

## Student Newsletter 1 May 2020

Hi All Saints,

We hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays, and managed some time relaxing and chatting with family and friends via the joys of technology. From video messages from your teachers, to virtual assemblies, to on-line prayer groups and family quiz nights, we are communicating with each other in very 21<sup>st</sup> century ways!

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

This is a four week term and your teachers will be setting work again from today for each of your subject areas. We have tried to take into account that you need some time to read the activity before you tackle it, so hopefully your workload will be manageable. However, if you are unable to access your work or you are struggling with the amount, please do get in touch.

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 with truly random questions**

Randall Munroe's book – *"What if? Serious scientific answers to absurd hypothetical questions"* explores a series of strange questions and gives scientific answers – some of my favourite questions include: How many Lego bricks would it take to build a bridge capable of carrying traffic from London to New York? Have that many Lego bricks been manufactured? And this one: If every person on Earth aimed a laser pointer at the Moon at the same time, would it change colour?

What do you think? Any ideas of the answers? If you like these kinds of questions and want to know the answers check out his website: <https://what-if.xkcd.com/157/>

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

There is an email account called [studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk](mailto:studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk) send us your thoughts or some amazing facts that you have discovered.

### **Read Read Read**

Just before Easter we sent you a list of suggested reading – did you try any of the books? Let us know if you enjoyed any of the books or even if you didn't! What would you recommend to your teachers?

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 in a variety of languages too. These are free to access while the schools are closed, so take advantage of this great opportunity.

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### **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, answers and new questions come out every Monday.

### **All Saints role models**

This year, our Year 12 students have been working with Year 6 students from schools in the local area on a raising aspirations project. This week, the Year 12 students have been sharing tips for starting secondary school and also what they have been doing in lockdown. This email exchange has been coordinated by staff at All Saints and staff in the primary schools.

Do you know someone doing something to help the community during this period of lockdown? Someone who is fund raising for charity or going the extra mile to help others out. Let us know your All Saints role models.

### **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.**

**The British library**, which holds more than 25 million printed books and numerous digital resources, has created an amazing on-line resource. From learning how to draw beloved children's book characters, like the Gruffalo, to articles on Shakespeare and readings of poems, there is a wealth of material to access.

**The national poetry day** website has some great local poets to check out, including poems dedicated to our city of Sheffield.

And don't forget all the video messages from staff in school on our own website.

### **Finally, earn some house points**

For this week's house point competition we would like you to produce a stop/start video.

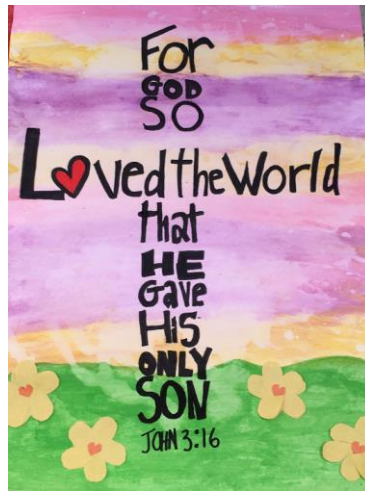
The idea is that you give life to toys and objects by shooting a few frames at a time while moving objects in-between shots.

It is really easy to get started, just download a free app on a mobile device. There are lots available on the Apple App store and Google Play store, the one that Mr Shaw used for his example was the Stop Motion Studio app.

Once you have downloaded the app, grab some toys or objects and start shooting the video. Only move your objects a small amount each shot so it looks like they are moving for real! You can add sound effects or your own voice to the video at the end.

There is an example of a stop/start video attached to this email – can you do better?!

This week's winner from our Easter competition is this one!



50 House Points go to Perseverance House!

Thank you for all of the entries, there were lots of creative ideas and everyone who entered will gain 10 House Points.

A prayer for you in lockdown. This is from Litchfield Cathedral and is a beautiful reflection that God is always with us even in troubled times:

#### A PRAYER IN LOCKDOWN

*The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked. (John 20.19)*

Ever present God,  
be with us in our isolation,  
be close to us in our distancing,  
be healing in our sickness,  
be joy in our sadness,  
be light in our darkness,  
be wisdom in our confusion,  
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,  
that when the doors reopen  
we may with the zeal of Pentecost  
inhabit our communities  
and speak of your goodness  
to an emerging world.  
For Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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