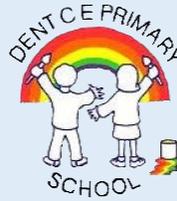


# Dent CE Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th Jan  
2021 Spring Week 2

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

I'm sorry that this term hasn't started as we planned and that has meant I haven't been able to meet lots of you in person. It has been the strangest and very busy start to being your Headteacher! Although it has not been the easiest start, I want to let you all know how very pleased and proud I am of the way you have all adapted so quickly to remote learning. The teachers switched their plans for normal classroom teaching to remote learning within 24 hours, parents and carers set up remote learning equipment and spaces just as quickly and, the stars of the show, your children, have been amazing! We are all proud of each one of them. Since we switched to remote learning we have seen them working hard in very difficult circumstances. Your children have shown us their adaptability, ICT skills(!), resilience, commitment and determination. Please pass on a huge well done to your children from me.

We know it hasn't been easy for our families, many of us staff are parents juggling all those demands too, and the next few weeks will continue to be very challenging. I'm sure there have been tears shed over the last couple of weeks (I certainly have!) but take a moment to put aside the difficult moments and think about how far you've come and celebrate what you have all achieved within your family. We have already done early two full weeks of remote learning and seen every child in school engaging with their learning through Seesaw or Tapestry and many joining in with whole school worship! That is a huge achievement - I wonder how many schools across the country could claim that? Keep up the great work in the coming weeks.

Always remember that the whole staff team including myself, even if we are working remotely, are still there for the children and their families. If you are having any difficulties, just need a listening ear or need any support with anything please do not hesitate to get in touch. If we can't help ourselves, we will try to find somewhere you can get the right support.

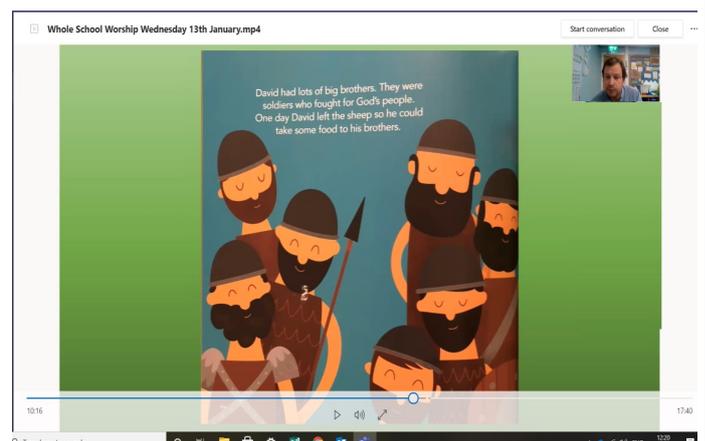
Take care and look after yourselves and each other.

Mrs Pomfret

### Whole School Assemblies

It was lovely to have so many people on our Zoom assembly on Wednesday. We'll have a live assembly together every Wednesday.

I did say that our other assembly would be 9:00am on Fridays, however that will be 09:00 on Mondays, where we share an assembly from one of our usual visitors. This will then be available on Seesaw & the website for you to access later.



### Dates for the Diary

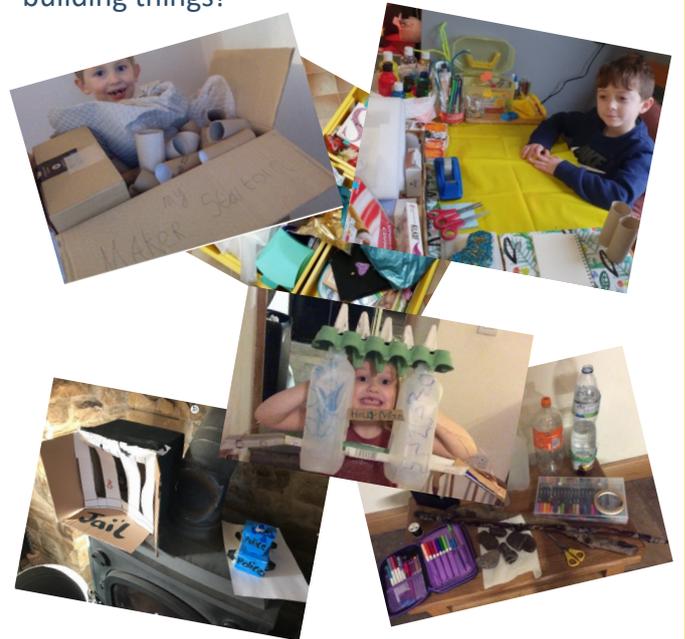
- Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:00am —Whole School Assembly
- Monday 15th —Friday 19th February— Half-Term Holiday
- 17th February—Ash Wednesday
- W/C 22nd February—Fairtrade Fortnight
- Monday 1st March — Fairtrade Day
- Thursday 4th March—World Book Day
- Sunday 14th March—Mothering Sunday
- Thursday 1st April—End of Term Service
- 2nd April—Good Friday
- 5th April—Easter Monday
- 19th April—Summer Term Starts

### Useful Links

Several families are already signed up to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. This is a great opportunity for children to explore nature from home during lockdown. Apply for you pack here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

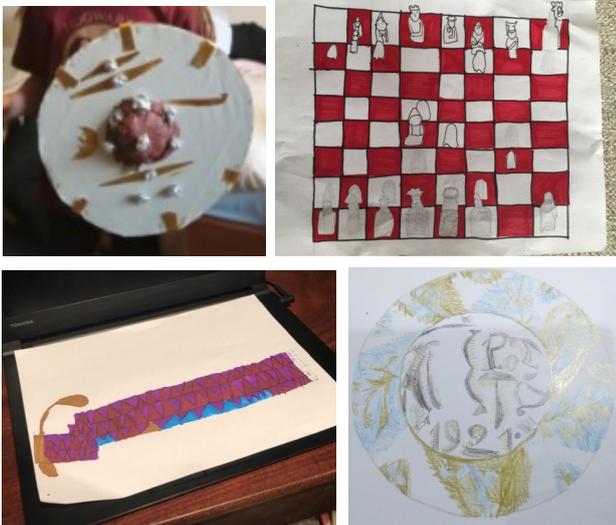
### Class 1 Design & Technology

Year 1 & 2 were tasked with setting up new home 'Maker-Stations' this week. They look fab and a couple of people have already started building things!



### Class 2 History

Class 2's Virtual tour of the British Museum led to some fantastic work. We wish we had room to showcase it all!



### A post we saw and thought we'd share:

## Our children are heroes, too.

Missing their grandparents, extended family, friends and school.

Lack of normal routines.  
Loss of structure to their day.

Parents who are stressed, worried, scared and just *differnt*.

Overhearing talk and news without an understanding of what they hear.

Give your little hero more cuddles, more one-on-one playtime, and an extra dose of patience and forgiveness.

### Weekly Joke

'Knock, knock!'  
'Who's there?'  
'Atch'  
Atch who?  
Bless you!

By Siena

### Welcome

We have another new face in our school this week: a big hello and welcome (back) to Lilybeth! Lilybeth has moved from Sedbergh Primary to Dent School this term.