



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a term the like of which we have never seen before in these exceptional circumstances. Thank you to everyone in the school community for the support you have shown to each other and the school at this time. Also, I'm sure you will join me in thanking the school staff who have worked hard to provide children with learning opportunities and for providing a safe space for the children of critical workers.

At the moment we are working on ideas for how to best support your child(ren)'s learning. Please keep checking your emails for updates on this.

Teachers have been making calls to check in and say hello to their pupils. Some parents haven't answered them because they may not be seeing a caller ID if teachers are using their own phones. These calls are not meant to be checking up on you and what you are doing, they are just to keep in touch. The staff are missing their classes too! We will continue to make contact going forwards.

Thursday 16 April 2020 is National Offers Day. If you are waiting to hear if your child has a primary school place there are two ways to find out. If you applied online you can log on to see the result and if you made a paper application you will be able to phone the local authority for the decision. The Wiltshire Council webpage for Admissions will be updated closer to the time.

The end of this term also marks the end of Mrs Hann-Perkins time here at Christ Church School. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, Mrs Hann-Perkins has been Interim Head at Preshute Primary School since November 2019 and she was recently successful in securing the Headship permanently. This will become official from Monday 20 April 2020. Mrs Hann-Perkins has brought many new dimensions to Christ Church and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment whilst here and wish her every success in this new and exciting role.

Stay safe and keep well.

Yours sincerely,  
Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### House Points at the end of Term 4

**Unicorn 1970   Gryphon 1720   Dragon 1940   Pegasus 1890**

### School contact details

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## Celebrating Children's Achievements



### The Little Princess Trust

Earlier in the term Gracie Beswick (Rabbits) had her hair cut and donated her ponytail to the Little Princess Trust which provides real hair wigs for children. She has also been doing fundraising online and has managed to raise an amazing £562 for the charity. Well done Gracie!

### My Science Fair March 2020

Isobel Cavanagh (Rabbits) took part in the annual My Science Fair at the Wiltshire Music centre in early March. She entered a project that investigated different bird species and different sizes of feathers. Isobel was awarded the Hitachi Price for Innovation for showing good "out of the box" thinking, a good practical element and a well explored investigation.. Congratulations Isobel!

Please let Sarah Jones in the school office have any details of achievements that you would like to share with everyone. You can email [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk).



### Some ideas from Mr Douglass...

Many of the children I have spoken to during the time in school this week have loved the origami projects on You-tube. It is really easy to look up any level of difficulty and there are hundreds of great tutorials. Really great for relaxation, perseverance and fun!

Another lovely idea has been the virtual zoo in Google. Simply type in the name of an animal in Google on i-phone or android and then go to 'view in 3-d'. It will then access your phone camera and place the animal of your choice in your home. Amazing, and hours of fun!

### Get creative!

If you have a picture of something that you have made at home and would like to share it, send us a picture of it (please don't be in the picture as we will be putting them on the website).

You can send it to [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)—we would love to see them!



# CORONAVIRUS

## Fact sheet for kids



### WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

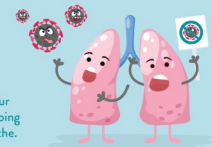
A coronavirus is a type of virus. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus, which means no-one has caught it before and our bodies are not immune (protected) from it yet. It spreads very quickly and is making a lot of people poorly at the moment.

### HOW DOES A VIRUS WORK?

1. Your body is made up of millions of tiny cells.
2. Viruses can't survive outside the body for long, so they try to get into our cells.
3. When viruses get inside our cells, we get infected.
4. Once a cell is 'infected', the virus multiplies and can spread around the body.
5. Our body produces antibodies that fight the virus and help us get better.

### WHY IS CORONAVIRUS DANGEROUS?

If the virus gets into the cells in our lungs, it can stop the cells from doing their job, which is to help us breathe.



### WHO CAN CATCH IT?



Children can catch the virus just as easily as adults, but it doesn't make them as poorly.

Adults who are already poorly and elderly people are the most affected, but most people can get better from it.

### HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES?

The virus can spread very easily and we carry it and pass it onto others even if we don't feel poorly ourselves.

There are 2 important things we can do to protect ourselves, our friends and our family.



#### WASH YOUR HANDS

Washing your hands with soap and water helps get rid of the virus. This will prevent the virus from getting into our bodies and spreading to other people. Let's all remind one another to wash our hands!



#### AVOID OTHER PEOPLE

To stop the virus spreading, we need to keep away from other people and stay at home for a time. But don't worry - life will go back to normal!

### HOW ARE SCIENTISTS TRYING TO KEEP US SAFE?

Scientists are working hard to find a Coronavirus vaccine. A vaccine can help protect the body from being infected.



### REMEMBER

IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW CATCHES CORONAVIRUS.

### **An idea for a 'history' project:**

This thing we are all part of, it is living history. Our children are all a part of this and it will be talked about for generations to come. Schools are closed; sports have been cancelled; people are quarantined... on a GLOBAL level. Your children could keep a journal over the next 5+ weeks. Handwritten, typed, videos, photographs or drawings...record events day-to-day, activities, fears and feelings. As parents, let them interview you, be part of it. When it is all over, save it/store it in a safe place for them. They will share this with their children and grandchildren. Help them create a tangible, primary source of their own history.

The Department for Education have made us aware that some parents have been receiving hoax e-mails. The e-mails request parents of Free School Meal pupils to submit their bank details in order to receive payment of their FSM entitlement.

Please see the DfE's communication below and if possible, make your parents aware of the scam.

#### **Be aware of scam emails**

*We have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following:*

*'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.  
We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official.  
We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately.*

### **Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?**

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- <https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- <https://www.lgfl.net/default.aspx> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)



These lovely Elmer the Elephants were made by some of our younger children who have been in school this week.



Dear all Children and Families,

Join us this Easter by making your own Easter Garden or window and receive your Easter chocolate gift from us!

It is such a special season to appreciate the new life, the warmer and longer days. Now we find ourselves at home with our families in our local communities, and probably celebrating Easter a bit differently this year. However, Easter is still happening! For Christians it is the most significant celebration of the year, and we would like you to join in celebrating Easter all around BoA and villages by making Easter gardens and/or windows appear everywhere and receive some Easter chocolate!

They are very simple to make:



Take a flower pot and old seed tray, (a yogurt pot and tub work just fine too) and get creating with the things around you. A stone to put in front of the 'tomb', twigs tied with raffia or string for the three crosses, some pebbles for the path. Use soil, then moss, or grass for the hill.

For the gardeners among you why not add some dark flowers to represent the sad day of Good Friday, and yellow primroses or cowslips for the happy day on Easter Sunday when the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty and Jesus has risen!

These or other ideas can be made into an Easter window display instead if you prefer, so get your creative juices flowing....

Take a photo\* of just your Easter Garden or Easter Window and place it for any passers-by to see. Everyone who takes part will receive an Easter Chocolate gift from us so please email the photo to [zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com) with your name/s and address and the chocolate will be safely delivered to your doorstep. We will also add the pictures to the Church website for the wider congregations to see while they are at home.

Have fun and we look forward to seeing your photos and giving lots of Easter chocolate!

Zoe Yeomans

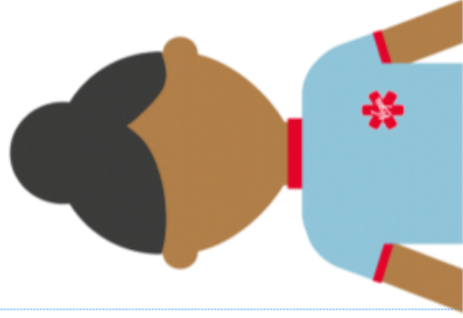
Children and Families Worker for North Bradford on Avon Benefice.

*\* Because of Safeguarding restrictions we want photos to share of your creations, not your children! Children's names will also not be attached to the photos when shared on our website.*

# School Nurse Support

Talk to us confidentially about.....

- \* Emotional Health
- \* Physical Health
- \* Sex & Relationships
- \* Drugs & Alcohol
- \* Stress/Anxiety & Worries
- \* Healthy Lifestyles



**\*Chat Health for**

**11-19 year olds**

**Available 9-4pm**

**07480635513**

**\*Young people can**

**phone SPA on**

**0300 247 0090**

**between 12-2pm**

**\*Parents/carers can call**

**0300 247 0090**

**Between 9-5pm**



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## Safeguarding Procedures while the school is closed

If you have any safeguarding concerns while the school is closed, please follow these procedures.  
The school will be open for parents to ring the school number 01225 863444 between 8.00-12.00am Monday - Friday.  
Or you can email your concerns. [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)  
Out of these hours you can call one of our safeguarding leads on the following numbers.  
**If no member of staff is available then please contact MASH - multi safeguarding hub directly - 030004560108**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mobile: 07745781956  
Neil Baker - Head teacher  
[Dsl.safeguarding@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Dsl.safeguarding@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mobile: 07851962327  
Helen Rutt - Deputy Head teacher  
[Dsl.safeguarding@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Dsl.safeguarding@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mobile: 07561611879  
Abigail Smith - Child & Family Support Worker  
[familysupportworker@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:familysupportworker@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)  
Safeguarding Governor  
Rev. Ann Keating

**MASH Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub:**  
**0300 456 0108**

Out of hours Emergency Duty Service (5.00pm to 9.00am Weekdays 4pm Friday to 9am Monday): **0300 456 0100**  
If the child is in immediate risk dial **999** and ask for police assistance

Our Staff will ring some families on a regular basis to check they have the support they need.

## Helpful resources for talking to children about Coronavirus

### Covibook

<https://www.mindheart.co/discourables>

A short book about Coronavirus for children under 7

### Newsround video

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/513423667fbclid=IwAR3OyZq5r2XVoyGCvWjps6YqoetuZ1P16y7wMjUR6uwgWwRm0aFrAs>

Drs Chris and Xand explain what's happening

### Resources for children and young people with additional needs:

<https://theautismeducator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf>

<https://caroleraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf>

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus> -

contains a link to the most up to date version of their "Easy Read" for young people and adults with learning difficulties

## Sources of support

### General – for parents

Samaritans

Call 116 123

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

Mind UK

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/support-community-friends/>

UK Mental Health Charity with information and an online mutual support community

### General – for young people

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

[www.keep-your-head.com](http://www.keep-your-head.com)

### Parenting pressures

Family Action

Telephone: 0808 802 6666

Text message: 07537 404 282

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/>

The FamilyLine service supports people who are dealing with family pressures in a new and innovative way by using a network of volunteers from across the country to support family members over the age of 18 through telephone calls, email, web chat and text message.

### Family Lives (previously Parentline)

Call: 0808 800 2222

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/confidential-helpline/>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). For emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. The helpline service is open 9am – 9pm, Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

### Gingerbread

Single Parent Helpline: 0808 802 0925

[gingerbread.org.uk](http://gingerbread.org.uk)

One Parent Families/Gingerbread is the leading national charity working to help lone parents and their children.

### Grandparents Plus

Call: 0300 123 7015

[grandparentsplus.org.uk](http://grandparentsplus.org.uk)

Grandparents Plus is the only national charity (England and Wales) dedicated to supporting kinship carers - grandparents and other relatives raising children who aren't able to live with their parents.

## Life Skills Bingo

Learn to Tie your shoe laces	Fix a broken toy or replace the batteries	Do the washing up or unload the dishwasher	Make someone breakfast in bed (with help!)	Learn to use the washing machine	Hoover your bedroom	Put the rubbish in the correct recycling bins.
Bake bread or a cake	Learn to put a duvet cover on	Make some sandwiches for your family to have a picnic in the garden	Care for your pet each day (feed them/take them for a walk)	Use a dustpan and brush to sweep up	Set the table at dinner time	Fold your clothes up

Why not try learning some new skills and tick them off on this bingo sheet as you master them? You could also send in pictures to share with your class teacher as well. Just email [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)