



### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and safe and that you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. It was wonderful to receive so many photographs and emails of how you celebrated VE day and to see how the children worked creatively to find out more about why we celebrate such an important occasion.

There are lots of super resources online to support home-learning, but why not try a science challenge? Crest awards is an initiative run by STEM learning and has lots of creative ideas for children to develop their science skills at home. I have popped the information below. We would love to hear if any of you complete the challenge!

Remember that reading every day is so important, even just sharing a book before bedtime has a huge impact on the development of children's reading skills. The Oxford Owl website, you can access lots of e-books, so that you can practise reading every day with a variety of stories. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Please keep in touch, we love hearing from you and remember we are here to help in any way we can!

Take care and stay safe.

*Mrs R Kaminski*  
**Head of School**



## NOTICES

### Star Struck...again!

Well...can you actually believe that we secured Hannah Cockroft to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honoured that she's taken the time to say hi – we can't wait to see her racing again. Click [here](#) to watch our video.

### Our egg-citing school visitor

The Mallard duck who was nesting on our playground has now safely moved her ducklings on to the fields behind the school, which is her usual habitat. This usually happens 10 hours after ducklings hatch and she will have been keen to return to her familiar home to ensure that her ducklings have everything they need to grow.

Whilst we will miss her, we know that this is the best thing for her and her ducklings. We are very grateful that she chose our school to carry out her special job and we can be proud that we provided her with a safe place to hatch her ducklings, which is an amazing thing to do for our local wildlife.



### School Return

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020. Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**.

We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity.

Even more important is that as a Trust, we provide a learning environment for all that makes our community feel safe supported and confident to deliver the next phase of this journey together.

With this in mind, we have compiled a short survey to establish which children will be back in school out of the selected year groups on 1st June.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Please can I ask you to complete by midday on Monday 18th May. This will allow us to provide more detail to you on what the return will look like.

### Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all pupils over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

### Headteacher's Award

Well done to all our children for their fantastic work! Please look out for our virtual Headteacher's assembly on our Facebook page, where I will announce this week's winners. I will also email parents to notify you individually. Please continue to send their achievements to [kaminski.r@mmat.com](mailto:kaminski.r@mmat.com) to be considered for next week's Headteacher's awards. Remember you can also share your home learning news with our school community in the pinned post on our Facebook page!



### Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

### Read Write Inc phonics

To help children learning to read at home during school closure, Read Write inc are streaming 7 phonics, reading and spelling lessons every weekday on our YouTube channel. Each lesson is ten to fifteen minutes long and available for 24 hours. <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

### Competitions & Challenges

**Drama opportunity:** The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for pupils, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view the offering.

**D&T competition:** Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

**PE challenge:** Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting pupils within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

**History competition:** The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning pupils will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

### WORSHIP

For worship-related activities this week, visit:



<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter2/familiesathome>

This webpage is updated weekly, with a different Bible story and activities for children based on the story.

### STEM CHALLENGES

Star Awards are a great introduction to problem-solving in STEM. They offer children the opportunity to learn through hands-on challenges that focus on their everyday lives. Registering on to their website will provide your child with a Crest Star passport. The children must complete eight Star activities and record these in their CREST Star passport. Each activity takes around an hour and involves solving a real-world problem. Your child will receive a badge and certificate for £1. Why not have a go?

<https://www.crestawards.org/crest-star>

### Stargazing

Below is a list of astronomical sightings which students may want to keep an eye out for over the next month:

- 27th May – Comet Swan visible to the naked eye.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

<b>Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service</b>	0333 358 3654
<b>Compass Early Help</b>	0345 678 9021 <a href="https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/">https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/</a>
<b>Parenting Team SEND Local Offer</b>	01743 250950 <a href="https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/">https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/</a>



### WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News.](#)
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates.](#)

### FACEBOOK



Please follow us on Facebook @[tilstockprimaryschool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow the @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#) page.

