



May is Mary's month. A time of renewal and new hope! In school, we would be marking the month with our May processions and reciting the Rosary. You can join with others around the diocese by reciting the rosary together on a Friday at 10:30, or at time which suits you. <https://youtu.be/la--sRTzxx4>

We have now been running Seesaw for a week, and we have received some very positive feedback. It's been lovely to see how much work the children are managing to complete and staff are all sharing the best ways they have tried to make this really interactive. This platform has given us the chance to begin to cover new topics with the children but, as we have said from the start, there is no pressure from us for you to do specific work at specific times. We know from the emails and phone calls we have had that some of you struggle with equipment, with Wi-Fi and with printers. We know that many of you have to juggle your own work around supporting your children. Please do what you can, when you can and let us know if there are specific things we can help with. We will sort out any gaps when the children return to us.

We will continue to set work via the website to be uploaded to Seesaw. Now that there are several weeks' worth of work, we will be archiving older work, but on a page you can still access if you need to. There is a small arrow above the date column of the work table which sorts the work into date order- I always use this when I am printing work for the children in school!

Weather permitting; we will try to change books next week. We will place the books outside the school and you can collect them during the day (9:15-3:00). If you would like to change your child's reading book, please exchange your current book with those in the named wallets. Please maintain social distancing and make the journey part of your daily exercise.

Monday: Foundation stage

Tuesday: Yr 1

Wednesday: 2A

Thursday: 2J

If it is raining, the exchange will not be able to take place.

If you are not able to make it to school, then <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/> has reading scheme books you can access at home.

StarLine

A national helpline has been set up for parents and carers struggling with home-



schooling and managing child behaviour during the Covid-19 crisis.

Free, confidential advice is available six days a week by phoning the StarLine team on 0330 313 9162. StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly programme on YouTube, sharing practical ideas for home learning.

Further details can be found on the StarLine website www.starline.org.uk or follow [@StarLineSupport](https://twitter.com/StarLineSupport) on Twitter.

There is also good advice from the Educational Endowment foundation which can be accessed here (https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/blog-four-tips-for-a-smooth-home-learning-routine/?mc_cid=6f9a910b84&mc_eid=7069198325) which may help in making learning easier.

We had a phone call this week from the Chipping Barnet food bank, based at the church of Mary Immaculate and St Peter. If you would like us to refer you we are able to do this-or you can contact them directly on 0808 2082138. The address is: Mary Immaculate and St Peter,63 Somerset Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 1RF

Next Friday, May 8th is the Bank holiday to commemorate VE day; you might like to take part in this to mark the day? <http://www.bigpicnicforhope.com> There will be no work set for the bank holiday.

Times Table Rock Stars Class Challenge (Years 2, 3,4,5,6)

We are so pleased that many of the children have been playing on Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Big thumbs up from Mrs.Frost!

We have a new weekly challenge! **Which class can earn the most coins?**

We are going to announce the top three classes each week. The winners will get 15 minutes extra break time each week as the teachers will set 15 minutes less work for that class. This will start on Monday and will be a rolling challenge with weekly totals of coins being counted each Monday.

How much time should they spend?

We recommend that children spend **3 minutes daily** in the **Garage** section if they are learning their Times Tables. This is **3 x 1 min games**. If they know their Times Tables then the other areas, like Rockslam and Studio, will improve their speed. The Arena area is also helpful as they can play games at their own level with other class members. Some teachers will be setting specific times for this on Seesaw so the children can play each other. Certain children enjoy the Garage more if they turn the



timer off as this reduces the pressure. You can do this in your child's My Account section. You can also turn music on.

What do the different areas on TTRS mean?

Garage - Set to child's own level - single player

Studio - All times tables - single player

Sound Check - set out like the government's new multiplication check (25 questions)

Festival - All times tables - can play others

Arena - Set to child's own level - can play others

Rockslam - All times tables - can play others

Who sets my child's level?

The majority of children are set onto "Automatic Training Mode" which means the computer sets questions appropriate to their level depending on answers they get correct. There are 420 levels. Every four weeks or so (depending on how often children are on it and how fast they are progressing) children will be set a "Gig" where the Garage icon normally is. This gives them all the Times Tables to answer for 5 minutes to gauge their progress so they are set on the right "Automatic Level".

My child doesn't like Times Tables Rock Stars?

We know that all children have different learning styles and these printable times tables games might be another way you can work with your children. These ludo style games are a free resource on Twinkl - you just need to register for a free account.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-m-2397-times-tables-games>

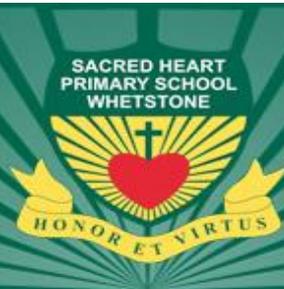
This website has songs they can dance

to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

If any parents need help with this please contact Mrs.Frost via the office.

Times Tables Rock Stars Information for Year 2 only

From 8am Monday morning we will switch all children in Year 2 to Automatic Training Mode which means each Year 2 child will need to complete a "Gig". This mode is recommended for all children by TTRS and allows each child to progress at their own speed. **This means the next time Year 2 children log on after 8am this Monday 4th they will be presented with a gig to complete which takes 5 minutes and asks them all the times tables to gauge their level. It would be very useful if a parent could sit with them to complete this for two reasons - 1. They need to complete the full 5 minutes to be able to be put onto the right level and 2. It will be asking them times tables they do not necessarily know so it is reassuring to have an adult to say - just try the next one and leave that one.** After that they can just continue as normal (unsupervised) in the garage as they have currently been doing already. We would have normally done this Gig at the school with the children.



You do not need to complete this gig before any specific time - it will just come up automatically the next time you log on after 8am Monday 4th.

Parents Association

RAISING FUNDS TO PROVIDE VISORS TO FRONT LINE NHS STAFF

We always knew that Chris and Emily Grilli (parents to Ollie, 4A) were pretty special when you see how much they support our school and make the Christmas Grotto such a wonderful experience for all our children. It is therefore no surprise that during lockdown they, together with the support of family and friends, have been incredibly busy making visors for our wonderful NHS staff. The whole process started when four fabulous and generous Sacred Heart families started the ball rolling by buying a 3D printer each. With donations, more printers and materials were able to be bought so that an amazing 900 visors were being produced each week. However, this was a drop in the ocean in comparison to the requirements of the NHS, so the Grilli's continued to fundraise in order to start producing the parts through an injection moulding process (no idea what this is either but I'm sure Ollie will explain if asked). Chris then successfully managed to secure his employer's help so Nissan Manufacturing became involved and an astounding 50,000 visors are now being made each week!

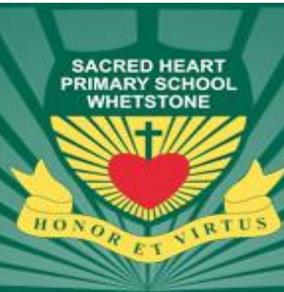
The visors they are producing have, so far, been sent to the following hospitals: Addenbrooke's Hospital, Barnet General, Boston Hospital, Chelmsford Hospital, Good Hope Hospital, Hammersmith Hospital, High Wycombe Hospital, Kingston Hospital, London Ambulance Service, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Northwick Park, Queen Charlotte & Chelsea, Queen Elizabeth Birmingham, Royal Free, Royal Derby Hospital, Sheffield Northern General Hospital, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, The Royal London Hospital, UCLH, UHCW, Walsall Hospital, Warwick Hospital and Whipps Cross Hospital so their incredible work is already out there and impacting our community every single day. For more information, please see www.nhsfacevisorsupplies.co.uk

ROGERS REMOVAL: FOOD BANK COLLECTION INITIATIVE

Rogers Removals, who have also been supporting the above by delivering visors and have always been great supporters of Sacred Heart's fundraising, are also involved in an initiative to get food to Food Banks which, as you know, are suffering at the moment.

The idea is that they will drop a box at your door, you fill it with food (there is a list but items such as UHT milk, pasta, tinned fruit, tinned soup, beans, etc) and they then collect it on the Saturday and drop it to a Food bank. It's 100% contactless. To participate, all you need to do is email your address to

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dennis@rogersremovals.co.uk. If you don't think you can fill a box then maybe you can ask friends and neighbours to drop food in the box on your doorstep?

200 CLUB

Winners of March's 200 Club were:

£125: Andrea Chang

£50: Stef Valenti

£25: Jane Cubbidge

Congratulations to the winners - cash will be with you soon - and look out for the April winners soon to be announced on our Facebook page "Sacred Heart Families". Take care.

The 'STAY AT HOME' logo is on a yellow background. It features a stylized door icon to the left of the text 'STAY AT HOME' in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

The 'PROTECT THE NHS' logo is on a blue background. The text 'PROTECT THE' is in white, and 'NHS' is in white inside a blue rectangular box.

The 'save lives' logo is on a red background. It features a white heart icon to the left of the text 'save lives' in white, lowercase, sans-serif font.