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In the Year 2020

February half term is nearly upon us and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you so much for all your hard work, support and understanding during this very unique Spring half term that we have experienced. The feedback from our recent parent survey has shown the vast majority of you have felt that the google classroom face-to-face sessions with the teachers have been a great way of keeping the day structured at home and the children engaged and interconnected with their friends and teachers. We will not be setting any new learning over half term as we want all the children... and parents to have a well-earned break. However, I do have some suggestions below for some family fun activities which you may like to participate in.

I am acutely aware that during this lockdown that virtual learning has meant a massive increase in the amount of screen time children have had on a daily basis. We hope that half term provides an opportunity for everyone to close those laptops, turn off those iPads and get outside and active! Mr Friel has created an online PE lesson which can be accessed from this link <https://youtu.be/y-iJ4D1G970> as well as some attached activities which can be done over half term. It would be fantastic if the children could do the lesson each day for 15 minutes during the half term break – remember to share any pictures on our [RCSAT PE twitter account](#).

Our google classroom sessions will kick start again at the usual times on **Monday 22nd February**.

At present, we have no concrete information on when schools are likely to be able to open their doors again but I am very optimistic that the date of March the 8th will be achievable. We will hopefully receive more information on Monday 22nd February as to when and what the re-opening will look like. I am really hopeful that it will not be long before we can all be back again together in school but we must wait until we are told it is safe to do so.

Tomorrow in worship, I will be sharing with your children a book titled 'In the Year 2020'. Despite the difficulties caused by the coronavirus last year and this year, there were and still are many reasons and things to celebrate and remember. I would like to try and document everything positive in our own school book titled "In the Year 2020".

Whilst we would keep a copy of all the entries the children do in a school book, I am currently also looking at ways to get it published so that parents/carers and children alike can purchase a copy. Once I have further information on this I will be able to share with you the cost and date of publishing.

Over half term I would like each child/family to come up with a page and illustration for our book. These will need to be completed on an A4 piece of paper. Our story will feature the character of Bear and Badger and I have copied for your below the first few pages of our book.





In the year 2020
there was a
pandemic...



Is there a way to make our world better?
It's time," we said.
"let's do this together"

I would like each child/family to think about all the positive things which have come from the pandemic: kindness, friendship, healthier, cleaner etc. And create a page for our book. Any pages created will need to have a sentence positioned anywhere on the page which begins with

This world was....

It will then be up to each family to think of a word to end the sentence and illustrate the page with Bear and Badger showing this in the picture.

I have recently been reading the book 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse' and love the style of the artwork within the text. No matter what your ability, no matter how young or old I would like all the children to have a go at illustrating their page in the style of Charles Mackesey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81b4i9jQhck>

Below are some links to some You Tube videos recorded by Mr Clayton demonstrating some pieces in the style of Charles Mackesey which may help you and your children. Mr Clayton has worked with Bunbury school at the start of 2020 to complete the fantastic canvas paintings on St Boniface church with year 6.

<https://youtu.be/OxbUZtthn90>

<https://youtu.be/Peyp7SKpmrA>

https://youtu.be/fMU7jKWJ0_E

Please feel free to email me a scan or drop off in the box at the front of the school any contributions for our school book.

Easter Egg Trail

We are also participating as a school in the Easter Egg Trail being organised by St Boniface Church. You can see below the map and dates of each Easter Egg reveal. As a school, we want as many children to participate by making a paper mache egg and decorating it with anything which has made them happy over the past 12 months.

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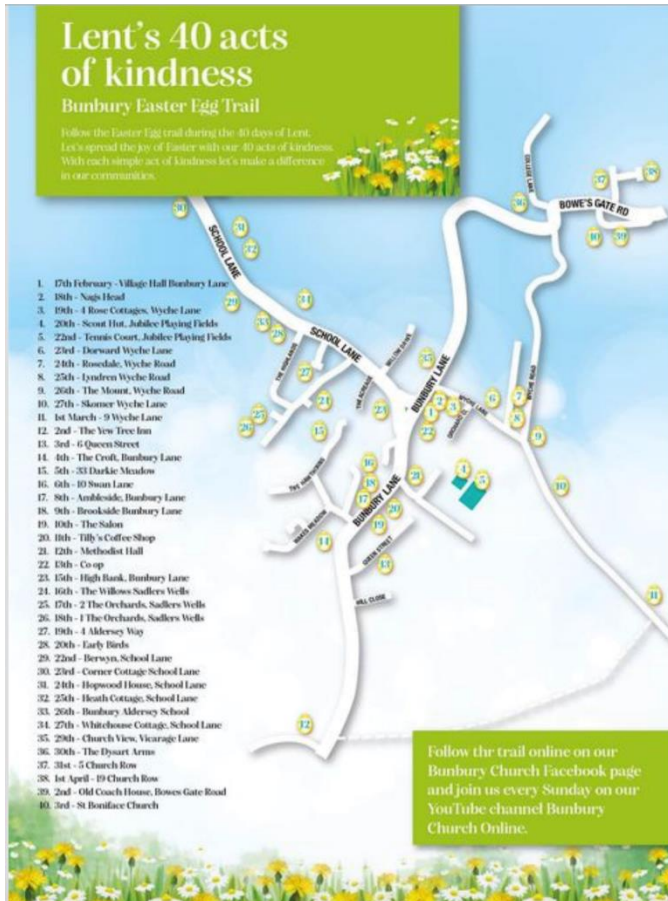
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These will be outside for a number of weeks so will need to be coated in either varnish or PVA glue for protection. As a school we will be placing them along the top of our hedge at the front and side of school so that as people can see them safely from the roadside. Each egg will have a QR code near to it. This will link to a video introducing one of the 40 acts of Kindness.

Thank you once again for all your hard work, continued support and lovely messages you have sent in – the teaching team really do appreciate hearing your kind words. If you have any need to contact school over the half term period, please email me directly on principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk.

All the staff and I really do appreciate how lucky we are to be part of the Bunbury Family and we wish you all a safe, happy and restful half term break.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

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