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Stay Connected at Audlem St James CE Primary School

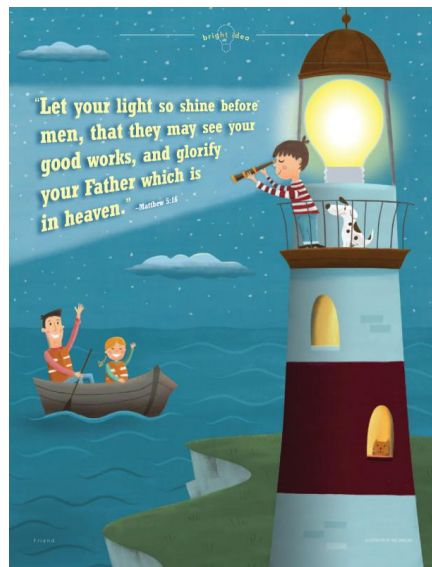
Well another week has passed, seven weeks now since the school closed for the majority of you. There has been a lot of talk this week in the papers and on television about when schools will reopen and we should find out some news by Sunday. I think the only thing that we can say for sure is that when this day does arrive it will not be a case of 'return to normal' with all pupils back in full time. My guess (and it is a guess) is that normality is not likely to be the case until September but that as we approach summer a phased opening will begin to take place. I promise to keep you up to date with anything that I hear as I know you will all be eager to know what the plans are, so are we. We will carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are informed through the website, parent mail and text messages. Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need support, help or advice.

I hope you are all well and have carried on working hard at home which I can tell with the work that has been sent into me and class teachers. Thought of the week below:

Hard times are like a washing machine. They twist, turn and knock us around, but in the end we come out cleaner, brighter and better than before...



My Final thought for this week is how can we carry on Letting our Light Shine so all can see it throughout the next few weeks. You are all amazing and unique and this is why we can all make a difference to the world that we live in.



Let your light shine:

The things that we do show others our character. We are all unique.

We can all use our abilities to do good things that support and encourage those around us.

To do this we need to be active in seeking out the right things to do and following through to complete them.

A lighthouse is only useful if it is switched on!



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Communication during the School Day

I know you have had the newsletter and new work from your child's teacher this week and this has explained how work will be sent home each week via parent mail or the website. Please remember, they may be supervising children in school, looking after their own children or completing other aspects of a teacher's duties. They will aim to respond to e-mails within 24 hours.

School opening times this week.

The school office will be open Monday -Thursday from 9.00am -3.15pm for any enquires. The School will be closed this Friday for VE Day and will open up again for Key Workers and Vulnerable children on Monday 11th May. Please remember if you need anything at all then contact me at head@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk or Mrs Richardson at senco@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parent Communication - It's Good To Talk

It's lovely to hear that people are still keeping in touch via social media (What's App Groups). Please if you discover an issue e.g. communication from school not getting through, please choose ONE member of your group to get in touch with myself or school via email or phone. This means we can ensure that everyone in our school community gets our messages.



This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class

Nia Brown for her Rainbow Fish art using a CD

Nessa Furber for watching the Ruth Miskin online phonics 'speed sounds' and 'spelling' lessons

Louie Elliot for his fantastic 'teddy bear' nature picture

Mrs Read's Class

Lily-Rose Satchithananda for persevering with her maths.

Jessica Martin for her wonderful leaflet produced on Publisher about Charles Darwin.

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class

Frankie Sherwin for excellent commitment to all of the challenges set. Keep up the good work.

Rebecca Kay - for an excellent report on V.E day and V.J. day.

Freya Jones - for excellent creative ideas and fantastic work throughout all of our home learning tasks.

Mr Davies' Class

Isla Rowe - continuing to work hard at home and learning new skills.

Barney Goldrick - completing different topic challenges in new and unexpected ways.

Curtis Rayne - working hard on his home learning challenges with a smile on his face.

Miss Morris's Class

Will Goodwin for a brilliant model of Hamlet the elephant in DT

Tabitha and Rory Brampton for beautiful mehndi designs when learning about Hinduism.

Mr Blenkiron's Class

Archie Saunders for his excellent mixed-media River collage.

Seren Morgan for the effort she has been putting into writing book reviews and self-editing her spooky story

Niamh Roberts for her continual enthusiastic engagement with activities across the curriculum.

Mrs Bird's Class

Harry Meadows for using ambitious vocabulary in his writing.

Chloe Sherwin for doing purple pen improvements to all of her writing following her feedback from me.

Oliver Quigley for an extended piece of writing using beautiful joined handwriting.

Toby Nettleton for a brilliant piece of extended writing



You are all amazing and Shining Stars to everyone at school!



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Prayer to Share this week - We pray for all the families at Audlem St James CE Primary School

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my job. Not just the work I do in my job, but at home as well. The days have been so busy and I am trying not to feel overwhelmed. Please help me to stay focused and especially prioritize so my family does not suffer in Jesus name
AMEN!

UnveiledWife.com

School

All I can say that the children and staff this week have carried on being resilient and working hard on all the tasks that the teachers keep on setting them over the week. They have tried lots of different physical activities in the morning from Joe Wicks to Yoga which has been great way of starting the day.

The children in school have been very active in working on our bunting and posters for the VE Day celebrations and these are now up along Highfield Road.

On Monday we worked with Mr Hadfield again in Forest Schools which was great fun especially becoming fully fledged Into the Wild experts.

Stay at Home Heroes

Amethyst Class

This week in Amethyst class we listened to the story 'Rainbow Fish'. We set the task of counting the coloured spots, completing some 'Under the Sea' subtraction questions, playing 'I Spy' and writing a sentence about your favourite sea creature. Hopefully you have been able to access the free 'ebooks' on the Oxford Owl website. Maybe over the weekend, you could practise your drawing skills and watch a 'Draw with Rob' video on Youtube. Have a go at the 'Gregosaurus.' We enjoyed seeing what you have been upto including lots of subtraction work, drawing the scales back on Rainbow Fish, going on nature walks and even making Rainbow Fish using a CD. Look out on the website on our "Amethyst" class page next week for ideas for "week 6" at home.

Sapphire Class

This week has been a history week for Sapphire class. They have read text about Charles Darwin and how he studied plants and then they have written fact files using the information they had learnt. They have also been learning what VE Day means by watching videos and researching on the Internet. They experienced what it would be like to eat during the war by making wartime recipes and created decorations for their houses to celebrate on the VE Day anniversary. In Maths, they have been learning about doubles and making equal groups.

Pearl Class

During our History themed week, the children in Pearl Class have asked the questions: Why do we celebrate V.E. day? What happened leading to V.E. day? Did V.E. day signal the end of World War 2? They have created a timeline of events leading up to V.E. day and used accurate measures in weight when exploring War time recipes. Some children created a model spitfire and others used Morse Code to write secret messages.

Amber Class

This week, Amber Class have been putting their learning about the Ancient Egyptians to use as they have continued to write their Egyptian stories. After working on character and setting description, we have moved on to pulling this together and creating exciting stories set during the time of the Pharaohs! In Science we moved from friction to forces of attraction by investigating different magnetic materials and in RE we looked at the different Gods the Ancient Egyptians worshiped. We also completed a variety of tasks based on VE Day from wartime poetry and recipes to model building and creating decorations for the street parties we will be enjoying on Friday.



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Emerald Class

This week in Emerald class the children started the Maths topic of statistics. They practiced representing data on bar charts and line graphs and then using these representations to answer questions. In English they worked on comprehension questions for chapter 3 of Firework-maker's daughter. They also planned and wrote a character and setting description for a mysterious and mystical character. They worked on expanded noun phrases and up-levelling vocabulary using a thesaurus. In Geography they learned technical vocabulary to describe the features of a river and in Art they made watercolour and acrylic paintings of waterfalls using forks and sponges. For Music, they listened to a Scottish folk track and practiced playing or singing a single note over a whole bar whilst tapping a rhythm. They completed a selection of VE day related activities including learning the Charleston!

Ruby Class

This week in Ruby Class the children have been securing their knowledge of decimals and have begun to visit percentage and geometry in maths. In English, they have researched British wildlife, created word-banks and explored the use of onomatopoeia to help them write their Monkey-Man stories. They have researched the physical and human features of cities across the world and celebrated World Asthma Day. In Music, they learned about Beethoven and have begun to learn the lyrics to 'We'll Meet Again' in preparation for VE Day. As well as singing, the children have also begun to learn swing dancing moves, made bunting, written messages in Morse code, and made model war-time aeroplanes and VE Day- inspired cakes.

Diamond Class

In Year 6, this week began with an uplifting assembly with messages from Gavin Williamson MP and the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was good to have a time where we all thought about 'hope' and reminded us to have faith in better times to come. Diamond Class have also been learning about the life of Captain Tom and have been thinking about how one person can make a big difference. They have been writing thank-you letters to those they feel are trying to make a difference to the lives of others, no matter how small. They have also been learning how to create optical illusions and use their sketching pencils for art, and for Well-being, they have been thinking about how to cope with classwork in high school. In Science, they have been following the Oak National Academy and have been looking at how fossils provide evidence for evolution. The Battle of the Bands has continued this week between all boys and girls in the school. We shall find out on Friday who has won and certificates will be sent out.

TT Rockstars Challenge

At the present moment Boys V Girls challenge is going on across the whole school which was set by Mrs Bird. All I can say that it's very close with both of them being in the lead at some point this week.

Spotify Playlist for VE Day

To help everyone with their VE Day celebrations, the staff have put together an era-appropriate playlist on our brand new Spotify channel. We will be using this channel to create various playlists for use in school but may occasionally produce playlists for use at home - we will forward links on when this happens.

VE Day playlist link - https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6b4a2Vkk12PcZCpbafADmO?si=uQq9CUkdStms_NxrxJWFLg



VE Day Celebrations in Audlem

We have now finished our bunting and posters for the VE day celebrations on Friday. These are now on display along the side of the school on Heathfield Road. I hope that you can join us in this celebration and please do take photos as I would like to make a display in school of VE Day 75th Anniversary at Audlem. Have a wonderful day and send any photo's to:

head@stjamesaudelm.cheshire.sch.uk



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'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Mr Perry's Challenge of week

This week's challenge is a bit different to ones that I have set before. Most of them so far have been maths, science, history, geography, music or art based. Today is more English and PSICHE.

"Such a little thing can make such a big difference."

I would like you all to have a think about something that you could do that would make a positive difference to another person or other people. This doesn't have to be about raising money for charities, but it does have to be something that will have a positive impact on at least one other person. This person (or people) could be someone that you live with, a neighbour, or anyone else that you can think of. It also has to be something that is achievable.

I would love to hear your ideas.

Finally - take care and look after each other and ensure that we keep on talking and communicating to people that might not be able to get out. It's good to talk.

A.Perry