also for your lovely feedback about our latest staff video. I hope you had as much fun watching it as we did making it! If you haven't already watched this, you can find it by clicking on the image below:



Reopening of schools

Thank you for your patience in relation to the government's announcement about the potential phased re-opening of schools from the 1st June; as you can imagine this is a huge undertaking. Today, parents of pupils in reception, year 1 and year 6 will receive a short online form to complete. This is about your feelings on returning your child to school and will help us with our planning. By the end of next week, we hope to be in a position to provide you with details of a model which is practical, manageable and as safe as possible for pupils and staff at Manston St James.

Telephone calls home

We are trying to keep in close contact with all families by speaking to you on the telephone as well as through regular email. The call may come up on your phone as 'No Caller ID'. Please answer your phone as hearing from you assures us that you are all well. Please also remember - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU – you can contact us by telephoning or emailing the school office or via the year group or pastoral email addresses.

Learning at home

It's great to see and hear about the work you are doing at home using the 'Learning from Home' link on the website. Don't forget, as well as the class pages, the 'Supporting Wellbeing' page contains some fantastic Thrive based activities which are helpful for everyone during this challenging time. We also upload a weekly collective worship onto the 'collective worship' page of the website for you to reflect upon at home with your family.

September 2020

It's hard to believe we are already considering the new academic year. As we begin to put plans together for new starters, transition to the next academic year and school development for 2020-2021 the senior leadership team have also spent some time reflecting on 2019-2020. There is so much to celebrate about Manston St James C of E Primary Academy but there are also some aspects of school we would like to improve. Later this term I will be sending out a parent survey to ensure your views feed into our school development plan for 2020-2021. There will also be a letter coming out this week about changes to the timing of the school day from September 2020. Please look out for these communications in your inbox.

Home Learning

Congratulations to all our winning classes over the last three weeks. The points are close so if your class hasn't been in the top 3 yet, keep up all your hard work and they will be sure to get there soon! Thank you for all your efforts at home everyone, you're doing a wonderful job and we are very grateful.



Church News



www.stjamesmanston.church



St James the Great Manston



@StManston

Reverend Carolyn has been keeping in regular contact with school and is missing you all; she has prepared some family collective worship for you to follow. This can be found on the school website:

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

“...nothing can separate us from the love God has for us, in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8.39)

Our Latest Work

Be Kind

One of our year 4 pupils submitted a poem she wrote to a project called the Child Author Project. The book entitled 'Kindness' was released this week on kindle.

Well done Jessica on becoming a published poet!

Without Kindness, Everything Would Go Wrong

Kindness, kindness,

Doctors and parents give kindness,

Dentists and teachers give kindness.

Doctors help to make you better,

Parents give you all you need,

Dentists keep your teeth healthy and

Teachers help you to succeed.

If no kindness, what goes wrong?

There won't be friends to cheer you along,

People will only care about themselves,

No one to help if someone yells.

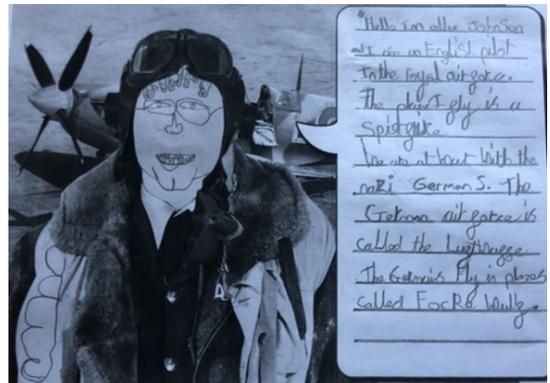
Our Latest Work cont.



One of our year 5 pupils has recently completed a challenge to run 10K to raise funds for a hospice close to their family. Well done Frankie!



Year 3 did lots of work on VE Day last week. Here we have samples of baking, home decoration and a WW2 pilot



The year 1 Sunflowers continue to amaze us.



Our keyworker children have been very creative using up old boxes and making a train.



Sunday 17th May is NF1 awareness day. This year landmarks across the world will be turning blue for the 'Shine a Light on NF' campaign. More information can be found by following this link. <https://nervetumours.org.uk/get-involved/shine-a-light-on-nerve-tumours>

Perhaps you'd like to wear as much blue as possible and raise awareness for NF1? We'd love to see your photo's too!

Messages from staff

Hello everyone! I hope you're all okay and keeping safe. It's been so strange not seeing you all and especially for so long. A big well done to everyone trying hard with their home learning; it's also been lovely seeing all the other things you have been busy doing. I have been trying my best to keep up with my exercise and yoga challenges! I've also been making bread, crocheting and doing lots of crafts. There's some painting in the house that needs doing but I know my cats would want to get involved which may result in some different coloured cats! Keep trying your best, you're doing such a good job and remember how strange it must be for your parents and carers too. Look after each other and have fun because you probably won't get this time again. Take care until I see you again!



Miss Glavocih x

Hi everyone,

Just a little message to say I hope you're all doing well, staying safe and finding a chance to challenge yourselves. I'm finding it strange not being able to teach in school and look forward to having everyone back safely. Although, I must say, it's really nice having a bit of extra time with my dog, Rolo.



Look after yourselves and others,
Mr Shuttleworth

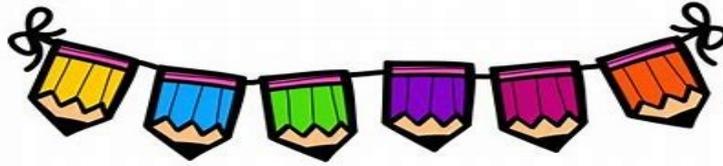
I hope you are all well and have managed to eat some chocolate this Easter. I have had a bit too much to be honest! We have been spending time doing some learning and making rainbow art. I have also persuaded Matthew and Dan to help me dig a hole in the garden so I can plant more vegetables and flowers. Fingers crossed they grow. I am enjoying reading all of your Purple Mash work and am looking forward to seeing you as soon as we can. Keep safe. Miss Williamson



Hello everybody! It seems such a long time since we were all together and I am very much missing your smiling faces and hearing all your news. Thank you to everybody who has sent photos, videos and updates on their lives – they really do make a huge difference to my day. I have been very busy at home, planning work for Year 5 and marking the fantastic online learning in addition to teaching my three children, at home. We have also enjoyed some lovely bike rides across the fields, painting our driveway and we've played so much football in the garden, we have no grass left! I am really hoping to see you all very soon, much love and prayers, Ms Griffin X



PTFA



Thank you so much for reading and sharing ideas on our Facebook page. It would be great to keep this momentum going and I know lots of members are really appreciating it.

These can be educational topics or tips on how you're managing to keep our children entertained and stopping the sibling arguments.

We monitor our Facebook page regularly so your posts will be approved quickly.

Find us at Manston St James PTFA. If you don't like posting onto Facebook that's fine, please e-mail us at fomsjames@gmail.com and we can do it for you.

Christian Value—Respect

This half term our Christian value is Respect. Respect has different meanings but all play a part in how Christians value themselves and the lives of others. Respecting those that love and care for us, our parents, carers and those in the local community is an important value at Manston St James Primary Academy. We should appreciate what is done for us, finding cooperation not conflict and take responsibility. Romans 13 states that we should, "Pay others the honour and respect you owe them."

In our school we believe everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important; everyone's feelings should be considered; everyone's faith is sacred. Christians recognise that respect needs to start with ourselves, we are all unique. Having self-respect means being able to celebrate our gifts and talents, looking after ourselves and the bodies that God has given us. Having self-respect also means nurturing our talents so that we the best we can be, honouring how God has made us and being confident about who we are.

Jesus teaches us,
"Do for others just what you want them to do for you."
Luke 6:31.

Here Jesus is telling us how we should behave with anyone, not just believers. The instruction is unconditional: it is simply the right way to live.

*"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:18*

- * Showing gratitude
- * Doing what we say we will do
- * Being a good listener
- * Learning about other peoples' perspectives
- * Taking care of ourselves and treating ourselves well

Safety

We take safety very seriously at our school. If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: **Mrs Dunn or Mrs Cockerham.**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues contact: **Mrs Spofforth or Mrs Blackmore**