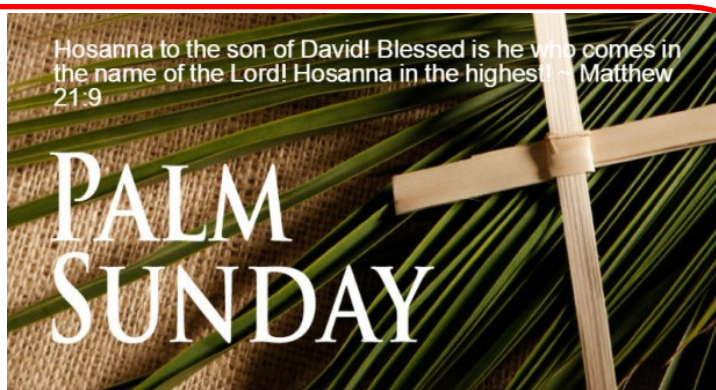


# St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Friday 3rd April 2020

*Reflection of  
the week*



Dear Parents,

How strange it has been to have not seen you all for two weeks. Life has changed beyond all recognition and we have had to adapt very quickly to being apart from our friends and work colleagues. Our working patterns have changed drastically and with this has come many other difficulties and challenges.

Having your children at home must be extremely hard to manage, especially if you are also working at home. At school we are trying to give you a good balance of activities to do, that will keep them both learning and entertained. We appreciate that this puts you in a difficult position, having to supervise and assist in their learning. We have tried to make the activities easy to understand, but still challenging enough for the children.

My advice to you would always be to not try to force the children but to use encouragement, praise and rewards to help keep them motivated.

As a way of moving forward we are looking to use an online learning platform, something like Google Classroom. This will give children the chance to interact with their teacher. As soon as we have finalised this we will give you all the details. For the meantime there is work on our website.

<http://www.st-thomascanterbury.merton.sch.uk/coronavirus>



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To improve communication we have set up an Instagram page to go alongside our twitter page. Please use these links and 'follow' the school on twitter and Instagram.

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Twitter @STOCSch <https://twitter.com/stocsch?lang=en>

Mrs Tucker's flipgrid: <https://flipgrid.com/tucker6562>

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. You may wish to use the following resources with your children:

**EYFS and KS1** — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7r2jaciG0g>

**KS2** — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIUk0YCi15w>

Please do your best to make Easter a special time for you and your family. It is hard to believe that today is the last day of the Spring Term. Under normal circumstances we would all be planning to spend the next two weeks with family and friends. Some of that has been taken away from us. But we can make the most of what we have got and do everything we can to have a special time with those whom we live.

Here is some very sound advice: <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/news/how-to-keep-mentally-healthy-during-uncertain-times>

We have no idea how long this situation will last. But throughout the crisis we provide the children with challenging interesting learning experiences.

I will continue to keep in regular contact with you via the weekly newsletter.

Best wishes,



Mr D Feasey

Head Teacher



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