



School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 2nd	Parents evening
Friday 12th	Half term
Monday 22nd	Back to school

Note – the Rags 2 Riches collection on 12th February has been cancelled. The next collection date will hopefully be Friday 21st May.

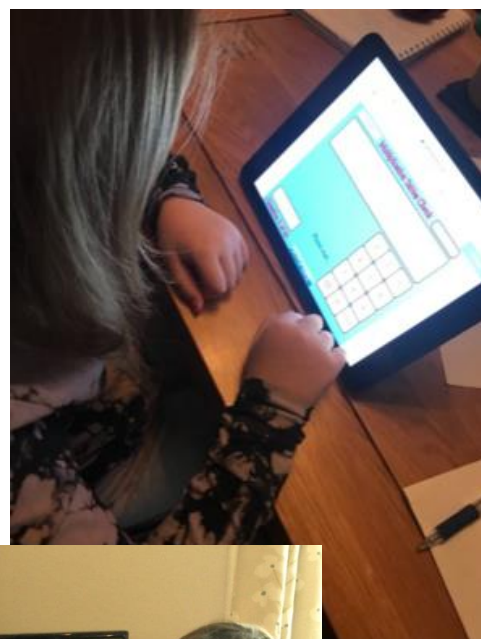
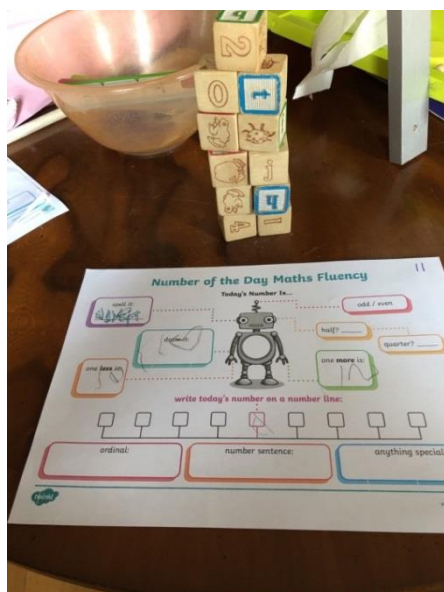
Message from Mrs Jones

Here we go again! The beginning of term did not start as we planned as we were plunged into another National Lockdown. We had to change our plans at very short notice and prepare for home learning and opening the school to the children of Critical Workers and vulnerable children. Everyone rallied round and made this happen. I am extremely proud of the children and how they have engaged with home learning this week and how they have adapted to new routines both inside and outside of school. Children have shown just how resilient they can be and with the support of parents they will come out of this with many great qualities. We know everyone's circumstances are different and some will find this time more difficult than others and we are here to support children and families where we can. We have given out resources, loaned out iPads and laptops, given technical support and free school meals vouchers. Thank you to all the staff for making this happen.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

God Bless

Mrs Jones

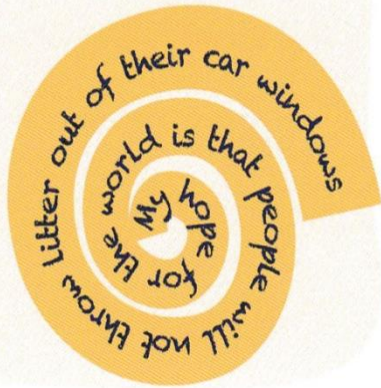




FAMILY FOCUS

Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread. (You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



VALUE OF THE MONTH - HOPE

The beginning of John's Gospel says 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.' Throughout his life Jesus gave hope to others and the resurrection of Jesus shows us that evil can never ultimately triumph over love.

Hope is a core value for our Church school because we share in the joy that comes from the belief that there is always hope and all is never lost.

Hope is an attitude of mind that we develop through faith in God and each other. **In our school this helps is to keep going even when things get hard and when we face new challenges. Together we can turn hope into reality.**

Having hope is really important at this challenging time as we face another lockdown and home schooling. Storms do not last forever. This time will pass and we must have hope that this virus will be under control very soon.



NURSERY NEWS



This week in Nursery we have been busy exploring our new theme for this term, 'Under the Sea'. We've all enjoyed exploring our sensory tray that has been filled with bubbly water and sea animals for us all to learn about and we even filled the tray with coloured sea worms (spaghetti). We have enjoyed playing outside in the fresh air and have particularly enjoyed our mud slide on the field; most days we have got our water proofs on and headed outside to slide around in the mud. We have also been busy using our imaginations and role playing nursery trips around the world; we've been to the beach, dinosaur land, roller coaster rides and trips to farms on our imaginary bus. We have been practising our balancing skills this week as well with our new balance beams for nursery, the children have loved walking over the beams and challenging themselves with different obstacles. We have finished off our week with cooking on Friday where we've made under the sea biscuits.

PE Challenge

As part of your home learning we have started a challenge to get active in lockdown at Cradley. Each day, throughout the week, there is a different activity set which work different muscles. In addition to this, KS1 have been challenged to be active for at least 30 minutes a day and 60 minutes a day for KS2 - this could be walking the dog, bouncing on the trampoline or even helping adults with the vacuuming! Every full 2 weeks the challenge is completed a little reward will be earned. There are also some participation rewards too. This is to support children in getting the NHS recommended 60minutes of activity each day, including working different muscle groups.

Please see Tapestry for further information and to download your Virtual Cradley Active Bingo Card.



Great effort
so far
everyone!!



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- Nursery - Benjamin for his wonderful role play
Lottie for her love of adventures
- Reception - Rosie for working so hard on her work at home and showing progress in phonics
- Year 1 - Isla for confident independent use of Seesaw
- Year 2 - Frankie for taking such pride in his writing this week
- Year 3 - Leo for a great contribution on Zoom and working really hard
- Year 4 - Isla-Mai for adapting to weird school so well and working really hard
- Year 5 - Molly for taking everything in her stride
- Year 6 - Tehya for consistently completing work at a high standard



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NEWS

During these challenging times, fundraising is more important than ever and we appreciate your continued support to help raise vital funds for school.

Whilst we are unable to carry on with our usual fundraising events, please continue to support FOCS by using the online shopping app Easy Fundraising and by signing up to the School Lottery, where you could be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000!!

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