



# Coppull St John's C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers

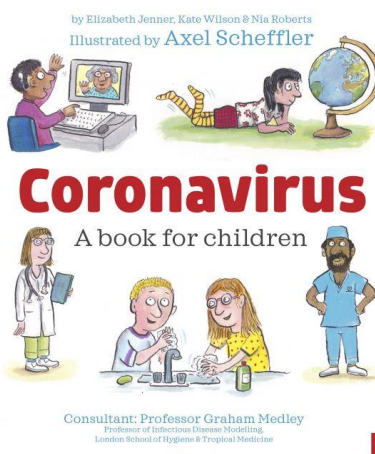


As we move towards week 7 of lock-down I really hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well and are staying safe in these difficult times. Working and learning from home as a family has its challenges and it is understandable that this can be hard for many with the novelty of being at home starting to wear off. School continues to be closed to all but vulnerable and key worker children with a small number of staff to supervise each day. The advice remains in place for you to keep your children at home whenever possible.

Staff continue to work hard to support learning. I trust that you have been able to access google classroom which provides a great platform for the children to complete work and the class teacher is able to comment. The 'stream' allows children to keep in touch with each other. Feedback from families has been very positive and children are enjoying having a dialogue with their teacher.

I also appreciate that there may be difficulties in completing some of the work when multiple people in the same household are competing for the same equipment. This is why we have not specified a particular time of day to be doing any of the work. The priority is that our children remain engaged in some form of learning, keep a structure to their day, continue to read for pleasure and have daily exercise and fresh air. At times like this, whenever possible, there is much to be gained from spending time together as a family.

**I am sure your children are filled with questions about the current situation, the who, what, where and why questions. Here is a book which has recently been launched which may help you and your child answer some of those questions!**



This a FREE digital information book for primary school age children to help explain the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. It answers lots of questions in a child-friendly way, and aims to both inform and reassure. Published by Nosy Crow and illustrated by Axel, the text had expert input from Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and also two headteachers and a child psychologist. [You can find out more, download and read the](#)

[book here](#)





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I hope that you were able to access some of the wonderful resources which came from the Diocese of Blackburn Board of Education. The children in school have really enjoyed the 'Off the shelf' worship each day. These have given the children and staff opportunity for quiet reflection and also provided opportunities for the children to complete some of the activities. Please search for the Blackburn board of education 'Off the shelf' worship. I am sure you and your children will enjoy listening to Lisa or Sam as they bring scripture alive by talking about 'what they have found on their shelf today'. The worship can be found on face book through the Diocese board of education or on you tube.

Here is a direct link to a recent worship the children in school enjoyed! :-



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1Sx0\\_b6Rfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1Sx0_b6Rfw)

There are many other daily worship clips you can share with your children.

**Please continue to exercise caution and ensure children remain safe when using online platforms such as you tube.**

Our year 5 children have kindly written and emailed to me wonderful welcome letters which I have been able to send to our new families joining us in September. Thank you to the year 5 children who I know will be great buddies to our new reception children.

Sincere thanks are offered to our PTFA for their generous donation towards part of the cost for the year 6 leaver 'hoodies'. Thanks go to Mrs Wood and Mr Peters for coordinating.

I continue to receive daily updates from the DFE and local authority. As I am sure you are aware no decisions have been made regarding schools opening and I will endeavour to keep you up to date with any changes. The advice remains the same; for you and your family to stay safe and remain at home. I offer my sincere thanks to you all for your continued patience and support as we move through these uncharted waters, with a new way of living and learning for our children.





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Please also find attached the next newsletter from Lancashire SEND team filled with activity suggestions for you all.

A prayer from the Church of England for all of you; our Christian community –

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

In your name we pray

Amen

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