## 'Growing together at the Heart of God's Community'

1st May 2020 - Our "Value for life" is Humility

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2



#### Head Teacher's Hello

A big wave to all children parents and carers,

In our Glazebury family, we are working together with the hope that everything we do now in these moments of self-isolation will help everyone. **Hope, gives purpose**, and we can see hope in many forms, helping us to deal with problems, such as being on our own, not being with friends, falling out with those close to us, shouting and crying. These are all quite natural things that happen in life especially now and the **hope we nurture together** will help to see the end of these uncertain times and some resolution to our problems.

You are planting hope in our Glazebury family and we want to also help plant knowledge alongside you. Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned from 1974 to 1990, and he said, "Let our choices reflect our hopes and not our fears"

We are out delivering home learning packs today and Monday (4.5.20) please give a big wave from your window if you can. We miss you all but know this will not be forever, **we are still here for you.** 

The home learning packs are here to help you **keep a routine** in your day, and from the comments that we have been getting, gratefully received. We are suggesting 2 hours home learning a day in 20 minute bursts with rests, most tend to work in the morning and have afternoons free. Routine is the one constant that health care professionals are telling us will help our emotional and mental well-being.

BUT remember we are not just teachers we are also parents, we recognise that even when teaching our own children, it can be a struggle! The materials we send are to help NOT cause extra stress for you, which is why there are a balance of craft, reflective and academic materials. This week we are sending out a small craft pack which includes paper, glue, and a painting set for your children to get busy with. Being with family is the most important thing, being kind to one another and supporting our national effort to beat this virus is what will give us the hope we need to see this through. If you need help, advice or just a friendly ear you can call school or email. Keep safe. Mrs Mowbray

Book Station - from next week 4.5.20, I am also going to establish a station in the school playground with books for children and books for adults, come and take one on your daily walk...of course observing social distancing. Bring a book of your own that you might want to swap! The gates will be open until 3pm. (Not Bank Holiday!) Mrs Mowbray



#### TOP 5 Glazebury website recommendations this week:

- 1. STILL BBC bitewise it is so good needs another mention....
- 2. Pobble 365 Interesting ways to hook children and young people of all ages into writing 365 days a year, with a picture a day for inspiration and a selection of writing prompts beneath each picture. http://www.pobble365.com/
- 3. Oxford Owl Free resources to support learning at home. Advice and support for parents with educational activities, games and a free eBook library for 3 to 11-year-olds. <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/">www.oxfordowl.co.uk/</a>
- 4. Maddie Moate live! Popular BBC presenter and science communicator Maddie Moate will be broadcasting on YouTube with daily 30 minute Let's go live science shows. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate">www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate</a>
- 5. BBC history for kids Enter ancient worlds, meet famous people and discover fascinating facts by exploring a wide selection of historical games and activities. www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids



Mari (our resident quiz expert) has created for us a fantastic family quiz, which we hope all our families can join together and enjoy. Some of the questions are tricky so you will need to play along with your adults. To play the quiz you have until Wednesday 6th May at 12pm to allow us time to announce the winning family in next week's newsletter. There are 20 questions in total and they are all multiple choice. The quiz has been created using the website Kahoot!, which is free for you to access. For each question you have 30 seconds to decide on an answer and the quicker you decide the more points you get. The quiz is set up for 100 players so to allow every family to access please only play the quiz once, otherwise some families will not get a chance. When you join the quiz, you will be asked to create a name this is the name we will see when we check who wins so please make it obvious who you are e.g. First name and initial of surname or team surname. To access:

Either use this link: https://kahoot.it/challenge/03221768?challenge-id=ae68bf8e-b34a-46e2-a820-866693a3ba6d\_1588248911517

Or log onto kahoot and it will ask you for a game pin: 03221768

This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a school community and I believe the winner may even receive a box of chocolates and some loo roll! Plus be named the first ever Glazebury C of E Quiz Champions. Good luck



**Design a card competition to say "thank you" to the NHS** - Charlotte Nichols our local MP is running a competition for local children to create a card to say thank you to the NHS. There will be 3 prizes for the best entries £50 Waterstones voucher for the winner, and two £25 Waterstones vouchers for the runners up. All the cards will be given to Warrington Hospital. You can enjoy creating a card and show off how creative you can be. Entries can be posted to Charlotte Nichols MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA or sent via email to <a href="mailto:charlotte.nichols.mp@parliament.uk">charlotte.nichols.mp@parliament.uk</a> by 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 closing date.

Our Police, our community: Our Police and Community Police Officer and the team want all the children and parents/carers to know that they are here for them to and a new tab has been created on the website to bring a weekly communication to you all from the Police particularly the Officers that serve our community. Please log on to have a look for the information and activities they have created for you during this time. Each week there will be a new PowerPoint on our website with lots of advice and even riddles. Take a look.

Well done Sophia fantastic achievement she cycled 26Km to raise money for the RSPCA. Sophia wanted to call it a day at 20km, but was tempted with a detour around Windy Bank Woods to check the newts and tadpoles, and so passing the 26k mark.

Congratulations to Eva who decided to do a sponsored stair climb for charity. She has raised £105 already, which she has decided to share out amongst worthy causes including: small presents e.g. boxes of biscuits for the police, binmen, postmen, local doctors and Holcroft Grange old people's home. Eva has said she is planning to donate the rest to Warrington Homeless Charity to help them with food supplies for the homeless. Her family and school are very proud of her and her family have reminded us 'People are so kind, this has been a reminder of that in these testing times'.

Daniel one of our former pupil's is doing an amazing fundraising event by cycling 25 miles in 5 days for NHS charities – well done Daniel.

Please keep sharing the things you are proud of.

Soft Toy Design Competition – Raise money for NHS – John Lewis and Waitrose have launched a soft toy design competition for children to raise money for the NHS. Children are asked to create a 'super-bear' using #DesignYourSuperBear the winning design will be to be turned into an exclusive toy to be sold at Christmas with all the profits going to the NHS. For children to enter they must ask an adult over the age of 18 with an email, Twitter or Instagram account to enter on their behalf. You can find more information about this on by visiting the John Lewis & Waitrose website.

A big thank you to Black Sheep Wools, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth for donating wool to a member of our school community who is knitting hearts to bring some comfort to the families at Wigan hospital where one heart will be given to the family and one to the patient.

# Staff Shout Out















Hello Children, I hope you are all keeping safe and well and are enjoying this time at home to maybe learn new skills or maybe try things you haven't had time to do before. I have really loved seeing your photographs that some of you have emailed in and have been sharing them on our school website. Please keep sending them in, it's wonderful to see what you have been up to. I've been keeping busy, making Christmas cakes for the school fair. I have never been so organised! Take care and stay safe. I'm missing seeing your smiles and hearing your giggles and hope we are all back together again soon! Lots of love, Mrs Bolan xx



## 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great-but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover-or the last chapter-and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?"

Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?"

Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

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## Just Wait For The Sun by Lisa



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When everything's darkness And you feel so alone, When the rain doesn't stop And you can't make it home, When it feels all is lost And you just want to run, It can't rain forever. Just wait for the sun.

When family is pain,
When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream
But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault,
And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.



The storm always passes.
It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to come.
Please wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

People who need you,
People who still love you
Can warm up your soul like the sunshine above you.
You're never alone,
No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun.
Just wait for the sun.





Dark clouds always pass. I promise you, hun.

We're all waiting with you. Just wait for the sun.