



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had another good week. We started the week with a bit of snow which I am sure you all took advantage of last Sunday. I saw lots of people building snowmen and igloos on Chesham Bois Moor and I know there was the odd snowball fight. Monday, I have to say was one of the saddest days for me since this pandemic started because I love seeing the children in school playing in the snow. However, by then if I'm going to be honest the snow wasn't really sticking together enough to make a good snowball.

We have finished this week with the news that schools won't be back straight after half term. Although extremely frustrating, it is probably best to get to a point where schools will be reopening for good. At the start of this whole thing, I never would have dreamt that schools would still be affected by this pandemic a year after the first closure. However, in the grand scheme of things a year isn't as long as it probably feels, and I'm sure in six months time this will just be a distant memory. One thing is for certain, is that we will appreciate our freedoms and the things we have a lot more. Maybe that is the plan.

Once again, please make sure you don't put too much pressure on yourselves. If you are finding this difficult, remember you are not the only one. There are many people feeling just the same and the most important thing is that we get to the other end with a positive outlook. Remember, the work we are setting is there to help you keep some structure and purpose to the children's day. It will never be the same as being in school and it is not meant to be the same. As a parent, I would really emphasise the basic skills. These are some things they can be doing more of than they would normally be able to:

- Reading
- Playing Board Games
- Solving puzzles
- Practising times tables or spellings
- Learning new hobbies


Please also remember the children's Doodlemaths passwords also work with Doodleenglish, DoodleTimesTables and Doodlespell. I would especially recommend Doodlespell as I know spelling is something we have been focussing on over the last few years. A reminder about the Doodle Apps can be found here: [DoodleBundle.pdf \(doodlemaths.com\)](#)

If anyone is struggling with accessing the work because of a lack of suitable devices please let me know. We are going to get a few laptops from the DFE eventually and we have been given a few laptops which we can pass on. If you can only access the work through a tablet or phone let us know. We can't promise anything but we can prioritise families and get laptops to you whenever possible. This includes if you have a number of children sharing one device.


On a similar note, if you are using mobile data to access the work rather than wireless, there is the opportunity for us to obtain more data for you so email the office and we will see what we can do.


Have a great weekend

God bless,



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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** This is the saddest day in school since all this began. I wish you were all going to be here to enjoy the snow. #OLSSnow. Make sure you make the most of the rest of the snow this morning

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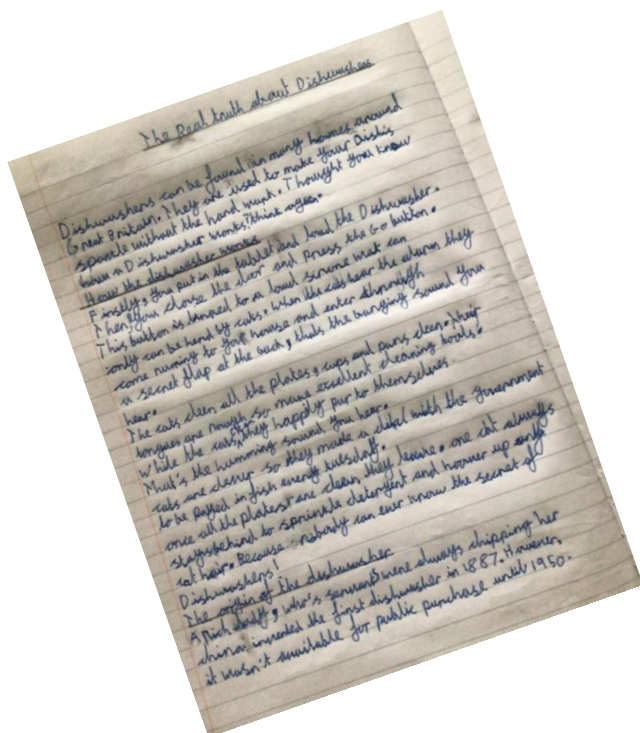
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2 DAYS AGO

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## #OLSHappyHomeSchool

This is a selection of work chosen by the teachers for today's Good News Assembly. Well done everyone! Working at home is very intense and much harder than in school. I am proud of everything that all the children are doing:





## Safeguarding

As children are at home during lockdown, they are probably online or in front of screens a lot more than normal. It is really important that we use this time to teach our children about being safe online and using the wonderful technology we have responsibly. Net-aware have produced these tips for to help.

[8 tips for keeping your kids safe online during lockdown \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)

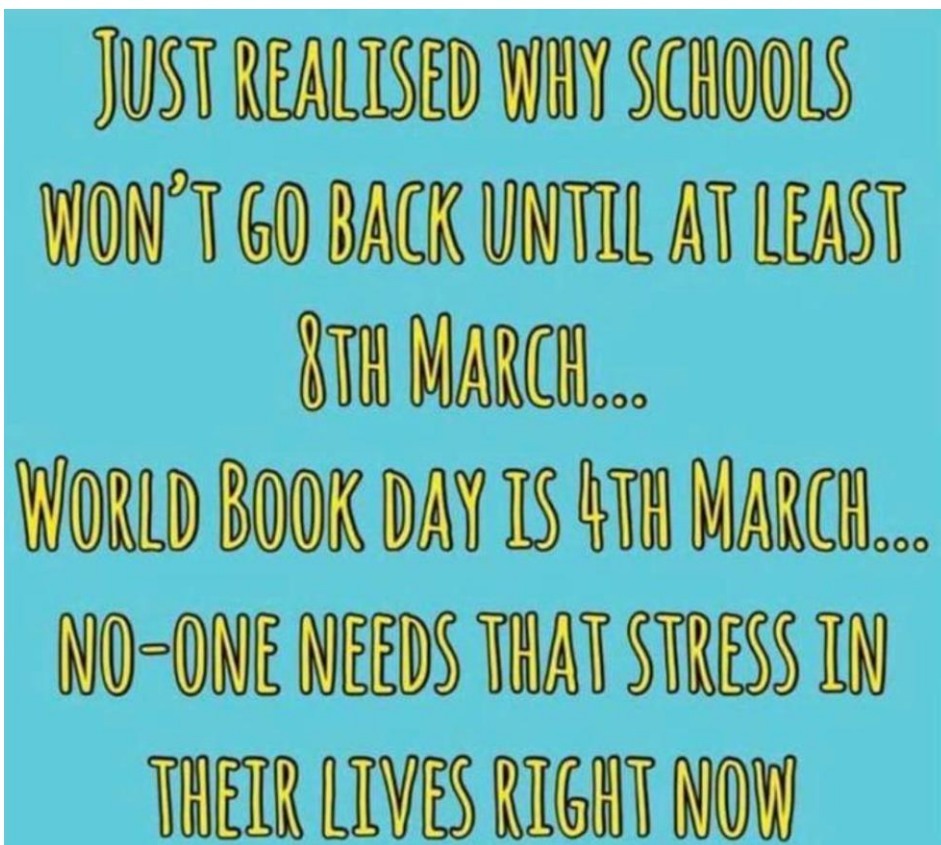
## Critical Worker – Forest Schools

Please will parents of critical workers make sure their children have wellies and warm clothes next week to work with Paul Stack from the Chiltern Rangers. He will be working with the Key Stage 2 children on Monday and then Reception and Key Stage 1 on Tuesday.

Thank you

## Just For Fun

The announcement that schools wouldn't be back fully until the 8<sup>th</sup> March was very frustrating but this did make me laugh



## **Top Doodlers**

The top 3 classes for earning stars over the last week on the Doodle Apps are:

	DoodleMaths		DoodleTimesTable		DoodleEnglish		DoodleSpell	
<b>Gold</b>	Year 3	1246	Year 3	188	Year 3	276	Year 3	889
<b>Silver</b>	Year 1	955	Year 1	131	Year 5	62	Year 1	523
<b>Bronze</b>	Year 5	932	Year 4	125	Year 2	55	Year 5	205

As you can see Year 3 are smashing it!!!!!!

## **Accelerated Reader**

Top readers this term

Words Read	
<b>Year 5</b>	1, 663, 018
<b>Year 6</b>	1, 161, 132
<b>Year 4</b>	855, 057
<b>Year 3</b>	116, 761

Children who have already read over 100, 00 words this half term

### **Year 4**

Lucy  
Alex  
Amelia  
Ula

### **Year 5**

Buddy  
Charlie  
Ben  
Amelia  
Robert  
Callen

### **Year 6**

Sarah  
Olivia  
Gabriel  
Malachi  
Filip