

Student Newsletter 3 April 2020

Hi All Saints,

As we all get into the swing of working and learning at home, remember this is a big change for your teachers as well; it is important to try and complete the work that is set. However, if your work is getting overwhelming, send your teacher an email and let them know. We need to work together through this.

Some classes are starting to have some 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

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.

GCSE / AS / A Level Grades Update - For those students in Y11, Y12 and Y13, you have been sent an email with further information about how the Government is going to award your grades this summer. There is a letter from Ofqual and a booklet to read.

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

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

- Why is water the weirdest thing in the universe?
- What if everyone in the world planted a tree?
- How to build an igloo (when the climate is changing)

BBC ideas has loads of fascinating short films – did you know that the water we drink was probably once inside a dinosaur? Have you noticed that the solid form of water floats on the liquid form? If you have never really thought about this before, watch the film and you'll learn some amazing facts. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/why-water-is-one-of-the-weirdest-things-in-the-uni/p06y2c9k>

Ted talk Ted Talks are broadcast on a huge range of subject matter and they usually last around 20 minutes. You can watch them here: https://www.ted.com/playlists/86/talks_to_watch_with_kids

This week let us know what you think about these ones:

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_gallo_underwater_astonishments?referrer=playlist-talks_to_watch_with_kids

https://www.ted.com/talks/beau_lotto_amy_o_toole_science_is_for_everyone_kids_included?referrer=playlist-talks_to_watch_with_kids&language=en#t-82438

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 send you your thoughts or some amazing facts that you have discovered.

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Word Words Words

Learning is linked to words, in school you are often asked to learn key words, key vocabulary and academic vocabulary. Here are some words we love:

Logophile: Lover of words.

Esoteric: The word esoteric is used to describe special knowledge that is available only to a select group of people.

Send us your favourite words, we'd love to find out what they are.

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 – look out 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.

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 before you check them out and remember to think carefully about what you search for.

Check these websites for lots of on-line options

Jamie Oliver on YouTube teaches you to cook classic food – pasta, pizza etc

Patrick Stewart is reading a sonnet a day

People of Science with Brian Cox

Holy Week – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week, in Church we remember Jesus' entering Jerusalem with the crowds honouring him shouting 'hosana'. Jesus rode on a donkey through the East Gate of the walls of Jerusalem. In this way he was fulfilling the prophesy of the Messiah arriving.

In Church we often have Palm Processions and we listen to the Passion Reading which is usually read as a narrative with members of the Parish taking on different speaking parts.

What can you do at home to celebrate Palm Sunday?

Mass will be live streamed from St Marie's Cathedral <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-and-services/mass-livestream/>

You could also read the story of Jesus' passion using www.biblegateway.com and this Bible reference Luke 22:14-23:56

Acts of worship can be done in many ways, you could make time for private prayer, saying the Lord's prayer and the Hail Mary. You could use the Palm Sunday prayer in this newsletter.

You could create a piece of Palm Sunday art which reflects on Jesus' story during Holy Week.

You could you write your own prayer.

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A Prayer from the Church of Scotland reflecting on Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus may we stop and give You the time You need to make this choice to turn every word about love You have ever uttered into commitment and example for here the words run out and all that counts is trust in a way that gives of itself and whose way is broken and consequence is death and the choice cannot be done easily this must milk the soul of everything it believes So may we stop and give us the time to know this day of palms and processions is the day the kingdom changed	and all talk was finished and the word became flesh again not ready to be born but ready to die So may we stop and give heaven time to gather what light is left and care for You in this moment of decision to trust love fully So let the palms fly the high hosannas be sung Hear them, O Lord Jesus it is what we know to be true in Your moment of decision May You choose the way of love
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Finally, earn some house points

Don't forget the House Points competition will be sent round on Monday on email and the results announced on Fridays.

This week's winner is a Y7 student in Endeavour House. 50 House Points go to Endeavour and all of the other entries will win 10 House Points for their House. Well done, everyone!

Winning Poem:

Isolated

Stuck inside with nothing to do
Only two people here, just me and you.
This is how I will now spend my days
Walking around the house in a daze
I stroll into my room and lie down on my bed,
With a whirlwind of thoughts going around in my head.
When will this end? When will it all stop?
I wish I could talk to the guys at the top.
It'd be better if my friends were here next to me,
Video calls just aren't the same you see.
At least I have you, I'm not completely alone,
And I'm grateful for technology and my phone.
There is a small good side to this pandemic,
I can learn some skills that aren't academic.
I've cooked the meals, I've cleaned the pots,
When this is all over, I reckon I'll know lots!
We'll get through this together, me and you
Because now I see that there's lots to do!

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