

Email to parents 1.5.20

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that your families continue to be safe and well. Thank you for your continued support with home learning -children continue to produce some fantastic work. I loved seeing the beautiful art work from Shakespeare class this week.

Many of you have already seen and completed the survey that was sent out yesterday. If you have missed it, we ask you to take a few minutes to complete it to help us to know more about home learning. The survey is on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FoBS4RTiUOPNpLTSILy2kjSSp5YV2NRGDvbLZvQwch8/viewform?edit_requested=true

Your comments have been very helpful so far and teachers are reflecting on any changes that need to be made to the home learning activities. Most of you are happy with what is being sent home, some of you want more and some want less!

Some of you have said that it is difficult to motivate children to do much learning at home. Please do not worry. Your child's emotional wellbeing and safety is the priority at the moment. We know that each family situation is different – just do what you can. The work that is sent out is a guide – you can pick from any of the activities or do your own thing. There is certainly no requirement to complete it all.

You may like to have a look at the attached sheet for some wellbeing, non-screen activities for the whole family to do. There's an activity each day in May. I think I will be try to do these too!

Remember that if you have any concerns or questions or need your child to attend school please email stbarnabas@york.gov.uk or send a dojo message to the teacher.

Look after yourselves and stay safe.

With best wishes

Miss K Boardman

Headteacher

Other links that may be of interest.....

Bible Story Art

This half term YoYo was due to visit schools with 'Create'; a workshop using art to explore the Bible. As they can't go into schools this year, they have a different project for families to take part in at home.

They would like to encourage churches and families at home to create something to put in their windows that will be part of a local trail which households can do as part of their daily exercise. Each piece of art in an area would be linked to a theme/Bible story. Families would then download a map of their local trail, with some questions to answer along the way. This would be a good way to combine learning more about faith with exercise.

Here is a link to a video on the YOYO website explaining how it will work: <http://www.yoyotrust.org.uk/create>

The British Library have some great art and creative activities related to well-known children's books. <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books>

An interesting article about children's brains and learning

<https://sites.google.com/stem.org.uk/science-of-learning-at-home/introduction>