



Veryan CofE Primary

School News



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Friday 8th January

Message from Ms Jarrett

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all. This is not quite the spring term we had anticipated or hoped for, but I am extremely grateful to everyone for their support and flexibility.

We have all had to quickly adapt and change our plans at very short notice and I thank you for your understanding whilst we finalise and implement our provision for our Critical Keyworker/Vulnerable bubble in school and also remote learning to those at home.

I know that teachers have been keeping you informed of the developments in remote learning that are currently underway and a survey will be going out in the coming week to help us to fine tune our support for you at home. As you know, our teachers are available to support you with remote learning, please contact them via class Dojo and don't forget to keep in touch and let us know how you are doing and what you have been up to! We would love to have any photos that you can share to put on our website too please...

My thanks must go out to the teachers and staff for doing their utmost to keep all the children safe and delivering lessons in school to our Vulnerable and Critical Keyworker children. We will be operating a rota system to ensure that we have a minimal number of staff in the building and to give teachers time to focus on remote learning at the same time.

The Government expectation is that all children will spend a minimum of 4 hours daily, completing home learning tasks and other activities, so please do keep us informed of any illness during this lockdown period if your child is unable to complete their work.

Stay safe and remember we are here to support you, so please keep in touch.

With very best wishes

Caroline Jarrett



Facebook : You may recall that, just prior to the lockdown in the spring last year, we had planned to launch a new Facebook page for Veryan School and some of you returned permission slips to allow us to post images and updates. As much time has passed, and many things have changed in this time, we did not want to assume that permissions granted this time last year would still stand. Therefore, we wanted to inform you that we would like to launch a new Facebook page over the coming weeks which we will use as a 'newsfeed' without children's images or names included. However, if you send a piece of work or photo to your teacher on class Dojo they may ask if you are happy for this to be shared on the new Facebook page. There is no pressure to agree to this, but we think it would be a great opportunity to share with a wider community the fantastic things we are doing at Veryan School and another way for our Veryan family to stay connected to each other.

We want this page to be a positive promotion of our children and our school and like many other schools in and outside our Trust we will set all the appropriate filters, moderation etc to ensure that it is as secure as it can be.

If you have any concerns or queries about the use of Facebook as a newsfeed for Veryan Primary School please email veryan.secretary@celticcross.education by **Wednesday 13th January.**

Calling all remote learners!!

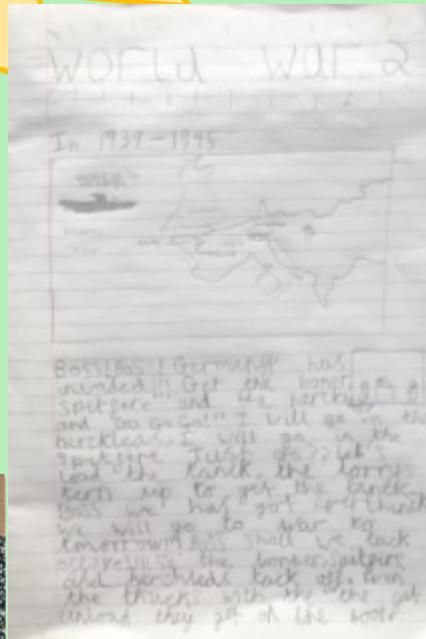
We love to hear your stories and see the work and activities you are completing at home. Seeing your faces in photographs reminds us of our special Verryan School family, so don't forget to share these with your teachers on Class Dojo or send to veryan.secretary@celticcross.education so Mrs Allan can put as many as possible in the weekly newsletter for all the classes to see.



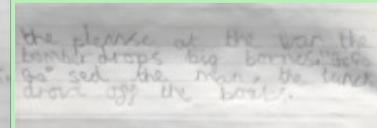
Well done George, your Pillars of Islam model looks great!



Bonnie drew the existing park as a basis for our park designs.



Rory was inspired by recent class work and composed this amazing story.



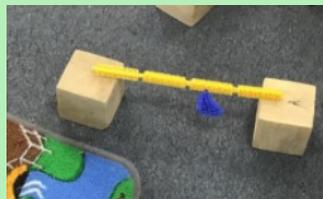
Eliza designed and created her ideal play park, complete with sandpit, balance beam and all sorts of other exciting equipment!



Rory also wrote this letter to our Parish Council regarding the play park.



George P was keen to include a zip wire in his design! (Below)



Our school bubble have also been busy creating their ideal park designs—there's some fantastic ideas and imaginative plans!



Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health.

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the well-being or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately:
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Help and support

We are always here to support our children and families, but know that at the moment this may be needed more than ever, and for more of us. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. We may be able

to sign post you to groups or professionals who can help. Email veryan.secretary@celticcross.education in confidence, or you could visit the websites below for more information and support.

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/results.page?adultchannel=5-1>

Put in your details for advice/support services in your area based on your circumstances. <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>



Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%

Our whole school attendance in the last week of term was:

99.34%

Well done to **Carne** you were our attendance heroes with **100% !!**

Pendower class: 99.41%

Kiberick class: 98.89%