



PARENT BULLETIN WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2020

Message from the **Principal**

I hope you are all staying as safe and well as you can. This will likely be the first of a few correspondences this week. Prior to Friday, I plan to send out details of our plans to commemorate VE Day and celebrate our Key Workers, despite not being at school, so please look out for that.

We are also aware that media speculation is increasing around easing some lockdown restrictions and the possible re-opening of schools. We are expecting some announcements on Thursday, but probably more realistically on Sunday and I reiterate the point I have made before, not to pay too much attention to press speculation.

Whatever the announcements, please be reassured that we are planning for many different scenarios and our understanding is that we will have time between any school announcement and more students returning, so please don't panic and wait for us to get in touch.

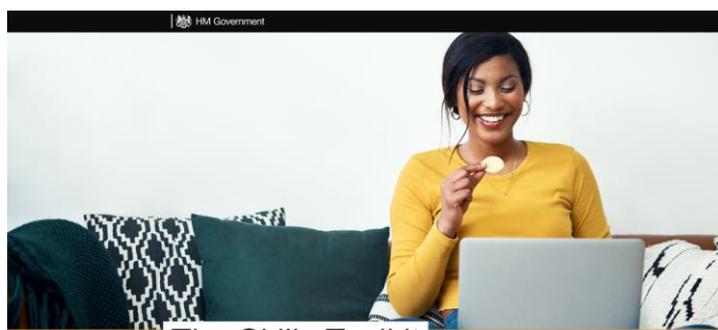
There are many questions we will all have about the logistics of the re-opening of schools, and we will take the time to talk through all of these with you as and when the time is right. Despite the speculation it is still very possible that for many children, returning to school in the traditional way, is still some way off.

Take care and stay safe. Shaun Simmons

Online **Workplace Skills**

The DfE have announced a series of free online courses aimed at giving people the skills to get into, or back into, the workplace. These might be useful for some Year 11 or P16 students or even some older siblings or parents who, by no fault of their own, are struggling to make themselves more employable during this difficult time.

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>



The Skills Toolkit

Free digital and numeracy courses to build your skills.

Speakers for **Schools**

Students can now access the wide variety of talks for free by accessing the 'Virtual Talks Library'.



Wellbeing **Wednesdays**

Our staff are trying to take some time to look after our own wellbeing once per week. Feel free to take part. This week the idea was 'draw around your hands and then decorate them. Simple!



Online **Safety**



Our third **#OnlineSafetyAtHome** pack is now available with new activities for parents and carers to use at home! Access them here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/14-plus/>



Celebration of Students

Well done to Jo, taking the theory learned in Science and applying it in practice, taking pumpkin seeds from last year, saving them and growing them, also growing marrows and broad beans! Your Science teacher is very proud!



The primary school children in school continue to be wonderfully creative. This is some of what they produced on St George's Day:



Fantastic!

Celebration of Staff

Thank you so much to 'Grab a Spoon' for the kind donation to the staff who continue to work so hard to support our community. It was very much appreciated!



Celebration of Students

This piece of Art produced at home by Luca in Year 8 is one of the most impressive pieces of work I have seen by a student of any age at any school. Well done!



Ethan took the initial Drama project to create a basic paper puppet and has created this amazing sock puppet – learning the basic sewing skills on the way – working independently to finish it. Well done!





Things to do for FUN during lockdown!

Visit the Theatre



The music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

When: Friday Evening at 7:00pm

What: Full version of different shows are being streamed and remain available for 48 hours via the Youtube channel [The Shows Must Go On!](#)

The National Theatre

When: Thursdays at 7:00pm

What: A range of different plays will be streamed live and available for 7 days until the next play is streamed. Find out more on the [National Theatre](#) Youtube channel.

The Globe Theatre

Shakespeare's Globe will be releasing some productions for free. The shows are Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Winter's Tale, The Two Noble Kinsmen and The Merry Wives of Windsor (2019). Plays started on 6th April and will be changed every 2 weeks.

Watch some Shakespeare in your own home - [Shakespeare's Globe](#) Youtube channel.

Museum Visits



British Museum, London

More than eight million artefacts can be found inside the British Museum and most of them can be viewed online. Two of the galleries have digital versions: Prints and Drawings, from artists including Degas and Henry Moore, and Oceania.

Natural History Museum, London



Wander the museum's halls from the comfort of your own home, inspecting the butterflies, birds, beasts and fossils in the collections up close. An interactive online guide includes insights into some of the 80 million specimens.

Victoria & Albert Museum, London



Journey through 5,000 years of human creativity in its online collections, which encompass everything from ancient Chinese ceramics to Alexander McQueen evening dresses.

Science Museum London



Visit the London Science Museum. Select the different areas you would like to visit. This is a walk through the halls.

Activities / Days Out

Hike to the moon

Join Bear Grylls and Tim Peake on a hike to the moon

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/news/2020/april/three-ways-to-supercharge-your-hiketothemoon/>



Cook along with Theo

Every Monday - Wednesday - Friday @ 4:00pm

<https://www.theocooks.com/kids-cookalong-live/>



Disney World



[Virtual Disney World](#) Youtube channel - experience the thrills of the rides at Disney World

Visit a Zoo

Visit ZSL London Zoo, meet the various animals and keepers.

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/virtual-london-zoo>



Jamie's Farm

Keep in touch with what's happening with our friends at Jamie's Farm. There's updates from the different farms as well as cookery demonstrations.

<https://jamiesfarm.org.uk/jamies-farmers/bringing-jamies-farm-to-you/>



Creative stuff



Origami

Master the art of folding paper to create different shapes - what will you make?

<https://www.origamiway.com/>

Anime and Manga

Learn how to draw a range of characters in Manga style

<http://www.supercoloring.com/drawing-tutorials/anime-manga>



Cartoon Characters

Learn to draw a range of cartoon characters from Cinderella to Snoopy

<http://www.supercoloring.com/drawing-tutorials/cartoon-characters>



Draw with Rob

Draw alongside author and illustrator Rob Biddulph, who's written books including Grrrrr! about a bear called Fred who loses his growl

[Draw with Rob](#) Youtube channel

