

Hartsbourne Herald



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Hello!

It feels as though I should be saying 'welcome back' but clearly that wouldn't be appropriate during times like these! However, it goes without saying that I hope you've all had a relaxed and restful Easter holiday and are managing to find ways to cope with these unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in. Hopefully the glorious sunshine we're enjoying is helping!

There is little doubt that we are living through anxious times and the level of information and misinformation surrounding us at the moment is certainly providing a challenge to our mental health. As parents, your role was already complex enough but now you're being asked to play the part of home educators as well as everything else you already do! I'm sure that a myriad of emotions has accompanied this change: you may be worrying that you're not teaching your children effectively or that they're falling behind, frustrated when they struggle to understand something, overwhelmed at having to juggle home learning with everything else going on in your lives. Believe me when I say that as educators, we are all too familiar with these emotions!

However, I believe it is worth remembering that all we, you or the children can do is our best. Teachers are working hard to try and provide work which is accessible for all and can be completed independently of any direct instruction, which is not something we usually have to do and has certainly taken us out of our comfort zones. We're also looking into the possibility of utilising Google Classroom to make your life as easy as we can. It will not be a perfect process but rest-assured we are constantly evaluating and attempting to improve. Please don't put undue pressure on yourselves or set expectations unrealistically high - do what you can, don't hesitate to contact us if you need to and above all, remember that the priority right now is to keep both yourselves and your children healthy, happy and safe. Soon enough this will all be behind us and life will return to normal (whatever that is!) so until that time, look after yourselves and remember that you are doing a sterling job in the face of uniquely difficult circumstances.

I hope that the fabulous examples of home learning contained within this newsletter serve as reassurance, inspiration or just a welcome escape from the worry and uncertainty around us. We are very proud of everything that has been produced thus far and excited to see what's more to come. Have a lovely weekend, keep well and stay safe.

Mr Harper and all the staff at Hartsbourne



Certificate of participation

This is to certify that

*Noah, Alec, Isaac, Dillon & Sienna, Olly,
Ashton & Levi, Megan, Jonah, Oliver and Ruben*

Completed a sponsored virtual relay run

On Monday 20th of April 2020

To help raise money for the NHS and save lives!



What a fantastic effort from Noah, Alec, Isaac, Dillon, Sienna, Olly, Ashton, Levi, Megan, Jonah, Oliver and Ruben! Inspired by Captain Tom Moore, they each ran 50 times round their gardens to raise money for the NHS! Their incredibly generous parents and friends donated a whopping **£780** to this most worthy of causes! Congratulations to everyone involved - an inspiring achievement!

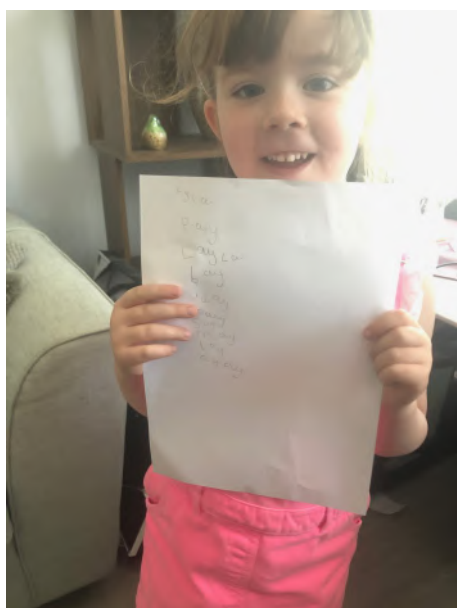
Like, Subscribe, Suggest!

It's great to hear that so many of you have been enjoying the videos on our YouTube channel, Hartsbourne Reads! We've certainly enjoyed the chance to read and recommend all manner of great children's books, and we would love to hear any suggestions from you for books we could read in the future! Please e-mail them to us at parents@hartsbourne.org.uk and we'll randomly draw one per year group as the next book each teacher will read!

Click the icon to visit the channel!



Phantastic Phonics!



A lovely long list of 'ay' words from Lyla!

The Little Chef!



Some delicious looking pizza from Neil!

A Tribute to the NHS!



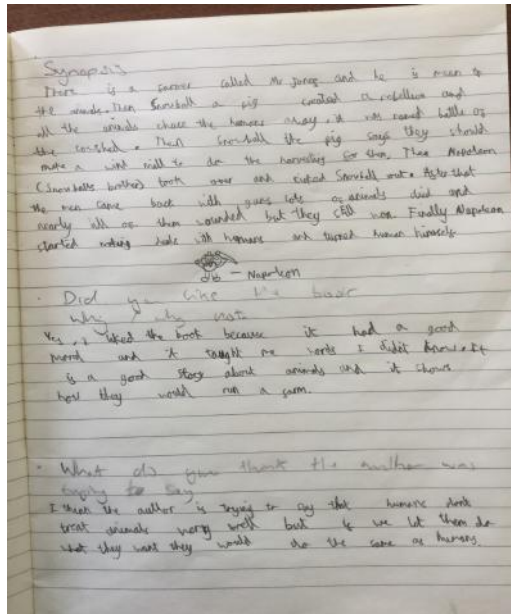
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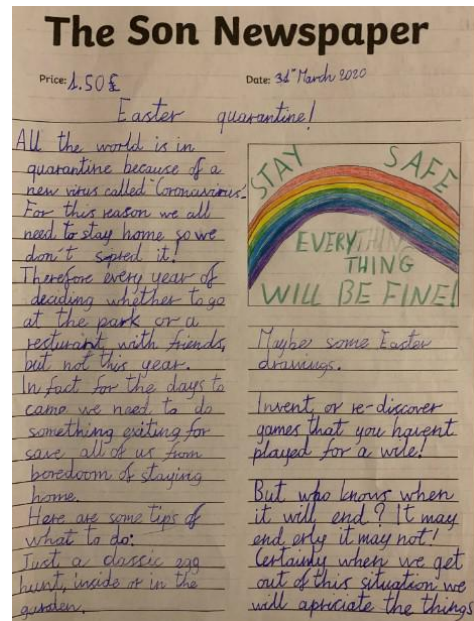
Beautiful pieces of artwork from Finley and Tobias thanking NHS workers!

All Animals Are Equal...?



A super review of 'Animal Farm' from Jonah - what a high-level text!

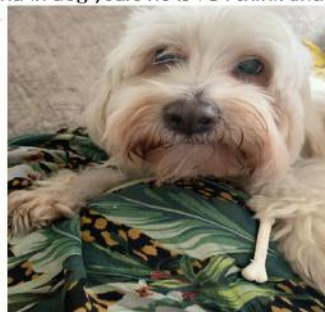
Read All About It!



A very professional newspaper report from Lorenzo about the pandemic!

All Creatures Great and Small!

He is a Tibetan terrier and in dog years he is 78 I think and in human years he is 12

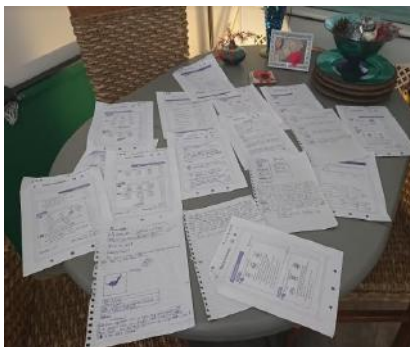


And this is my Cousins' puppy who is really crazy and really cute and she is also 1 year old and her name is Bo



A snippet from an amazing presentation from Ashton on animals and minibeasts!

A Very Busy Bee!



Frankie has done an incredible amount of work at home, and still found time for some cooking and visiting local animals! Fabulous stuff Frankie!

So, How Was Your Easter?



What a well-written Easter recount from Albie! Loads of exciting nature references and of course, a good amount of delicious chocolate eggs!

Very Hungry Indeed!



Brodie D has made this incredible version of The Very Hungry Caterpillar using leaves! Looks like he has definitely eaten his fill!

The Little Artist!



Terrific artwork from Brodie G - such precision and neatness with the colouring!

Cooking Up a Storm!



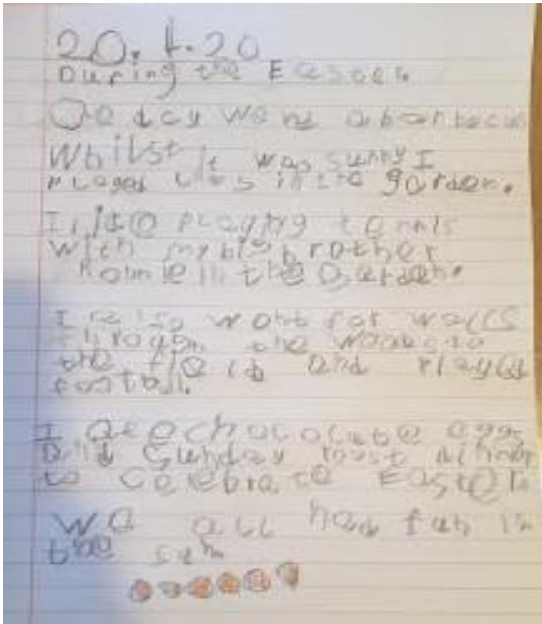
Mrs Hanbury has been teaching various students in Year 4 to cook all manner of scrumptious looking things via Zoom! Finished products have included flapjack, chocolate mug cakes and some superb looking pizzas! Masterchef clearly awaits!

Meanwhile, in Hartsbourne...



Mckenzie and Robbie has been very busy this week, not only completing their assigned work but also lots of lovely creative activities thanks to our fabulous teaching staff! Check out our card to Captain Tom Moore and NHS Rainbow!

More Radical Recounts!



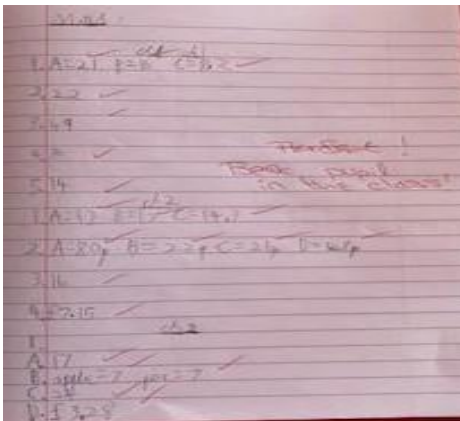
Superb recount writing from Mason, with especially impressive spelling!

A Cracking Easter Picture!



What an egg-cellent (sorry) drawing from Marshall!

Marvellous Maths!



Excellent maths from Trent - keeping those number skills sharp!

He's Got The Whole World... ...On His Floor?

Chase has drawn an outline of every single country in the world and coloured them in with their flag! He has even arranged them into continents! A career creating atlases surely awaits!



Proud to be Hartsbourne!

What a lovely piece of artwork from Terry - something to remember him by when he moves to Bushey Meads!





Wellbeing Advice



(with thanks to Mrs Roux and Queens' School)

BREAKING:

GETTING OUTDOORS **NOT CANCELLED**
 MUSIC **NOT CANCELLED**
 FAMILY **NOT CANCELLED**
 READING **NOT CANCELLED**
 SINGING **NOT CANCELLED**
 LAUGHING **NOT CANCELLED**
 HOPE **NOT CANCELLED**

LET'S EMBRACE WHAT WE **HAVE.**

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IT'S OK IF YOU'RE SCARED

Things are uncertain and quite frightening

You're scared because you care, and caring is never a bad thing - your feelings are real and valid



Sleep is a secret superpower

Put your tech to bed an hour before you



have the courage to be kind in a crisis



REMINDER

IF YOU FEEL OVERWHELMED, IT'S OK TO HIT PAUSE.

@SHINETEXT

TRUST in THE MAGIC OF NEW beginnings



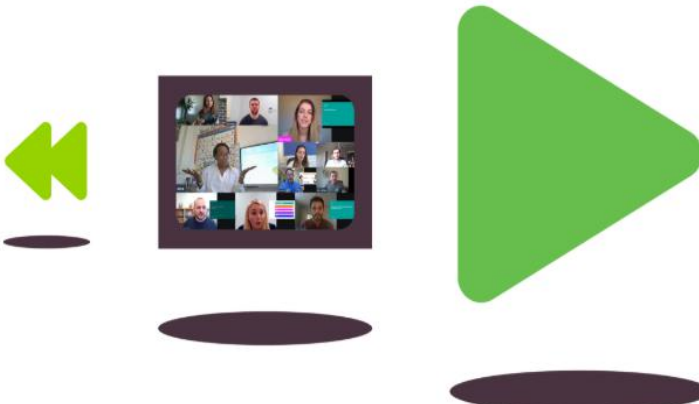


Extra Online Learning



If you're looking for other tasks to complete beyond what is being issued by teachers at the moment, we have heard very positive things about the following websites.

Click the images to visit their pages!



Oak National Academy
Supporting every teacher to support every pupil

[Online Classroom](#) [Meet Our Teachers](#)

BBC

Bitesize



Khan Academy