

## Student Newsletter 9 April 2020

Hi All Saints,

It is nearly the Easter holidays. Do you think the three weeks have flown by or are they going slowly? Hopefully you are managing to enjoy the sunshine, let's hope it stays for the holidays. As usual we won't be setting any work for the holidays but there are some ideas of things to do in the newsletter, if you want some lock down inspiration.

### **Lessons after the Easter Holidays.**

Some classes are starting to have virtual lessons, more on this after Easter. It is a great way to stay in touch and do some learning together.

**Using emails** – if you are sending work to your teachers, remember to use your school email account. We also know that some of you have realised that you have work saved at school that you need. We can access this remotely and send it to you. If you need help with this email: [ICTtechnicians@allsaintslearning.co.uk](mailto:ICTtechnicians@allsaintslearning.co.uk)

**Submitting your work on SMHW** – if your teacher wants work submitting via SMHW, this is really easy to do - select the Submit tab at the top of the homework description and upload your work via the attachments tab or, alternatively, depending on the work set, you can type your answers straight into the comment box.

### **EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN**

Some things to think about while you are not in school:

What is it like to be a monk for 47 years?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/prayer-is-the-greatest-freedom-of-all/p07b8dq5>

For the budding physics and philosophy students, check out this debate on free will (the ability to choose) V determinism (the idea that what happens in our life is out of our control)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/is-free-will-just-an-illusion/p086tg3k>

Ted Talks are broadcast on a huge range of subject matter and are usually around 20 minutes long. You can watch them here: [https://www.ted.com/playlists/86/talks\\_to\\_watch\\_with\\_kids](https://www.ted.com/playlists/86/talks_to_watch_with_kids)

There are lots of talks on The Environment, Technology, Science, Economics and lots more.

Did you watch any? Did you learn anything new? What was the most surprising thing? Do you have any more questions about the subject matter?

### **We'd love to hear what you think**

There is an email account called [studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk](mailto:studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk) Send your thoughts or some amazing facts that you have discovered. Thanks to the students who have sent in their new and most used words this week – we especially liked the use of 'vertiginous' and 'hey'!

### **Read Read Read**

We asked the staff of All Saints what books they would recommend to you to read. It turns out that we are a community full of readers - check the attached list for our best suggestions. Let us know if you enjoyed any of the books or even if you didn't!

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If you want to listen to some books check out these free audio books at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>. There is a great range and they are in a variety of languages too. These are free to access while the schools are closed, so take advantage of this great opportunity.

Check this website <https://www.freeclassicebooks.com/> it gives you free access to a number of 'classics' – perhaps challenge yourself to read something new.

### **Need more to do?**

Try Mr Chadburn's boredom quiz, he has sent this round on email – look out for the answers and next week's quiz.

Mr Cassidy is sending out the Maths Puzzle of the week, these tricky quizzes will keep your brain active - lookout for the answers and new questions that come out every Monday.

Write a letter to a loved one you have not seen for a while. Letters make a lovely event in the day and you might get an enjoyable reply too.

Teach yourself something new - what is that skill you always wanted to master? Now is the time to challenge yourself to do something new – let us know how you get on using the email address above.

If you have a musical instrument at your home but don't know how to play, why don't you learn? The Yousican app allows you to access a 20 minute lesson each day. It is available on the App Store and Play Store.

### **The best of the web:**

There are lots of great resources on-line to inspire and inform you of a whole host of skills and topics. Talk to your parents/carers before you check them out and remember to think carefully about what you search for online.

Love musicals? Fancy a Friday night at the theatre? The show must go on channel on YouTube will be showing a full-length musical each Friday night at 7:00pm. The show will be available for 48hours, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend.

Love a play? The National Theatre are doing the same on a Thursday at 7.00pm.

Why not try some yoga at home? Cole Chance has some very good beginner lessons available on YouTube.

### **Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

This is the great feast of the Church's liturgical year. Usually Catholics will attend Church on all three days or even more than this. Christians will gather in witness to the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection all over the world.

This year we can remember these great events of the Christian faith at home. You can take part in the liturgies via the on-line streaming from St Marie's Cathedral <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-and-services/mass-livestream/>

Maundy means commandment, in John's Gospel it says this: Jesus said ... "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. <sup>35</sup>This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

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There are so many small ways we can live out this commandment and so many inspiring stories of people coming together to show love for others. Think of all those shopping for the vulnerable in their communities, the many front line workers who are keeping everything going for us right now and all those in the NHS helping the sick. We can show love in small quiet ways at home, helping out, cooking a meal, stopping to have a conversation or simply being tolerant of small irritations.

Good Friday and Easter are about the death and resurrection of Jesus – this is God’s ultimate act of love to all of humanity. His promise of life after death and salvation for his followers. The Good Friday service is solemn and quiet and reflects our sadness at the pain and suffering of Jesus. The Easter Vigil is a beautiful service bringing light into the darkness in which the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle reflecting our faith and hope in God’s love for his people.

There are lots of beautiful Easter prayers that can be said privately or with family - here are some for you, taken from the Cafod website. Some of these are prayers of praise and some are a reflection of our role as the Body of Christ to bring the light into the darkness.

<p><b>Recreate the world</b>          Creator God,          Because of your abundant love you chose to bring light and order into the formless void, to create a world of unsurpassed beauty and you saw that it was good.          We ask that you continue to recreate the world with that same attentive love, to bring light into today’s ever increasing chaos and darkness where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation.          Replenish our hearts so that we too can renew the face of the earth. Amen.</p> <p><i>Kieran O'Brien/CAFOD</i></p>	<p><b>Broken Bread</b>          God, whom we meet in bread and wine, in body broken and blood outpoured, fill us with your compassion, that we may hear the cries of the hungry and reach out to those in need.          Engender in us a thirst for justice, that the hungry will be satisfied and the rich sent empty away.          Roll away our apathy that, with arms outstretched, we may offer life in place of death and hope in the face of despair. Amen.</p> <p><i>Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD</i></p>
<p>Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.</p> <p><i>St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)</i></p>	<p><b>You are the resurrection</b>          How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back You suffered death but conquered it You laid in the tomb but on the third day You rose again          O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned          You are the resurrection, our hope and our life          O glorious and victorious Redeemer help us not to be afraid of death for we must pass through it to see you face to face and on the last day we will rise again for you said so.          Let us rejoice and praise you our Blessed and triumphant Lord On this happy, joyful feast.          Amen.</p> <p><i>Diana Ng-Sutherland/CAFOD</i></p>

## Earn some house points over the holidays!

The next competition is to produce a creative outcome of your choosing on the theme of Easter. Some ideas include:

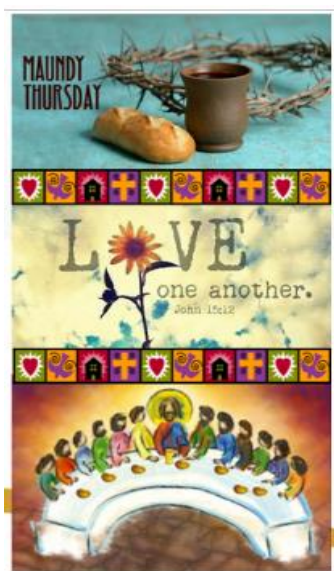
- A piece of art work - painting, drawing, printing, collage to name a few options
- A prayer
- A poem
- A model (eggs might work for this)
- A song or rap
- An animated video

When you have completed it please send a copy to: [studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk](mailto:studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk)

The deadline is the first Friday AFTER the holidays, Friday 1st of May. Remember to include your name and your house.

## Charity fundraising:

This week, we are donating £6000 to local and national charities to support the current crisis and some of our school charities. Well done – this has all come from your hard work and enthusiasm for charitable fundraising!



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**Maundy Thursday donation:**  
Over the coming days All Saints will make donations totalling £6000 from our school charities account. Donations will be made to various local Covid-19 Appeals including: NHS Sheffield Hospitals, Sheffield Age UK, Sheffield Foodbank Network and Hallam FM Cash for Kids. We will also donate to our identified school charities of St Wilfrid's Day Centre, the SVP Furniture Store and St Luke's Hospice, as well as our usual Lenten giving to Hallam Caring Services. Donations will also be made to Safe at Last and B:friend.

Having washed the feet of the disciples and showing them that to love is to serve, Jesus said to his disciples: ***"a new commandment I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."***

### An Easter Message from Mr Pender

Hello to all our amazing students, Mr Pender here. I just wanted to tag a short message on to the end of this newsletter to wish each and every one of you and your families a happy Easter holiday. Although everything feels very different at the moment try to remember that this is a holiday period, no school work to be done and so opportunities to try, in difficult times, to celebrate Easter and discover new opportunities and interests.

I, along with all the staff at All Saints, are genuinely missing you all so much and when in school the building does feel strange when not buzzing with the energy and enthusiasm of 1400 of you going about your daily school life. I cannot wait until the day we are all back together and it will feel like a fresh start, an opportunity to demonstrate, after being away for so long, just how much it means to us all to be 'All Saints'.

So, happy Easter folks, relax, keep that positivity that I love so much about you all and keep in touch with one another. Stay home. Save lives. Protect the NHS.

Remember...we love you.

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