



The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14 - 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your continued patience over the past few weeks. We cannot tell you how much we miss the children and cannot wait to have everyone back in school. For those of you worrying that your child may be behind in their learning, please be reassured that there will be a lot of children across the world in a similar position. I know that we, along with every other school, will do our best to put a programme in place to support children to catch up.

We would like to reassure you that the children in school are being taught the same lessons as the children who are not in school. Teachers create one plan and deliver it to all children in their class and this has been really tricky, particularly when the class teacher has to be in school and deliver to children at home and in school at the same time.

Thank you to all the parents who have fed back to us about home learning. We are slowly making our way through each year group and making necessary adjustments to support everyone.

We would ask that parents supervise children when they are engaged in online learning. If the teacher's internet drops out, please wait for 5 minutes and if the teacher has not joined the lesson, please leave the lesson. Your child can continue their learning using the lesson plans usually stored in 'Files' or on IXL and Purple Mash.

Please be aware that if your camera and microphone are on. You can be seen and heard by all children and families who are attending the lesson so please be mindful of others in the household. We would also ask that you ensure children are dressed appropriately and ready to learn. If you have not done so already, please click [here](#) to sign the consent form allowing us to film lessons.

It is really important that children only join the lesson and leave the lesson when the teacher is present. They must not join outside this time. We would ask that you remind your child that the 'chat' forum is not a social media platform and must only be used for learning. We are working extremely hard to provide 'live' lessons but we cannot supervise in some cases fifty children in fifty different households in addition to the children being taught in school. If you are unable to supervise due to work commitments, please watch the lesson/or go through lesson notes at a later time when you are able to work alongside your child. We really do understand how challenging it is to work from home and support your child. Keep in touch and share your situation and we will try to help and support as best we can. I would remind you of my previous letter in which I said, if it all becomes too much, turn off the computer and get outside for some fresh air and come back to it later. Your own mental health and that of your child's is very important.

Thank you once again for your continued understanding and support.

God bless.

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher



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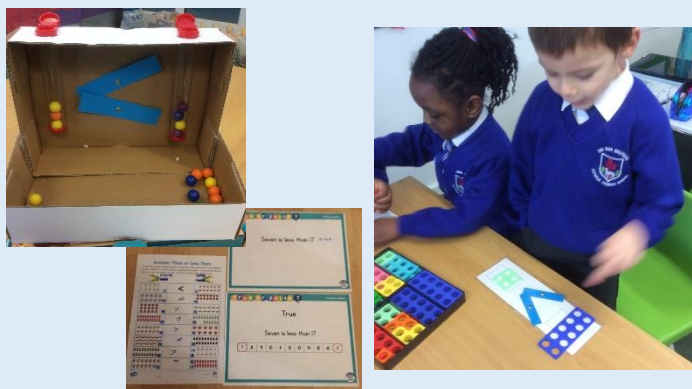


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The children in class 1L, both at home and in school, were comparing their maths number work via Microsoft Teams!



Home learning packs are available for Nursery and Reception children every Wednesday after 2.30pm from the school office. Please ensure you wear a mask on site and adhere to social distancing guidance. Thank you.



Year 2 had fun with 'Crazy Hair Day'!!



Your child's drawing could be proudly printed in the paperback of [One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore!](#)

To enter, children aged 4–9 are invited to draw a picture of their grandparent's* proudest moment, for the chance to win this prize PLUS a deluxe afternoon tea delivered to your child and their grandparent and a copy of the book!

Email your child's drawing to CaptainTomComp@puffin.co.uk with a sentence describing the picture and their name and age. (By entering, entrants are agreeing to the terms and conditions.)

* or another older grown up in their life

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you have a safeguarding or welfare concern our Family Support Worker, Mrs Auburn can be contacted by email on Familysupport@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk or by phone on 01604 714399.

You can also speak to our other Safeguarding Officers – Mrs Dodds (Head Teacher), Mrs Robinson (Deputy Head), Mrs Bonner (EYFS Lead) and Miss Green (SEND CO).

If you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare please call MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0300 126 1000. In an emergency, or if you believe a child is in immediate danger, left alone or missing, call 999.

Stay Active with Mr Pearce!

Northamptonshire Sport are relaunching the **Virtual School Games** Challenges for children both at home and school to get involved with.

Starting on Monday 18th January with Football, there will be three challenges set weekly for children to try and complete at home and/or at school. Once completed, they can earn Good Shepherd **Participation Points** for each challenge logged on the Northamptonshire Sport website. There are also a number of sport prizes awarded each week for taking part as well.

Key worker and vulnerable children attending school will be taking part during the week and we hope those at home can also join in.

To view the challenge video and to log your activity (from Monday), visit www.northamptonshiresport.org/virtual-school-games-challenges

Mr Pearce is sending your teachers a whole PE lesson plan every week which they will be sharing with you in Teams!

All the information/plans/activities is also accessible via the school website – [here!](#)

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all of our children learning at home!
You are all helping us learn new ways in working.

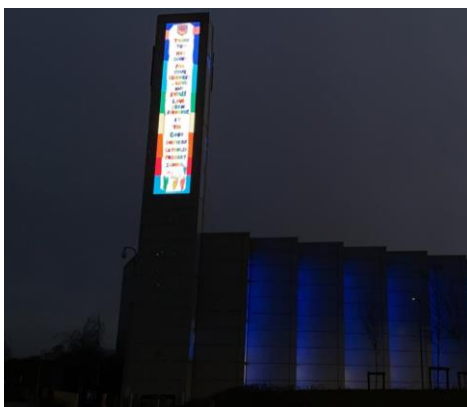
Another big thank you to the Mum's and Dad's, Nan's and Grandad's and other carers! You are all amazing and are doing a fantastic job!

We have included our 'Home Learning Hero' certificate on the next page. This will also be shared on Teams for children to give to their Home Learning Hero!



Northampton University were asking member of the local community to post message to their Covid heroes. The Year 3/4 bubble in school created some fantastic designs – Farryl’s design was chosen and was displayed on the Power Tower at the University last night, you may have seen it on Look East!

How fantastic is that – and very well-deserved Mrs Dodds!!



Are you recently entitled to Universal Credit?

If so, you will also be entitled to the weekly £15 food voucher in school if you apply for Free School Meals.

You can apply by clicking [here](#) now!



Caitlin in Nursery

Sofia in 1L

Jakub and Marcus in Year 3

Ngwane and Alex in year 5

Celyn and Gabriel in Year 6



My Home Learning Hero!

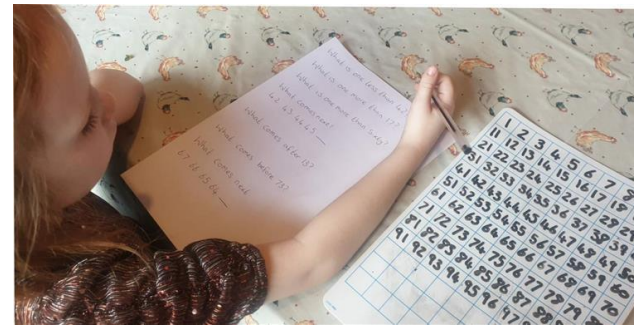
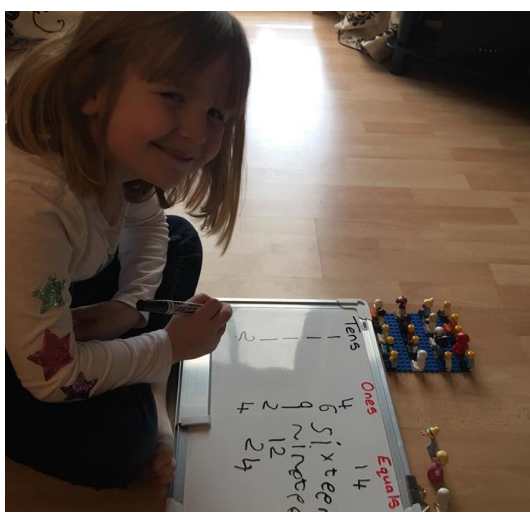
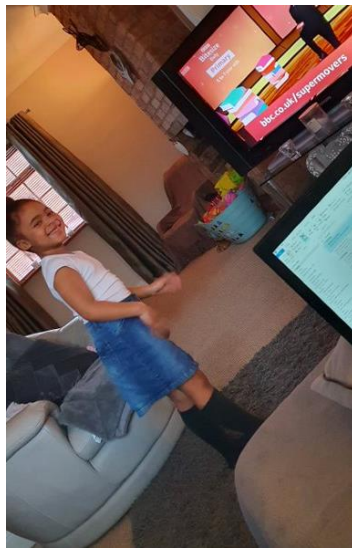
The award for best home learning hero goes to...

Thank you for helping me learn at home!

Signature

Date





Year 1 Home learning!

If you would like to share your home learning with us you can send to your Teacher via Teams or Tapestry or e-mail admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk