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DATES

The Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas) is celebrated on 2nd February and marks the end of 40 days of Christmas.

Thursday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Monday 15th February -
Friday 19th February
HALF TERM

Wednesday 17th February
Ash Wednesday

Music Activities

Suggestions from Ms Molloy

1. Chrome Music Labs is so much fun! <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>
I particularly love Song Maker, Kandinsky and Melody Maker.
2. PBS Kids has LOTS of Music games - really fun and interactive and lots of different themes (more suitable for EYFS to Year 3) <https://pbskids.org/games/music>
3. The Magic Flute Orchestra game teaches children all about the different instruments in the classroom <http://www.musicgames.net/livegames/orchestra/orchestra2.htm>

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the majority of children are not in school, we will be sending a newsletter fortnightly rather than weekly and we will try to include resources which will hopefully be helpful to you all at home.

As always, thank you for the ongoing support from families.

Best wishes,
Ms Day

Under Fives

Bright Start Islington offer lots of activities and support online for children and families aged 0-5.

Activities for children include online 'Story and Song' sessions and 'Zumba Workshops' and for parents include sessions ran by Speech and Language therapists and NHS led 'Sleep Workshops'.

The link to the page is here [Bright Start Islington](#)

Typing Skills Practice

Developing typing skills

<https://www.typing.com/student/lessons>

Sunday Gospel

Mark 10 Mission have created videos for each of the Sundays this term. They also have a new addition – a mission linked to each Sunday's Gospel.

See [Sunday Gospels Term 3](#) and [Weekly Missions Term 3](#)



First News Online

We know that children love to know what is going on in the news and we usually provide their classes with a child friendly newspaper called First News in Key Stage 2. We are delighted to say this publication has now been made free to all whilst the school has closed so please click [this link](#) to allow your child to read more about the news through this weekly service.

Additional Learning Resources

For those of us wanting to learn more while we are at home, the [BBC](#) are making daily lessons online via their [Bitesize](#) series, and [RaspberryPi](#) provide children and adults a platform to develop their knowledge more on how technology works. They provide some excellent videos of technology being put into action.

Staying Safe Online

Whilst technology has been brilliant during the pandemic, children do continue to face risks spending time online. There are a number of websites which provide useful information on how to keep children safe online. [Child Net](#) offers advice for parents and interactive sessions for children to identify how to stay safe, whilst the [NSPCC](#) continues to support with their online advice portal.

E Books

Islington Library Service are offering a fantastic e-book service. Please see the email from Miss Daniels on Wednesday 13th January for how to access the books.

Follow us on Twitter @stjeN1

Class News this week

Sun Class – Nursery

Thank you to all the children in Sun Class who have uploaded videos of themselves singing, telling stories and going on shape and letter hunts. I have been so impressed by all your activities at home and how hard you are working. This week I would like to mention a few superstars, Archie, Olivia, Gaia and Ava who have put in so much effort with their online work. Keep up the great work everybody.

Moon and Stars Class – Reception

Hello Stars and Moon! We are both so proud of all the work you have been uploading to SeeSaw. We can see how hard you are working at home, keep it up! This week we have started to learn our new Talk for Writing story 'The Sleepy Bumblebee'. We have explored the STAR words 'munching' and 'looked' and have also started to learn the 'beginning and build-up' sections of the story. Please keep uploading videos of you acting out the story! Remember to keep active each day and take part in the physical activity each morning. Next week, for our RE home learning we will be learning about our 'Parish family' and what celebrations take place in our Church. We will be exploring the different celebrations and what they mean within the Church and also talking about our own experiences. We will have some time to reflect on these celebrations and why they are important to us and the Church. Please talk with your child about your local Church.

Mercury Class – Year 1

Mercury Class have been working so hard at home and at school. Children are producing amazing pieces of work and I have been very lucky to see most of the children on Zoom. I am very much looking forward to seeing the children again on Zoom next week.

Venus Class – Year 1 and 2

The children have been working so incredibly hard in their home learning and the work they have produced so far has been fantastic. Well done to Molly and Maddie who are on before 9am everyday and ready to learn. This week we have finished our English topic 'Bob the Bubble' and are now moving on to our new English story 'Amazing Grace'. This is a story about a little girl who overcomes lots of challenges!

Earth Class – Year 2

Thank you so much for all the effort you are putting into your home learning. This week we have been doing a range of activities, such as Time for Maths; Reading 'Avocado Baby' and for English all about 'Bob the Bubble'. I've been really impressed by the different ways you are showing your learning, through voice recordings, videos and photos. This is really evident in the wonderful work you have created in English (puppet shows), in Art (all about Frida Kahlo), in RE (drawing your favourite Bible stories), PSHE (all about me posters) and Topic (flag art). Next week we will be moving onto the wonderful story of 'Amazing Grace'. In Maths, we will be looking at addition. We will be looking at another artist (I can't wait to see your wonderful creations). Keep up the amazing work!

Mars Class – Year 3

A huge well done to everybody who has been accessing home learning. I want to say a big thank-you to Jaiden and Suzan who are putting a huge effort into EVERY single piece of work they do and it is at such a quality standard. Everybody keep up all of the hard work. It was so lovely seeing some of you on Zooms this week - hope to see more of you next week.

Jupiter Class – Year 3 and 4

Jupiter have been doing really amazing work online - well done! In topic we have been learning all about Britain From the Air. We're doing lots of map-work and have found landmarks in our local area of Islington and London. We've drawn our own maps and bird's-eye views. In English we've been writing amazing poetry using the poem Dragon's Wood, and next week we'll move onto a new text called "The Great Kapok Tree". We've been keeping really active and doing fitness and exercise every day - we know it's so important to keep our bodies active and healthy. Lots of us have been finishing our work day with some yoga – myself included! We've so enjoyed our P4C Google Meets and are already looking forward to next week's. Remember to join Google Meet wearing your best "hat-that's-not-a-hat". I'm so very proud of all of you!

Saturn Class – Year 4 and 5

It was lovely to see so many of you on our Google Meets session. It was brilliant to catch up with you and play the memory game! This week we have been learning lots about the different planets in our solar system. A big shout out to Felice for his wonderful work in Maths this week, I can tell you have been working hard at home.

Neptune Class – Year 5 and 6

I am so proud of Neptune and the amazing work and interaction during home learning. I have been very impressed with Macail and Allegra's quality of work all week. Macail did an amazing job using decimals and Allegra created a spooky suspenseful opening using the word fear. Well done Neptune Class!

Pluto Class – Year 6

Pluto have been working hard these last couple of weeks, tackling fractions, percentages and decimals. We've also started a new text, called The Caravan and we seem to be enjoying it, even if the characters are a bit irresponsible! Thank you to all those in Pluto who are working extremely hard, completing all the work to the best of their ability and asking for help when they need it. Well done in particular to Aiden, Charlie, Gabriela, Jack, Lily-Mai, Olivia, Princess and Skye for always completing all of their work and responding to feedback. Thank you to all of Pluto for working so hard even though you'd all rather be in school with your friends.

Parents coffee mornings via Zoom

Kim Connor, our Inclusion Leader, is currently working with CAMHS to set up and run a fortnightly coffee morning via Zoom for parents to catch up, have a chat and share/seek advice about all things to do with home-schooling and anything else you wish to have a talk about! As many of you will know, CAMHS stands for "Child and Mental Health Service" and a regular meet-up like this (with CAMHS clinicians and Ms Connor) can be tailored to cover all sorts of topics you would find helpful e.g. children's worries about the pandemic. Ms Connor is aiming to start these meetings on Tuesday 2nd February at 10:00-11:00am and will send a confirmation of this date and time and some more information in the next week.