



ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL

Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full

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ECS news

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Friday 29 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a truly wonderful photo this is of our school grounds this week. I hope you all enjoyed the snow and the fun it brings. It looks like we may have some more this weekend too!



Thank you for all the lovely comments we received at parents evening and in response to our parent survey. I will write later next week with a summary of the results and to outline any additional information we would like to share regarding our Remote Learning Offer.

We have loved seeing all of your Wellbeing Wednesday learning and all the other great work you have achieved, keep up the good work. It has been lovely to share our values with you all during our assemblies and it was a real treat to see Mr Peet, our Kick London coach, leading an assembly this week. I mentioned a while ago that we have had some issue with our live recordings in TEAMS, this is the way I deliver my assemblies and some teachers share their lessons. Sadly, despite us working tirelessly to get this facility back, we are still not in a position to use this function next week. Please bear with us whilst we deliver our lessons in different ways, we hope for just one more week. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Enjoy your weekend, stay safe.

Caroline McLennan

Our Vision:

To be a safe, happy, loving community where excellent teaching inspires children to learn and explore, care for each other and believe that they can make a difference.

The teachers have been working extremely hard to keep lessons going during lock down for those coming into school each day and for those learning at home. Thank you to everyone that has taken the trouble to write in:

For some reason I can't get the feedback form regarding home learning to work. I didn't want to miss the opportunity to provide feedback, so I thought I'd email instead.

I want to say a massive thank you for the way the school has responded in the last few weeks, especially given the chaotic mismanagement by the government. I think the online teaching is brilliant. X is managing her home learning timetable really well and surprisingly independently. I can't tell you how fantastic it is to have X teaching her rather than me - I've never been so pleased to be demoted in my life!

It's taken us a while to get used to it, we're utterly exhausted by the end of each day, and I'm sure there'll be some challenging days ahead, particularly given X's needs. BUT - I'm feeling confident that X and I will manage this (even if it is until after Easter, which sounds more and more likely). I'm also very appreciative that X has set up.

I can't imagine the pressure that you and all the staff must be under - please know that your efforts are hugely appreciated.

Of course, X misses school and all her friends dreadfully - as do I. We both sang our hearts out to My Lighthouse on Friday (am so glad you aren't able to hear us!).

Thank you for all of your support, videos and live sessions. He enjoys it all!

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Coming soon...



Mrs Bal shared this website with the teachers but we also wondered if parents would also like to take a look with some ideas on how to look after our own and our family's mental health during these strange times

<https://padlet.com/stips/q87r0jnyvi9t2h8h>

Can we please remind parents to email any password requests to teachers@esherchurchschool.org.uk with "class" in the subject, rather than the office.

Thank you.

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This week's highlights

Fun in the snow



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Phase 1

In Reception the children have been learning the story of Daniel and the Lions Den. They created their own lions with a heart to remind them that God loves and protects us:

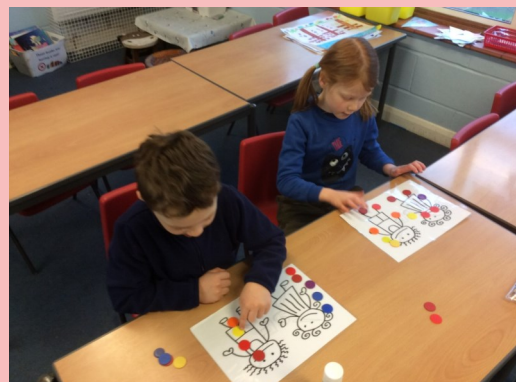
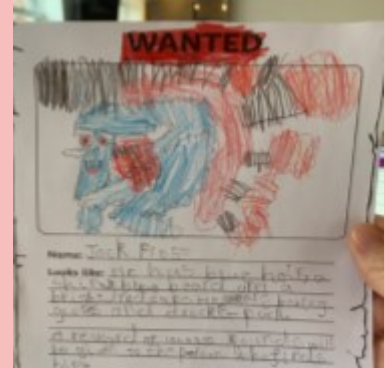
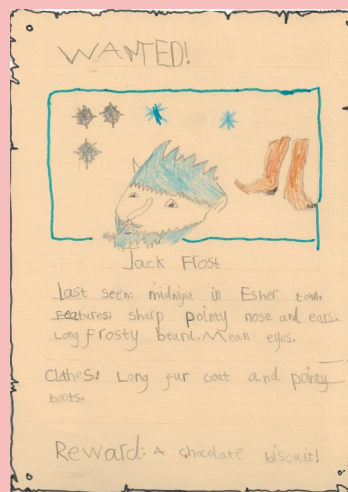
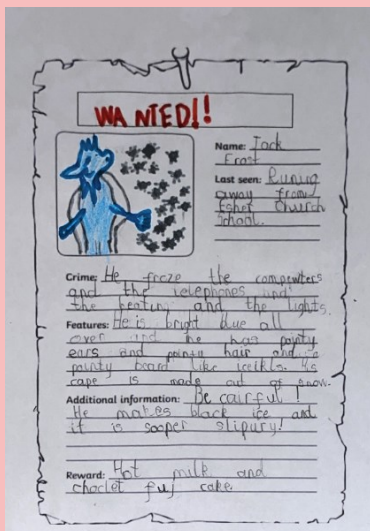
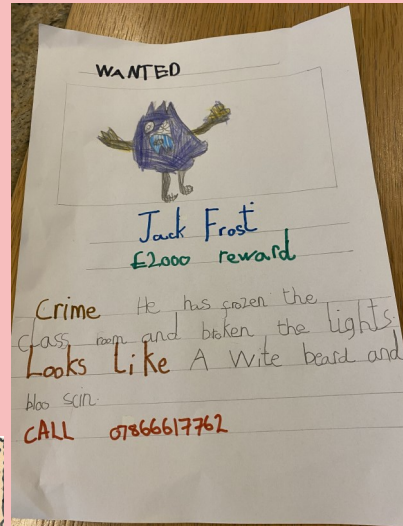
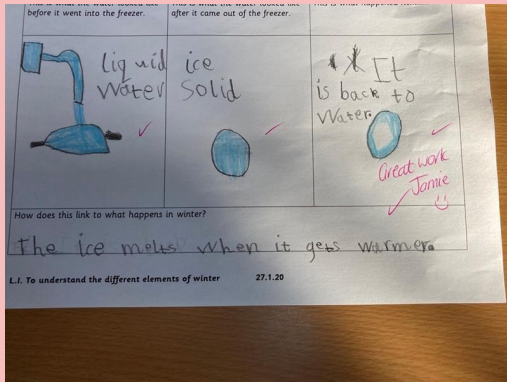


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Year 1 have been busy learning about Jack Frost. They have been scientist and created

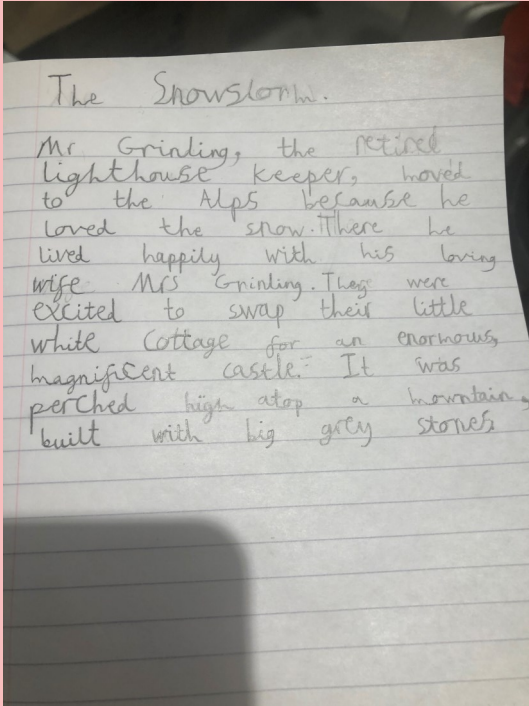
Wanted posters.



Also, we have been finding HALF of a number in Y1

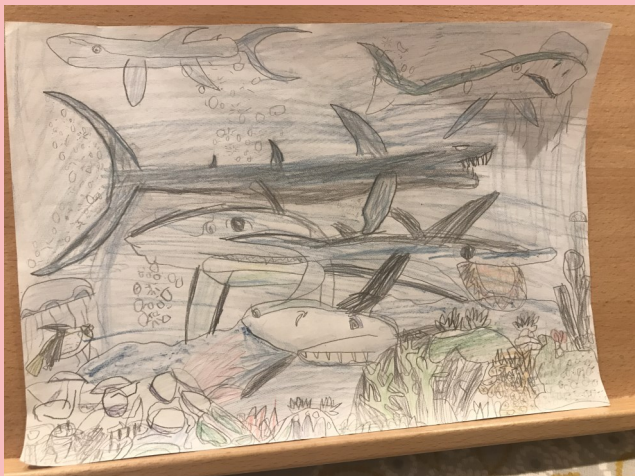
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Phase 2



Alex in Blyton trying his older brother's science home

Alex from Blyton has been working hard to join his handwriting. Here is the super opening to his very own Lighthouse Keeper story.



We were learning about the Coral Reef and Luke particularly liked the information about sharks that came through during the lesson.

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Phase 3



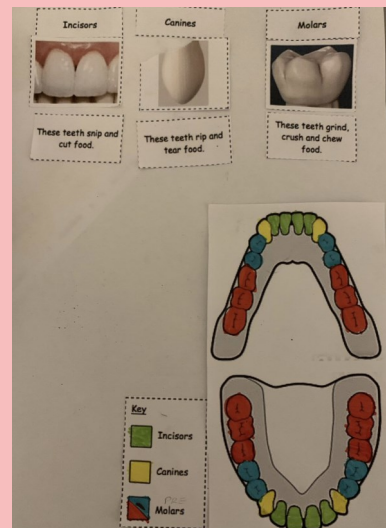
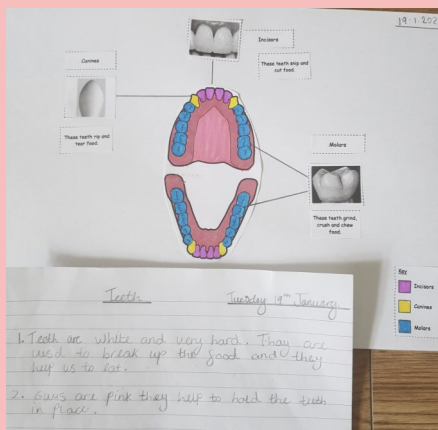
Year 4 spent Monday afternoon during RE, learning about Passover also called Pesach. We looked at the story told at Passover and looked at the food sections on the Sedar plate. We discussed what each one represented



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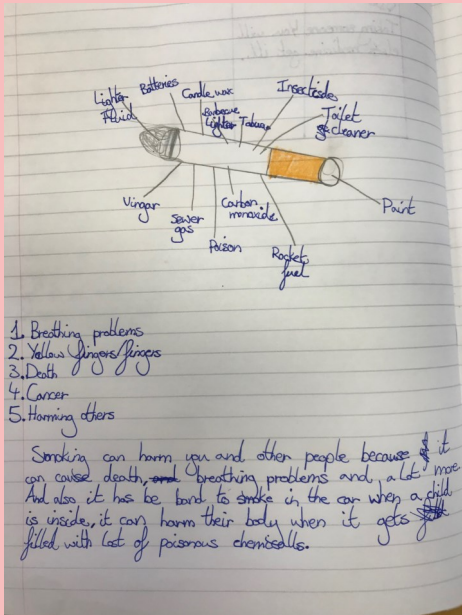
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The children have been learning about the different types of teeth we have as humans.



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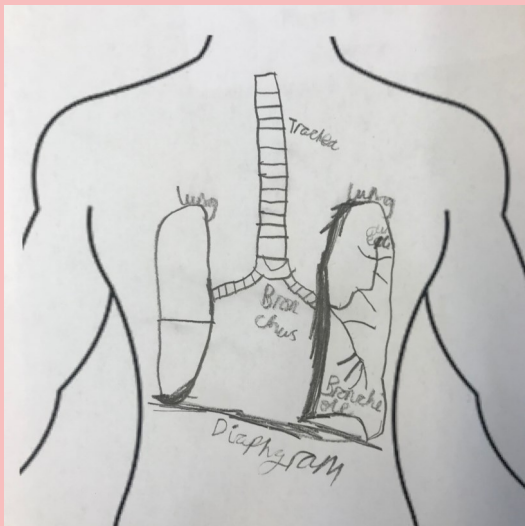
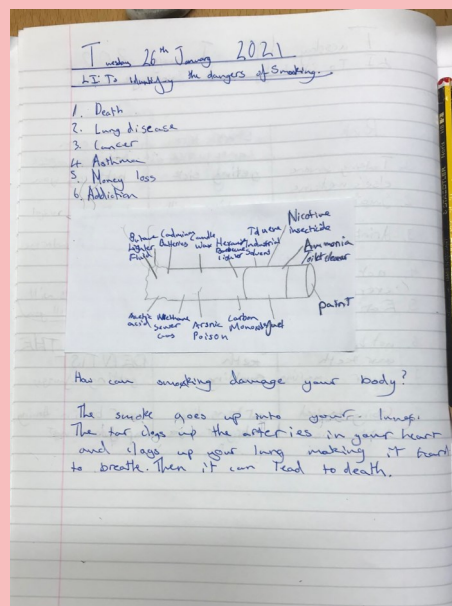
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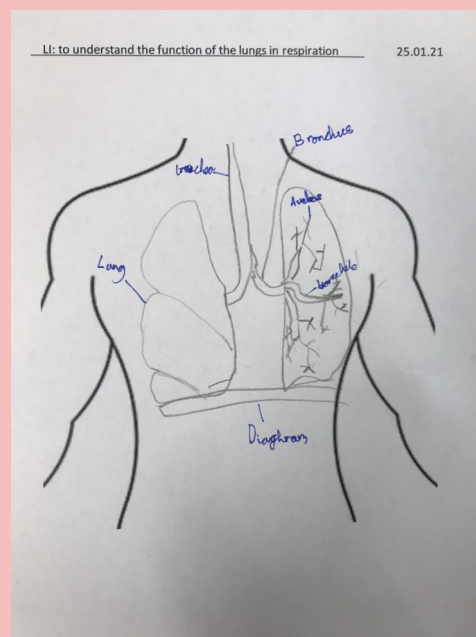
In year 6, we have been learning about the dangers of smoking.

Top pic - Flo

Bottom pic - Olivia



Drawing and labelling the respiratory system in year 6



Notices

Printing

Bourne Estate Agents in Esher have very kindly offered to print out children's worksheets, if you do not have printing facilities at home.

Please email any requests to esheradmin@bourneestateagents.com

Work will be printed and left to one side at the agents office to safely collect.

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to offer up a spare, immaculate condition printer free of charge to anyone that might need one at home. It is an Epson Stylus SX435W that can be hard wired to a device or used wirelessly. Ink cartridges included! I am happy to drop at school if someone would prefer to collect anonymously or it can be collected, contact free, from my doorstep in Esher.

Please contact the school office if you are interest

Notices

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you might be entitled to free school meals please get in touch with our office staff urgently. We can check your eligibility quickly with just your name and National Insurance Number.

You may be eligible for free school meals if you are now eligible for any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

During the outbreak the government are also temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include some groups (subject to household income) that have no recourse to public funds, including:

- children of Zambrano carers
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 **who are also** subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals please contact the school immediately. It is easy for us to check and it means that the school will receive additional funding to further support your child's education which can be used to support extra curricular activities, trips etc too.

ECSA news

Auction of Promises and Prizes

The ECSA are planning an Auction of Promises and Prizes in the New Year. This will be an event at which 'promises and prizes' will be donated by individuals, companies connected within our school community or from the local area and beyond which will be auctioned off to raise money for the new Library. Everyone can get involved because every promise or prize donated, no matter how small, will be sold. You could pledge to bake a cake for a special occasion or offer to walk someone's dog. Anything and everything helps raise money for this exciting fundraising event for the school.

ALL DONATIONS BIG OR SMALL are needed!!

We are relying on incredibly generous local businesses and individuals to make some fabulous promises. Our aim is to have something for everyone.

Ideas include: babysitting, dog walking, a haircut, the use of a holiday home for the weekend, gardening, cooking a meal, a signed sports shirt, an experience day. Use your imagination - often the best promises are things money can't buy!

If you are able to donate something or have a contact with a business who might, please contact youreкса@gmail.com. Please help us make this a fantastic fundraising event for the school.