

St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

So, we have all got to the end of the second week of lockdown - well done! It has been lovely to observe how determined everyone in our community has been (once again) to help each other out. **Question:** When I needed a neighbour, were you there? **Answer:** In Church Stretton - absolutely, yes!

Today, we had 62 pupils in school. All those needing a place (keyworkers' children and vulnerable) have been accommodated successfully. We do have capacity for a few more children, so do get in touch if you are a keyworker and are struggling - we want to help!

We have managed to get laptops out to families that need them. Please get in touch if any more devices are needed at home! We don't have many laptops left, so if anyone has an older one which is not needed anymore, we'd happily take it off your hands! Information on our Chromebook scheme has gone out to parents of KS2 children - please do not think buying one is necessary; only do so if you want to and can afford it - no child will miss out as we'll have the same devices in school.

Our children are producing wonderful work at home and at school. Some children (and parents) are watching Rory McCann's art tutorials online (YouTube) and painting awesome animals. Our Friends (PTA) are purchasing paint, brushes and paper for all families and we will be getting these resources out soon. Rory is going to record two more tutorials especially for us!

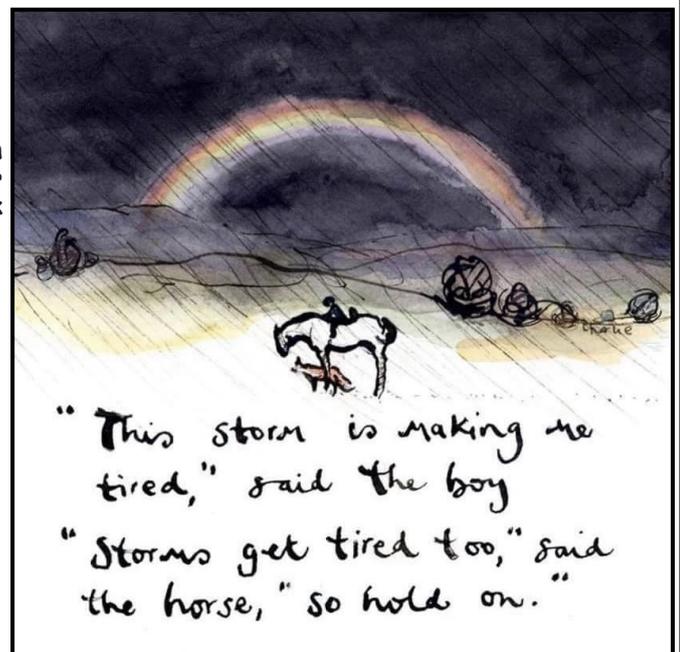
Our phone calls home are happening this week and next. It is essential that we speak to all families to know for certain that the children are safe, well, and also engaged with learning and exercise. If we cannot get hold of families, we will have to log this as a concern with the Local Authority. Please work with us - which of course, the vast majority of you are doing. Thank you.

A voucher scheme for those at home who are entitled to FSM is being set up by the government. Our families can choose whether to keep getting the box of groceries from Rowlands (local company) delivered or switch to the vouchers for supermarkets (not Co-op unfortunately). A separate Parentmail is coming out next week.

Did you watch Rector Steve's assembly? He will be delivering one every Tuesday - please watch it. He'll be telling you how HT's awards can be achieved and asking you to respond to his weekly message. I will then be following on from this with a Friday assembly (accessible on Seesaw to all 10 school classes).

Steve Johnson is a trustee of a charity that is currently building a primary School in the Democratic Republic of Congo and was in the DRC when the foundation stone for the School was laid just over 2yrs ago. Steve, his wife and the children are using their daily exercise to do a sponsored challenge, that over lockdown together they will cover the distance of a marathon. The money raised will go to the completion and equipping of the primary school. So far they have walked 21kms and raised over £875 - in just over a week! Link to just giving is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-johnson46>

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Pastoral Newsletter from Mrs Robinson and Mrs Forster

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Hello everyone

I hope that you are all well. At the end of the first full week of home learning, I wonder how you are all feeling? Have you completed some work on Seesaw? Have you spoken to your class teacher or TA? I wonder which of you have been in touch with friends from school? It's really important that you are getting plenty of fresh air and exercise too. If you need help or support to make things easier to manage, please remember to get in touch!

Best wishes

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Forster xx

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Looking after your mental health during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

Looking after your mental health is important, and there are lots of local services available to support you and your loved ones:

www.togetherall.com - an online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low
Shropshire MIND - Call 01743 368647 or email: manager.shropshiremind@gmail.com

Samaritans - call 116 123 for a confidential safe place to talk about whatever is getting to you

Young Minds Parents Hotline - 0808 8025544 (9.30am - 4.00pm) free, confidential online support any adult worried about the mental health of a child or young person

Free bereavement counselling - 0345 678 9028

Kooth - free safe and anonymous online support for young people: www.kooth.com

Childline - call 0800 1111

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



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[or contact Mavfair Community centre - 01694 722077](tel:01694722077)**