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We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners.

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Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the school in making a very unusual transition! Parents, thank you for your continued support in keeping your children at home to stay safe during this challenging time. Thank you also for all of your efforts in supporting your children with their learning activities. I have been delighted to see an array of photos and videos of their learning – both *right* and collage *below!*

Newsletter in 60 seconds!

- [Video version of Newsletter in 60 seconds here!](#)

Of course, none of our Home Learning would be possible without our excellent staff team, who have worked phenomenally to prepare for the partial-closure of the school. I am very proud of what we have managed to produce together. Thank you to members of the community who have sent very thoughtful messages to the staff – these have been very gratefully received at this very busy and challenging time. Another specific thank you to the staff that have been in school this week, working to provide care for those families involved in front-line COVID-19 work. In particular, a big thank you to Mr. Cuff, who has been running the operational side of school since last Wednesday, in addition to running some of our face-to-face classes and planning for his own class' home learning!



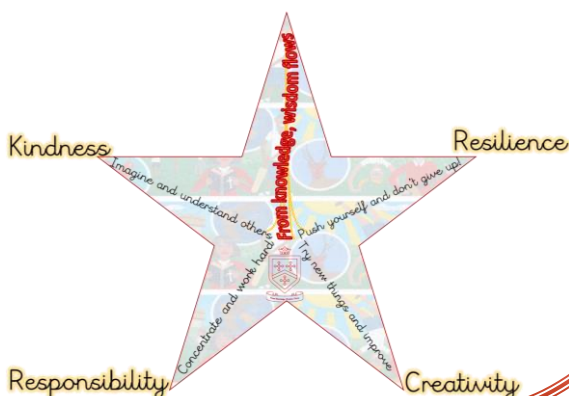
I'm not normally one to appear on film... but on the understanding that all our parents are having to take a leap of faith into home learning, I took a leap of faith in starting a school vlog. You can see the school's [YouTube Channel here](#) – you can subscribe to keep updated if you like! If you'd prefer, you can also view it on our school website [here](#). Miss Nairac has also been brave and recited a fantastic Y4 version of Michael Rosen's *The Register!* In the first entry to our vlog, I mentioned that staff will be reviewing the home learning on a weekly basis. Obviously, we have had to plan for something completely new and recognise we will need to continuously reflect on how we approach home learning. Staff will meet tomorrow afternoon to reflect on how everything is going! Next week, we aim to send a parent and child survey to capture your views.



As you will know, school is so much more than 5 activities per day (in-fact there are often a lot more learning activities – but that's not what I meant!) We recognise that the wider elements of school life are more difficult to think around making available remotely. **I would encourage you to explore our [Home Learning page](#) ... we have added a variety of wider opportunities.** In particular, we are launching a [Shelford Sing-a-Long!](#) Children, parents, carers, staff, church leaders, grandparents... our whole community are invited to take part in our Shelford version of 'When We're Together'. You can see all the details [here](#). If you read the lyrics carefully, you will notice why we have chosen this song! On another musical note, our choir have published some recordings from their last rehearsal [here](#), so you can enjoy familiar songs at home! Additionally, we have assigned [a page for our Instrumentalists' Concert](#) that was due to take place. We are dedicating this space to recordings (video or audio) of **all** our budding musicians. Please do send in your performances!

Watch on Friday for a version of celebration worship! **Please make nominations for Celia and Cyril [here](#).**

With best wishes, Chris Grey, Headteacher



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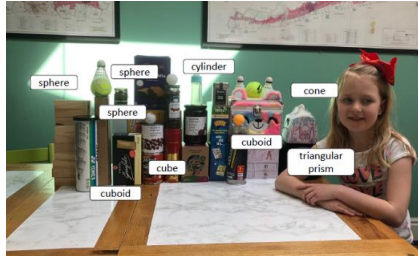


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Home Learning Collage – R, Y1 and Y2





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Announcements

Free School Meals

Those families entitled to free school meals (not universal infant free school meals), please get in touch if you would like the kitchen to provide a daily lunch.

Home from Home Class

Please let us know if you no longer require a day or provision. We are working with a rolling rota of staff and can adjust who needs to be in school if you keep in contact.

Class Pages and Home Learning

We aim to have our activities up by 9:00am each day. We sometimes have them on the afternoon before. We have also been working hard on emailing the materials out to support.



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