

Hartsbourne Herald



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Jessica C.'s Lockdown Poem :

It's been three months at home, I'm stuck
Missing school and my friends, feel out of
luck!

Lots of emotions go round in my mind,
Anger and sadness, it's all so unkind!
I try to be happy, do my work and play.
But it's all quite hard when at home I stay.
It hasn't all been bad, I've had some fun,
Playing in the garden when we've had the
sun!

I just wish lockdown will be over soon.
Then I will smile and be over the moon!

Amazing poem Jessica which deserves to be on the front page of our Newsletter! We miss all our children 'stuck' at home and, for once, can't wait for the holidays to be over and we can see you all again! There's more work from Jessica and Amelia on Page 3.

Tobey has sent in some amazing work over lockdown and this one is no exception! This is based on the picture 'The Scream' and demonstrates Tobey's excellent skills with brushwork! I hope you enjoy all the art facilities at secondary school Tobey!

COLLECTING PE BAGS AND BOOKS

Please use the lower gate and zig zag path and walk round onto the KS2 playground, where bags and books will be laid out in classes on Monday and Tuesday next week.

We won't be uploading work to the Google Classrooms but we will use them for homework next term so don't delete them!

Thank you so much for your gifts, kind words and support over the last few weeks, we appreciate everything you do to ensure your children are getting the best education possible.

We look forward to seeing you in September, refreshed and ready to go!!



With very best wishes for a peaceful and restful holiday and looking forward to seeing you all, from Mrs Hudson and the staff at Hartsbourne.



Our wonderful Year 6 with their Cycling proficiency certificates! CONGRATULATIONS Y6!!

DIARY DATES FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL

School Closes Friday	17.7.20
Virtual Transition Meetings	20/21/7.20
Collecting PE bags and books	20/21.7.20

The government have updated Covid-19 symptoms to the following:

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild. If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should self-isolate at home and follow medical guidance with regard to testing.

Please do not send your child to school with any symptoms.

SECONDARY TRANSFER DATES 2020	EVENT (YEAR 5 PUPILS)
Saturday 5th September	Academic test
Monday 7th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 11th/Tuesday 15th September	Queens' School sports aptitude test
Thursday 17th September	First round music scores to parents
Monday 21st September	Second round of music tests
Wednesday 14th October	Scores notified to parents
Saturday 31st October	Secondary application deadline

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE with regard to DfE Guidance:

DfE Guidance for schools: "They (schools) should also consider the potential risks inherent in broader social mixing outside school and communicate with pupils about not socialising with each other in groups outside school.

If it is customary for parents to gather in the playground or to enter the buildings to drop off or collect children **this should no longer be allowed, and neither should any gathering at the school gates to talk to other parents.** Parents should come into school buildings only when strictly necessary and by appointment.

Why we ask you to keep your child with you in the morning: This is to ensure your child sees you following all the rules that relate to transmission of COVID 19 and we reduce the risks that relate to first aid or even emergency hospital treatment, to the lowest level.

PLEASE help us with this by following all our protocols and home school agreements and the DfE Guidance.

Friday 10th July 2020

English: Summer

Vibrant flowers so bright and colourful,
The smell of sweetness hits my nose,
So merry and cheerful like a slower fairground.

Roses standing tall and proud,
Like soldiers standing to attention,
Looking around for something to do.

Grass so green like a velvet rug,
Soft and smells as if you're always sage.
And are never alone on your choices.

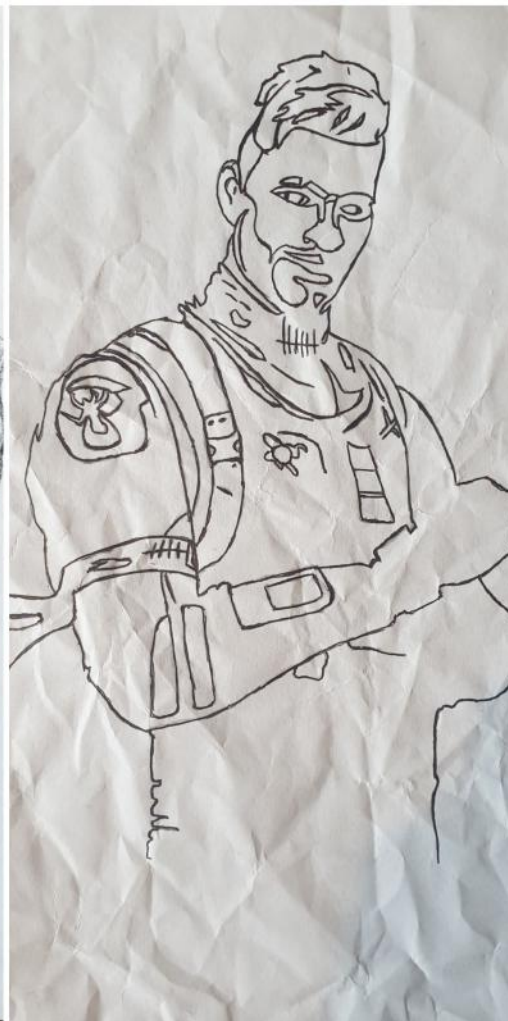


Jessica's free verse poem about summer and Amelia's version of Stonehenge (love the kinetic sand)! Wonderful work girls, we can't wait to have you back sharing all the great things you do with the class!



Marshall copied King Athelstan from a picture and then drew a scary self-portrait!

Wonderful use of shading and great pencil control Marshall.



Thursday 2nd July 2020

The Elves and the Cake Makers

A long, long time ago 2 cake makers, called Mr and Mrs Biscuit, lived in a house that was decorated like a cupcake. The roof even looked swirly icing!

They worked very hard every day, baking cakes and delicious treats for everyone in their town.

Unfortunately, about three months ago, there was a shortage of flour and they weren't able to make all their orders in time.

One night, after a hard and exhausting day Mr and Mrs Biscuit went to bed very sad as they hadn't finished any of their orders.

A few hours later, once they were fast asleep, 2 very caring elves, Brownie and Muffin entered their house and went into the kitchen. They had heard about the cake makers problem and the shortages, and really wanted to help.

Using their elf magic, they said a spell to make enough flour to make all the cakes and muffins that were needed for all the orders. They worked hard all through the night and were so tired when they had finished, but they were so happy with themselves. They left the house before Mr and Mrs Biscuit woke up.

The next morning, when Mr and Mrs Biscuit came downstairs, they were so surprised to see all the delicious treats in their kitchen that they hugged each other and cried with happiness.

"Wow!" said Mrs Biscuit, "Where did all these cakes come from?"

"I don't know," replied Mr Biscuit, "but how lucky are we!"

For the rest of the week, whenever Mr and Mrs Biscuit went to bed, Brownie and Muffin came back to their house and used more magic to make everything so tasty and beautiful.

Now everyone had their orders in time!



Amelia wrote her own story titled 'The Elves and the Cakemakers' and a postcard from the elves to the shoemakers (next page).

Tuesday, 30th June

WALT: Write a Postcard

Hi Mr and Mrs Cobbler,

We were so **EXCITED** to receive your postcard and to hear about your **FABULOUS** new shoe shop!!

Since we visited you and helped you make your shoes, we have been helping the bakers bake yummy cakes, delicious biscuits and amazing chocolate treats. We have a little nibble of each bake we make before we leave, just to check it's **YUMMY!** They don't know it's us elves making the cakes for them yet!

We are having lots of fun, but we do miss you both very much. Can we come and see you again soon? We would love to see the new shop.

Speak soon,
Clary, Pepper and Jas.



Elias planted his seeds and eventually harvested his crop! Well done Elias, you have 'green fingers' !!



Corona Ant Colony Update

This week, we treated our ants with a sprinkle of sugar. As you can imagine, the tiny sugar grains are a huge 'treat' to them! Since our colony is still very small, their intake of food is minute. The children were intrigued to hear how ants prioritise their food supply for safe keeping during the winter months as they are regarded as one of the best scavengers out there.

An ant colony works together to provide for the colony as a whole- that's marvelous teamwork for you! Did you know that ant colonies work together in a kind of hive mindset? If this sounds familiar to some species of wasp, that's because ants are related to wasps and likely shared a common ancestor millions of years ago.



Our wonderful 'key worker' group enjoying their last day in the Duck!

Edie, Lana and Max spent the morning doing conservation work on Stanmore Common.

They spotted an elephant hawk moth in the bracken!



Aimee made this wonderful sketch following a You Tube tutorial.

Beautiful work Aimee!

