



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

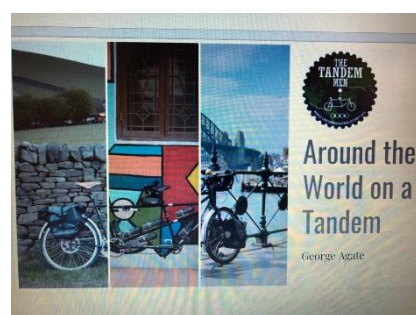
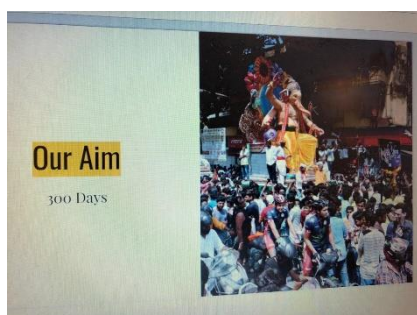
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SOS to the World - <https://youtu.be/zl0XSWGstqA>

The world is in a strange situation at the moment and we need to look after each other and the world around us. A member of our school community sent this to me this week, and the children have sung it before, so please share with the children.

Year 4-Around the world – Year 4 were lucky enough to have George Agate Zoom in with them this week. It was amazing to hear about his ‘Record Breaking Trip’ and the countries that he visited and what he learnt from his experience. A true inspiration for Y4 children. It just shows that you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it. Thank you to George for taking the time to talk to us.



Online learning - Safety – www.onlinesafetyuk.com there is an app that can be downloaded that helps with the safety of your whole family at home. It is really important that families are talking about online safety whilst we are at home and children are using more technology. In the COVID 19 file, on our website, there are some online safety documents and resources that may be of interest. Please monitor if your child has a mobile telephone and they are using apps such as WhatsApp or any other social media.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Questionnaire for Remote Learning – We are keen to know how things are going for parents so please could you complete the questionnaire that has been emailed out. We are keen to help families as much as we can. You may be experiencing issues or things might be going well, so please tell, us as we can only learn and move things forward with feedback from you.

Google Classroom – This is proving to be a brilliant platform for us as a school and we are pleased with how quickly we got everything up and running for the children in this lockdown. We feel that all the learning is in one place for parents and it hasn't crashed meaning that access is available at all times. The teachers are planning 3 hours of learning for EYFS/KS1 and 4 hours of learning for KS2. The site is well organised so you can find what you have on a day-by-day basis. It is easy to submit learning back to the teachers. We have been able to have a teacher answering your year group emails daily meaning that things are picked up quickly. The class are getting a weekly Google Meet to liaise with their class and the teacher face to face. The teacher can give feedback and help with questions and queries. On top of all that, the teachers are having training each week so we are learning to do more and more which will be of benefit to the children. We have achieved so much in our first week. If you have any suggestions then please let me know via the Google questionnaire. We are looking at other things moving forward so watch this space!

Please see 'How to access Google Classrooms' via PS4 / XBOX below.

National Aquarium are offering free, live lessons via YouTube from the Aquarium please see the link below
<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

Teachers and saying 'thank you' – We have the most dedicated team of teachers at school and they are doing their very best with the demands of remote learning and face to face teaching. Some of the staff are self-isolating and some have their own children to teach. We are human and are trying our best.

Please be aware of this when you are communicating with teachers and please be kind and considerate always. We know that this lockdown has made parents anxious and that it is not easy but I will not tolerate abuse towards the staff.

Key workers – The Government guidance is very clear. Even if you are a key worker, if you are working from home then your child should stay at home. The education unions are now pushing for your child to only attend if both parents are key workers and are leaving the house so the guidance may change again shortly and then we will contact families directly again and ask that you reapply for the school place. We have to keep the children and staff safe at his time.

HELP – Miss Gorecka is giving a 'Simple tips for Google Classroom' – if you need some help logging on and then navigating around it then log in to the Zoom on Friday. This has come out via an email and is just below.

Google Classroom Parent Workshop - Friday 15th January 2.30pm – 3.30pm
<meet.google.com/hpa-rtpz-med>

What does the Government say about Remote Learning? – The Government have published a document that might be of interest about what works well with remote learning -
[What works well in Remote Learning](#) – please have a look.

Timetables – Last week on the Newsletter, I put in an example of a timetable but there are others examples. Please do not worry about what others are doing; you have to find a system that works for you.



Worship – Please join in with SPLASH and their assembly on Friday this week by following the links below:

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh8Rp4bdHz8&feature=youtu.be>

Class newsletters – The class newsletters are on the class pages on the website so that you can see how the subject areas fit into our curriculum themes. Please do ask if you have any questions about provision at this time.

Children out in the village – It has been brought to our attention that children maybe out in the village unattended. All children must be at home with parental supervision during this lockdown. A few weeks ago, there were some warnings about children being approached by adults in and around the Pulborough are. Please ensure you do not let the children go out unaccompanied and that they are kept safe at all times.

Children with Special Educational Needs – If your child normally has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) then you may need some more support from us. Miss Wilkins can be contacted on mwilkins@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and she can help with accessibility features on Microsoft Word and Google Classroom. She also has help guides on sound to text support and voice recordings. Miss Wilkins and her team can send out visual timetables if the day is becoming overwhelming or coloured rulers to help with print, coloured paper to help with the glare, spelling lists or key word cards. Please see the letter that was emailed out earlier in the week.

PE Challenges - Well done to all the Key Stage 2 children who completed this week's speed bounce challenge during their home learning. In total 92 children took part, it would be great to see more next week. A huge well done to RED team who managed to complete the most overall bounces! Look out for next week's challenge on Friday; I look forward to seeing more of your pictures and videos.



Jokes – I didn't have any replies to my jokes to make us laugh so am trying again this week. If your child has a favourite joke then please send it to me to share – we need to keep smiling and laughing in this difficult times – HOPE is so important for all our children. I look forward to hearing some more next week.

Mrs Copus' joke – What did the lobster blush?

Answer – Because the sea weeeeed



Compass Card – Compass Card scheme is for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities living or going to school in West Sussex.

About the Compass

- The Compass scheme is run in West Sussex and Brighton and Hove by the charity Amaze. It includes the West Sussex Disability Register (a statutory duty for WSCC) and a free leisure discount card for all children and young people on the Register.
- The Disability Register is for 0 to 25 year olds who have an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) in school/college or are eligible for DLA/PIP. Other children and young people, who have a disability that has a major effect on their daily living, may also be eligible. Data from the Register is used to inform and shape SEND services.
- When families register (for free) on the Compass scheme they receive a discount card giving access to leisure activities for local disabled children and young people (at 300+ venues in non-Covid times). It Gets Me Out, an independent evaluation of the West Sussex Compass Project by the University of Brighton in May 2020, demonstrates that the Compass Card significantly improves children and young people's physical fitness, mental health, and confidence.

China Class Art work – China class produced some lovely art work as part of their space topic and we have put it up at the front of the school but thought we would share it as it looks amazing. Well done to China class.

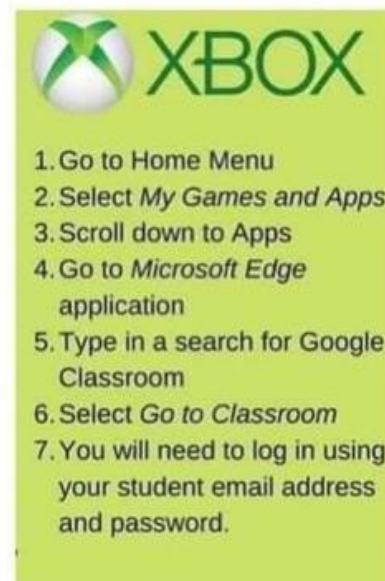
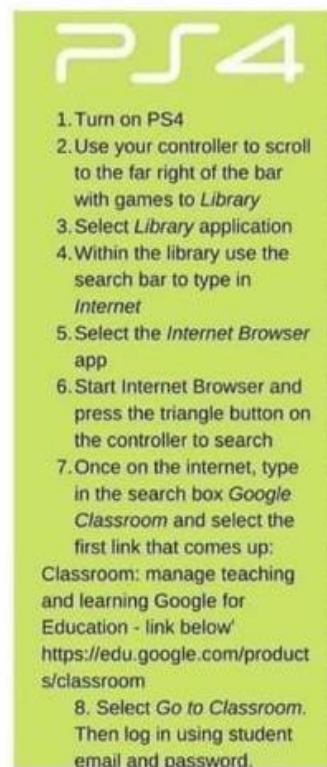


Screen time – We are aware that the children are spending time on Google Classroom and possibly on other screens. Please ensure you mix it up with some off screen activities such as handwriting, art etc. Wildlife watch have got some great ideas.

How to make ice decorations



Access to Google Classroom -



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Please stay safe at this very difficult time – we are here so please talk to us if you are worried or concerned about your child.

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Music on the Menu

Hello West Sussex schools,

Welcome to our second edition of Music on the Menu 2021.

We are pleased to share ideas and resources to support keeping music on the agenda both in school and at home.

SAVE THE DATE! We are inviting all West Sussex primary phase music leaders to join us on **Wednesday 20 January at 3.45 pm**, via Zoom, for a 'TeachMeet' session to discuss how we can best support each other to keep music on the menu for all children at this time. This will be the first of regular sessions where we will have the opportunity to take part in music activities that can then be applied in the classroom and at home, but also to share your successes, challenges and useful resources. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this gathering, so to join us, please follow the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8233356169?pwd=SWFiTW0wUINjMkIrVHN2QWdacVREZz09>

Best wishes,



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Listening:



Why not start the day by listening to beautiful music? Here is an arrangement of a well known piece of classical music featuring the oboes of the BBC Orchestras.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

(J S Bach)

<https://www.facebook.com/51642124238/videos/1159191261164086>

Inspirational Performance:



Pakistani Orchestra Performs a Sitar Cover of the Dave Brubeck Jazz Classic 'Take Five'.

https://laughingsquid.com/pakistani-orchestra-performs-dave-brubeck-take-five/?fbclid=IwAR2qSWX6mU5Sk7XFvTOI-pR7_4DAnmbb4wDoFrOTwKH15MfUs9ygqfgovW0

(Did you know that Dave Brubeck got the idea for 'Take Five' when he heard the 10 beat cyclical structure of classical Indian music (jhaptal) in Calcutta?)

Resources:



Start the Week Singing Sessions at 10 am on Mondays until the end of February. Suitable for all ages, these engaging sessions are run by independent musician Emily Barden and are available on a first come first served basis on the day, with a maximum of 300 Zoom logins available. Here is the Zoom link that will work every week, if your login is within the 300 limit!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84284418999?pwd=WnBVclVNbTNvZkpQVDJTMkktMWMvZz09>



Tune in to **#FeelgoodFifteen** every Tuesday at 9 am to get children warmed up and ready for a day of learning. An exciting fifteen minutes of singing and musical fun led by Sharon Durant.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SingUp>



Quick and Easy Creative Activities

Ten Pieces Tasters are simple, fun, creative activities for primary age children. The activities are easy to follow and do not require any specialist knowledge or equipment. Each activity is led by an artist or specialist in their field and offers different ways to get creative with classical music.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-tasters/zjy3382?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

January Inspiration

Four of BBC Ten Pieces' fantastic composers have birthdays in January! Why not celebrate their special days by listening to their music, watching a Ten Pieces film or by doing a Ten Pieces Tasters activity?

[Gabriel Prokofiev b.6 January 1975](#)

[Anna Meredith b.12 January 1978](#)

[Mason Bates b.23 January 1977](#)

[Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart b.27 January 1756](#)

Looking forward to March 2021:

Although schools are closed at present, we are keeping these two events on our calendar and are currently adapting their format to enable everyone to take part.

Virtual Sings Live!

Our first ever Virtual Sings Live! takes place on **Wednesday 3 March 2021** at 4 pm. The event is targeted at Year 7 pupils and has a live element, singing from your own school or home along to exciting, professional performances and a pre-recorded element where we will show video contributions from individual schools. You will already have received an invitation to take part in this event, but if you require more information or would like to register your school, please contact judith.finlay@westsussexmusic.co.uk as soon as possible.

Virtual Sing Up Day Celebration

On **Wednesday 10 March 2021**, our virtual celebration of Sing Up Day will take place. Year 5 and 6 children from primary schools and homes across the county will join us for a livestream workshop including a selection of fun songs, rounds and games and there will be a pre-recorded element where we will show video contributions from individual schools. If you haven't already signed up for this event, please e-mail judith.finlay@westsussexmusic.co.uk to register your school as soon as possible.



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