



# NEWSLETTER

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Can we talk about something else?

This was part of some advice I read recently for parents of teenagers, to help support mental health. I think it's equally valid for us as adults but it's easier said than done! However, I will try...

It is now the Easter Holiday so there won't be any home learning set and everyone can have a well-earned rest; school staff will take a break from the class email accounts and contact calls too. Of course children can still access their online learning programmes if they want to (or if you want them to!). Instead, this newsletter includes a few suggestions for family activities, but if you need support, or a contact call, during the holiday we will be monitoring the office email account.

There's also a lovely treat of some photos (on the final pages) which I found on an iPad in school. Some are from as long as seven years ago and all are a well timed reminder of how precious time with our children is (they soon grow up) and also of the fun we have had in school and will have again when we are all able to be together again.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. We miss you all!

*Katherin Weeks*



Mathletics

Spellodrome

Enthusiasm

Responsibility

Attitude

Perseverance

Collaboration

Focus

Independence

## Rainbow Award

Awarded to

*Every parent and carer at St John's Meads CE Primary School*

For

having **positive attitudes** and **persevering** with home learning and for **Collaborating** so well with staff through emails and contact calls to help **us all** to still feel connected and part of the school community.

Date *Friday 3rd April 2020*

## Drawing



On a sunny day, grab some bits from the toy box and explore the shadows they make. Trace round the shadows on paper to create a picture.



[5 minute crafts for kids on YouTube](#) has a number of different pictures that can be made by tracing around an adapted hand shape.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2RSctI6GnE>

## Virtual Tour of a Zoo

[Chester Zoo](#) have created a virtual tour of the zoo which they live streamed last week and there is another today.

They can also be watched on the [YouTube Channel](#).

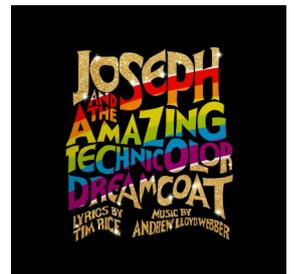


## For Musical Lovers

Andrew Lloyd Webber is releasing a full-length smash hit musical once a week (starting this Friday 7pm) to view for free.

This can be accessed on [YouTube channel 'The Shows Must go On'](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon>



## Life Skills - Household Jobs

This is my favourite! Use this time to teach your child how to do one of the household jobs (age appropriate choices needed).

Warning: be prepared for the job to take more than twice as long at first!

The investment will be worth it—time together at first and then spare time for you when your child is ready to be independent and do the job for you!!!



## Practising Gratitude

'Practising gratitude' is a simple way to maintain positivity and build relationships by thinking about (and talking about) the things you are grateful for in your life. Some families may do this through family prayer, others at meal times or bed time and some by using a special object to pass around. The important thing is to create a special time and routine that works best for your family.

## 'Things to do'

**50** things to do **before you're five**

### Remember these?

See how many you can tick off together.

Any that can't be done right now could be put in a special jar or added to a 'wish list' to look forward to doing in the future.



# St John's Church online Holiday Club

**CALLING ALL  
SUPERHEROES!!!**



**SUITABLE  
FOR  
AGES 4-11**

**3 FUN PACKED DAYS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!  
MEET BIBLE HEROES, SING ALONG, MAKE CRAFTS,  
DO CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES IN A BOOKLET!**

Dress up as your favourite superhero to add to the fun!



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

From St John's Church, Meads

Join us online each day to listen and participate in the  
Superhero Holiday Club.

Dress up, sing along, listen, chat, do the challenges,  
make the craft, have fun doing the activities in the  
booklet\* together and send us some photos\*\*

Please email Kim at [kidswork.@stjm.org.uk](mailto:kidswork.@stjm.org.uk)  
for more information or register interest.

**Coming soon!  
More information on  
how to sign up / join.**

\*If you are unable to print stuff off at home and would like to join the  
Holiday Club, please email Kim at [kidswork@stjm.org.uk](mailto:kidswork@stjm.org.uk) with an address  
and how many booklets you need so we can post them in good time.

\*\*Photos will be used for our webpage only. If you'd like to share what you've done (i.e craft)  
and don't want face in, please make sure you leave them out or tell us to mask them.

## Extreme Reading

Find your favourite book and pose for a photo in an  
unusual location, e.g. on the trampoline or upside down on  
the sofa!

Send your photos to the class email after the holiday.  
Remember to include the title and author of the book.



## Little Cuties :-)



## Big Brothers (when they were little!)



# Two-Year Time Warp?

