

# APLEY NEWS

## Headteacher News

I hope you have all had a good week. It has been lovely to have the sunshine again to enable everyone to get outside for their daily exercise during the lockdown and complete some of the outdoor learning tasks that our teachers have set.

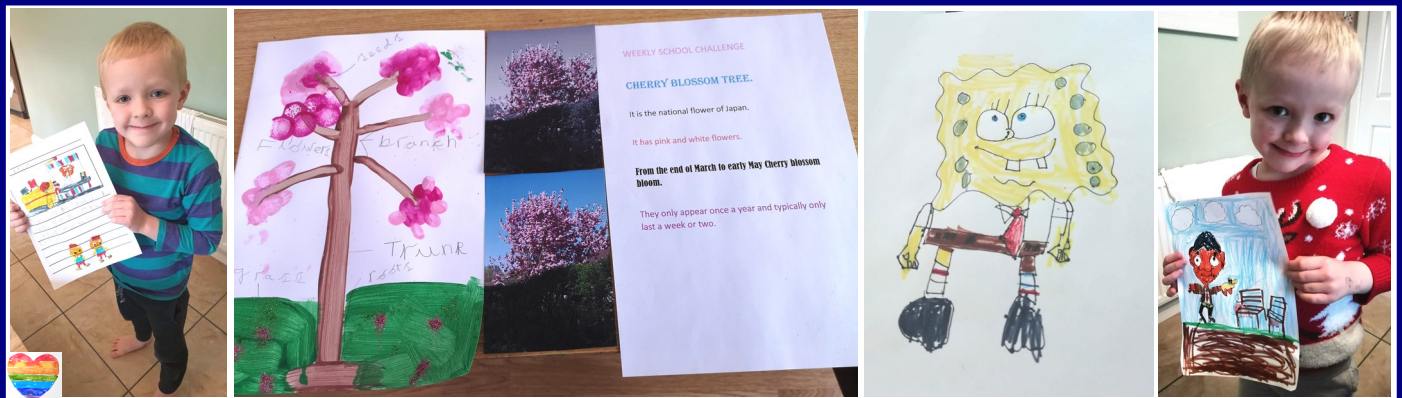
Fortunately, we have been able to continue the recruitment for a Deputy Headteacher (although completed virtually and whilst observing social distancing rules) during the lockdown and I am delighted to announce that **Mrs Yvonne Thorpe** has been appointed. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Thorpe on her successful appointment.

The staff have been working very hard and have put a range of activities on the class pages of the website again this week. Please remember, these are suggestions, not every activity/link has to be completed or followed. The staff also continue to work on site on a rota basis providing care provision for our key worker families and they will continue to make phone calls home again when they are in school over the next two weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions you can email the school on [A2190@taw.org.uk](mailto:A2190@taw.org.uk) as the school office is currently not open.

We really do enjoy seeing the photographs you are sending in, please continue to do so as they make us all smile. You can send them to the staff emails for specific year groups, or [A2190@taw.org.uk](mailto:A2190@taw.org.uk) and [Sharon.smith2@taw.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.smith2@taw.org.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support, we have some received some lovely positive feedback from our school community during the school closure period and it truly makes me proud to be Headteacher here. I am remaining hopeful that we will be able to open at some point before the end of the Summer term as we all miss the children. Until then, please stay safe and take care.

Ellen Smith - Headteacher



## PRH Pebble Path

The children who are in school this week have been painting pebbles from Mr Taylor's garden for the new 'Pebble Path' that is going to be made at the Princess Royal Hospital. They painted happy pictures for the well-being room at the hospital to help keep the wonderful NHS staff smiling.



There are some fabulous resources being made available across the Web. Take a look at this link for some great ideas, super spring projects to entertain at home, with lots of resources and virtual tours for all to enjoy: <https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/>

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school





### First News

**WE ARE STILL  
DELIVERING WEEKLY**



Take a look at First News, the weekly newspaper for children, which is available online via the following link:

[http://www.apleywoodprimaryschool.org.uk/parents/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FIRSTNEWS\\_722.pdf](http://www.apleywoodprimaryschool.org.uk/parents/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FIRSTNEWS_722.pdf)



### Baking, Bonnets and smiles!



**Beam**

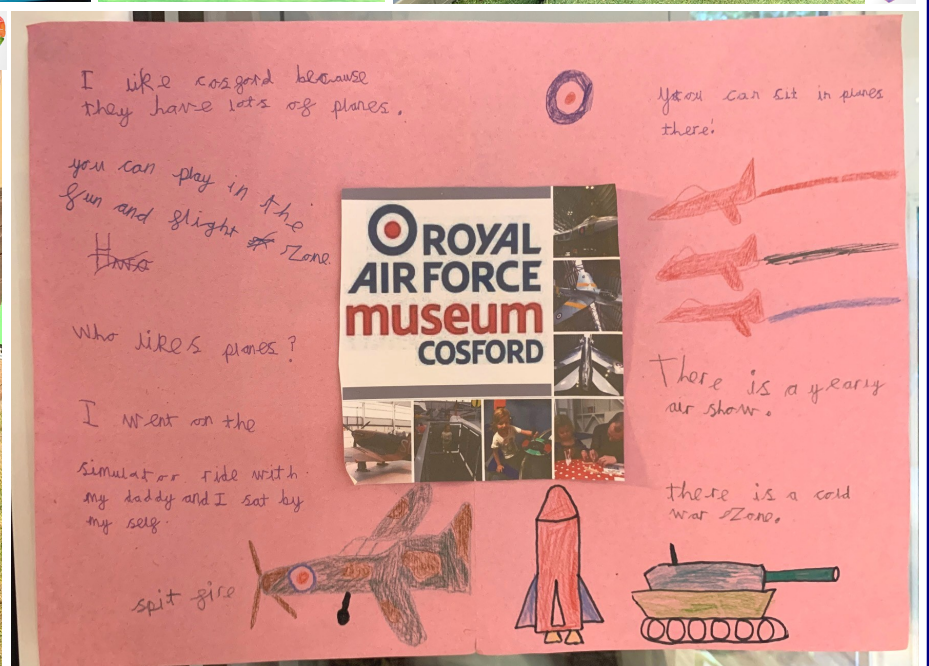
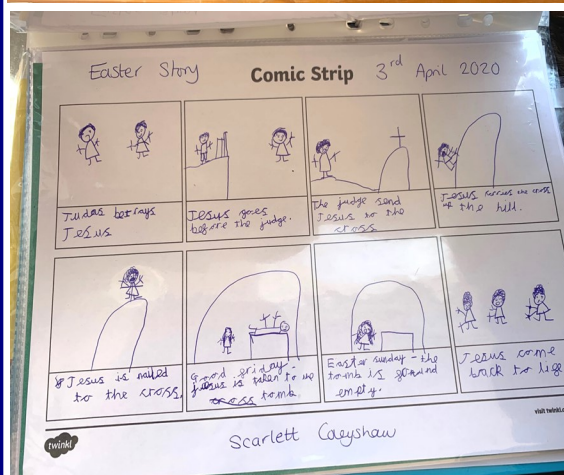
Shropshire  
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### Emotional Support

The support group BEAM are offering telephone consultations. If you would like to speak to someone, please send an email to [AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk) and one of their trained Wellbeing Practitioners will contact you to discuss what help you need and look at the best time to call you.















### TT Rock Stars Winners

Since school closed before Easter, children have been using TT Rockstars to keep practising their times tables. A huge congratulation to the following children:

**Year 1: Emily, Year 2: Megan, Year 3: Jasmeet, Year 4: Matthew, Year 5: Pamela & Year 6: Jack**

You are the top users from the past week. A huge congratulations to you all!

I'd also like to say well done to all of the children who are still using TT Rockstars! It is great to see that you are still practising your times tables at home.

Look out for next week's newsletter where we will be posting the top users of TT Rockstars from each year group. Have fun! - **Mr Taylor**



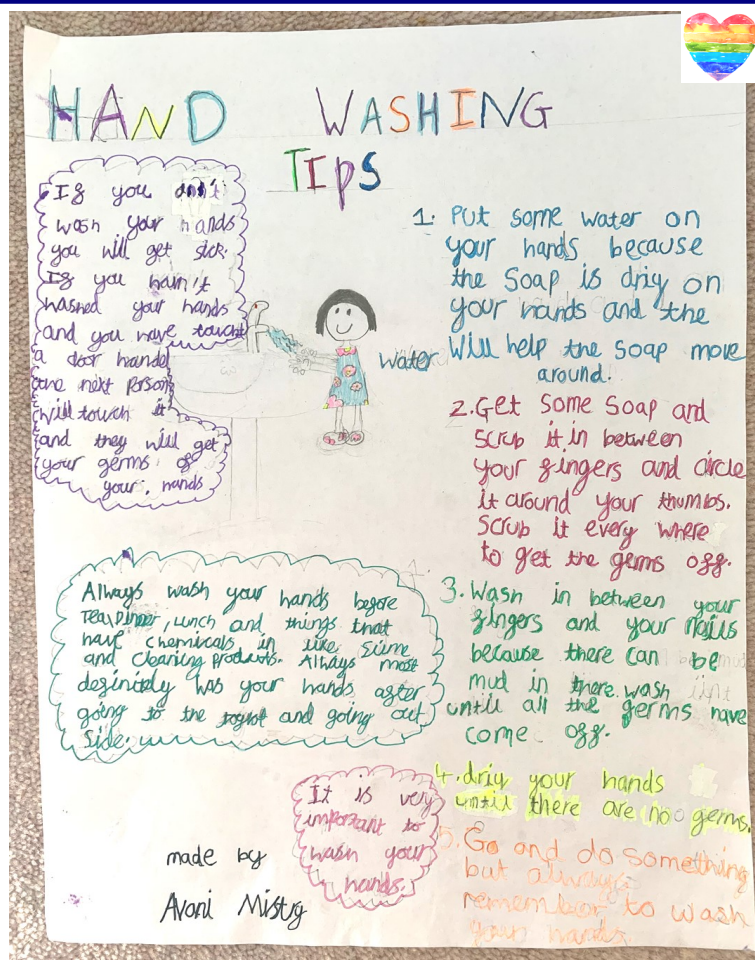
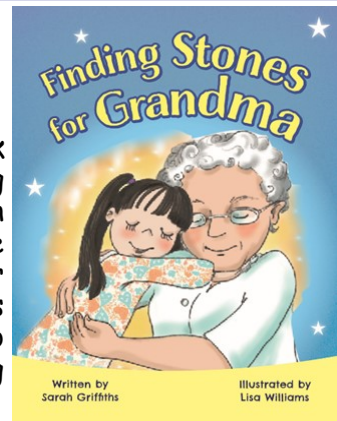




## Live Book Launch of Finding Stones for Grandma

by Sarah Griffiths

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Sarah Griffiths is launching her 5<sup>th</sup> book for children 'Finding Stones for Grandma'. There will be a live book reading on Sarah's Facebook page at 11 am. Sarah will also be launching a competition to win a signed copy of her new book. Children can write about spending time with grandparents and their favourite place to visit. Younger children can draw a picture of a special time with grandparents. Parents can post children's entries on Sarah's page or send them to [sigriffiths76@hotmail.com](mailto:sigriffiths76@hotmail.com). The winner will be announced by the following week on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The book will be available to buy from Amazon.co.uk.



### Online Learning Support

The Government has launched the national academy to support home learning. Follow the link to go to the main page (see right) where you can then select the year group. They are delivering three, one hour lessons daily for every year group and cover different subjects. You may like to try some of these, they can be accessed at any time.



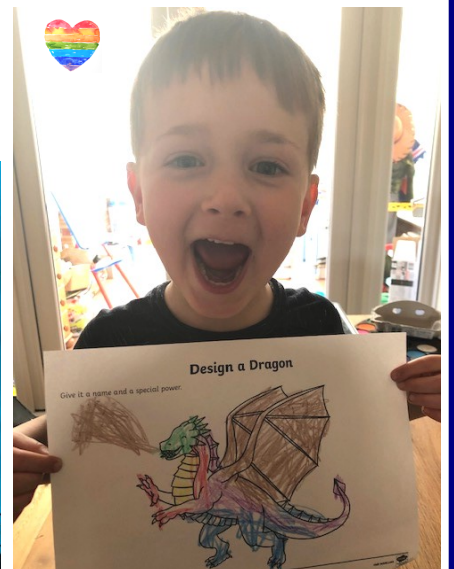
<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>





### Staying Connected

Don't forget to check the school website for regular updates and posts from class teachers as well as news and website links for lots of useful information and support with home schooling. There are also lots of super news items and photos being shared on our twitter feed to help you stay connected with school and friends. Keep sending in your emails and photos!







**Thank you for reading** and I hope that you enjoyed the wonderful photos that we have received for this week's newsletter. Thank you to all the children and their families for taking the time to send them in, and goodness me you have all been so busy! They continue to brighten everyone's day and put smiles on faces. You may have spotted the rainbow hearts dotted around on this week's edition, but have you found them all? Have a count and I will reveal the answer next week. ;-)

Until then, take care and stay safe everyone! All the best, **Sharon.**

