

Friday 3rd April 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Believe it or not it is the Easter Holidays next week! The children have worked extremely hard throughout this term and have been adapting to a very new, very strange reality with distance learning. We are proud of them all.

With this in mind, we know it will be important for them to have time to stop and have their 'holiday' over the next two weeks. The home learning project for children this Easter is one centred on our learning value – Citizenship. Over the next 2 weeks we are challenging all the children across our school to spread positivity and develop their citizenship skills in doing so. A project grid has been created with 9 potential activities that could be undertaken over the break. As ever, it is up to you to decide on what works best for your family, however children could **aim** to complete 2 or 3 each week.

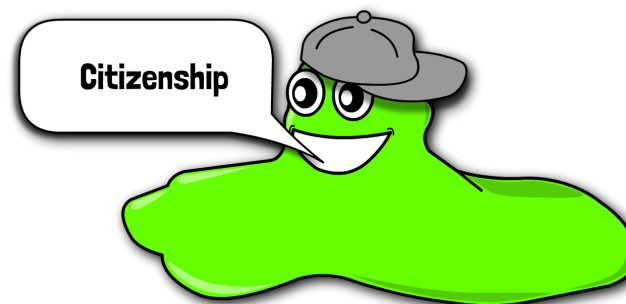
We would love to share the children's Happy News Articles, positive message photos and creative windows on the school website. Send them to teachers@shirleyschools.co.uk

Resources and links which you can print or use to support you as your child undertakes the Easter learning challenge are on the pages below the grid. Check out the Home learning tab on the website for additional resources for maths and Easter fun should you need some extra 'things' to do!

Have a restful couple of weeks and we will be back on the website, uploading weekly learning for year groups on Monday 20th April. Thank you to you all for your support and understanding with virtual learning so far.

Lots of happy vibes and thoughts,

The SJS Team.





SJS Positivity Challenge

Whole School Easter Home Learning

*Happiness is not
in things.
It is in you!*

Over the Easter holidays we are challenging the children of Shirley Junior School to spread positivity and happy thoughts at home and across our community. Take time to develop and show your excellent Shirley Citizenship spirit and choose activities which will put a smile on other peoples faces.

(If an activity has a  then find the resources to help you in the resource pack.)

<p>1. Happy News Article </p> <p>Spread some good news— every day, everywhere there are people doing incredible things in the world. Be Happy News journalists and create a report on something that will make others in the community smile. Finished reports will be added to the school website.</p>	<p>2. Exercise to happiness</p> <p>Create your own PE lesson or fitness routine—try it out! Exercise is an excellent way to lift your mood.</p> <p>Write it down or create a tutorial and share it with friends and family to get them exercising!</p>	<p>3. Alphabet photos</p> <p>Look for examples of natural/ manmade shapes in the environment (home/garden/on your daily exercise) which look like letters. Take a photo of them.</p> <p>Use the letters to make a positive message to share on the school website.</p>
<p>4. Food—the way to a happy soul!</p> <p>Research a new recipe you would like to cook or try out. Test it out and cook for your family—encourage others to try something new!</p>	<p>5. Snail Mail Happiness</p> <p>Who are you missing today? Who could do with a letter to cheer them up? Grab a pen, paper and get writing a letter filled with what you have been up to and how much you are thinking of the person. It will make someone's day!</p>	<p>5. Spread the Colour </p> <p>Have you got a rainbow up in your window? Could your windows become a sea of colour to cheer up your neighbours?</p> <p>Send a photo of your windows to cheer the whole SJS community.</p>
<p>6. Art With Nature</p> <p>On a daily walk or in your garden, forage for sticks, leaves and natural things (make sure you are not killing anything for this!). Use your items to create a picture for someone else to enjoy.</p>	<p>5. Documenting for future generations</p> <p>Keep a diary for future historians to learn about the events which have happened recently. Include in it the positives that have come out of a very different way of life.</p>	<p>9. Easter Hunt</p> <p>Create an Easter or treasure hunt for others in your family to follow. It could include clues to find things or involve the creation of a map—get your family up and moving!</p>

*I've got nothing
to do today but smile.*

*Life is 10 much better
when you're laughing*





SJS Easter home learning resource pack



Activity 1—**Happy News Article**

<https://thehappynewspaper.com/> is a company that is committed to spreading the positive in the world—celebrating all that is good in a newspaper.

<https://www.risingstars-uk.com/media/Rising-Stars/Wellbeing%20and%20Character%20Education/Happy-Newspaper-Activity-Pack-download.pdf> this link takes you to an activity pack filled with ideas from The Happy Newspaper by Emily Coxhead. The template on the following page has been taken from one of the activities in this pack and can be used for a ‘happy article’ if you wish to use it.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/50434875> CBBC happy news articles to read.

THE HAPPY NEWS

BY EMILY COXHEAD®

A NEWSPAPER TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT'S GOOD IN THE WORLD.
THE HAPPY NEWSPAPER IS A PLATFORM TO SHARE POSITIVE NEWS AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE

Edited by: _____

A hand-drawn newspaper layout template. It features a large rectangular box on the left side, followed by three horizontal lines. To the right of these lines is a large oval shape. Further right are three horizontal lines, followed by a large rectangular box with a small 'X' mark in the top-left corner. To the right of this box are three horizontal lines, followed by another large rectangular box. To the right of this box are three horizontal lines. At the top of the page, there are several short, scattered lines and dashes, possibly representing a masthead or decorative elements.

Can you find some happy news stories and write/draw them above?

Activity 5—Spread the colour.

#FromMyWindow—an online campaign to spread colour and happiness through the windows of our neighbourhoods.

Rainbows, positive messages—anything that may brighten up peoples day on their daily exercise or going about their essential work.

There seems to be a different theme each week so why not join in? Or make your own theme up!

w/c 23rd March rainbows

w/c 30th March sunshine

w/c 6th April Easter

w/c 13th April animals

w/c 20th April flowers

