



# New York Primary School

Hello everyone.

I hope this letter finds you all staying safe and keeping well. New York staff were keen to continue with the school newsletter as even though school is closed to most of you there are still things to be proud of and that we are achieving together.

Thanks to all families who have embraced school Twitter as both a communication tool and as a resource for learning ideas with your child. We are really enjoying looking at examples on Twitter of how you are keeping busy and creative.

Thanks to New York staff for keeping in touch with families to ensure that all is as well as it can be at this challenging time. We really do miss you and look forward to when we are all back together as our PROUD New York family.

School has remained open for the pupils of critical key workers. Staff have worked on a rota of teams to minimise the number of staff in school and therefore the risk to all. We are proud to be able to do this for our families and have ensured that the days are full and varied and fun.

These places are for children of critical key workers only who are unable to provide alternative childcare for their children. The government message remains the same that the safest place for your child is at home.

Mrs Shaw



## Packed Lunches

We have been providing packed lunches to all eligible families. Every lunchtime between 11.30 and 12.30 families have been walking to school (socially distancing) and collecting a sandwich, crisps and fruit. We have even had some Easter goodies over the bank holiday.

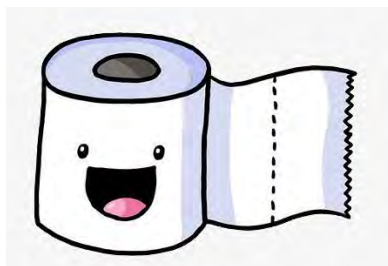
(Thank you Bay Food Bank for your Easter treat donations). The government has announced vouchers are available for those in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals and these became available from 13th April. You will all be aware that there have been national difficulties in allocating families with their code to access the vouchers. Thank you for your patience during this time and understanding that this was not a school issue. If anyone is still having difficulty please contact the school office.



## Website

Please continue to access the school website for up to date information (as well as Twitter).

The whole school text of *The Girl Who Walked on Air* by Emma Carroll continues to be read in stages and I know many of you have commented how your child is enjoying it. Also staff are busy reading books for their classes too. Also on the website is the staff loo roll passing video, which is great fun to watch for you all.



## Community

At New York we consider it our duty to play our part in supporting our local community and neighbours. For a



couple of years we have been hosting community meetings in school, providing members of the community with the opportunity to discuss concerns and ideas to make New York a great area in which to live.

As well as providing food parcels for many families we have also been delivering lunches to over 30 elderly, vulnerable residents on the estate. We are proud to do this and I would like to thank staff who have supported with this daily service.

## Construction

As ever Mr Kellett is making the most of the good weather to construct something new for our pupils. He has had some great help from some of the children attending school. Here is a photo of it - Can you guess what it is going to be? Tweet your answers. @Newyorkprimary



## Easter Competition

Well done and thank you to all who entered our Twitter Easter Egg competition. We had some wonderfully creative and topical entries this year and every entry will receive a small prize.

### Our Winners

Nursery - Edward      Reception - Jacob and Harry



Year 1 - Lily-Mae and Daisy





## Our Winners

Year 2 - Blake      Year 3 - Lili and George



Year 4 - Grace



Year 6 - Amy



## Daily Mile Celebration

This week we were due to participate in the 'Daily Mile Celebration Day' with other schools across North Tyneside. We would still love for you to participate in this challenge by completing your Active Mile in or outside of your own home safely. The North Tyneside PE Team have released different ideas and an 'Activity Mile Bingo' which staff will email to you, to keep active and increase your daily steps. This is a great way to break up children's learning whether that be at school or at home! Please Tweet us your Active Mile pictures but remember safety is top priority! #stayhomestayactive

# What we've been up to...

## Mrs Marshall

I have started a wish-list jar with my family - as we are not able to spend time together at the moment. Every time one of us wishes we could do something, go somewhere, treat ourselves, see someone we love, visit a new place or invite people to visit us we are writing it down on a post-it note and putting it in a jar. When all this is over it will be our mission to work our way through the jar and be more grateful than ever for the little and lovely things in our lives. Until then we'll enjoy watching the jar fill up with things to look forward to.



## Miss Hollywood

I have been sharpening my DIY skills whilst at home (a job my dad usually comes and does for me)! So far I have pressure washed, stained my decking, mended and painted the fence ... it's amazing the things I can find in my shed!

## Miss Eiles

I have completed two 1000 piece jigsaws. I needed lots of those New York skills that I know we all have - resilience and patience! When times got tough I remembered our saying "We are New Yorkers, we never give up!"



# What we've been up to...

## Miss Baxter

I have been busy decorating my kitchen and stairs and then I have been busy in the garden with the dogs. They love getting into mischief and trying to pinch the flowers! When I water the plants they try and catch the water from the hose!

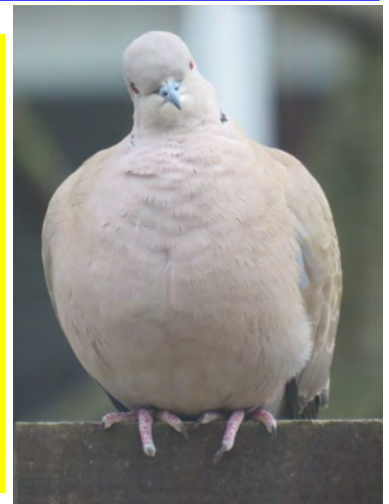
## Miss Drake

I have been reading at every moment possible! I have read 7 books during our time at home so far.. I wonder who can beat my total? I've now set up a book reviewing page where I write a little bit about the book and give my opinion. Maybe you could write me a review of your favourite book to feature on my page. I have also been doing lots of gardening as I would like to create a little vegetable patch in my garden. So far, I have shoots coming from my radish, lettuce and beetroot plants!



## Mrs Prince

I have been feeding the birds in my garden! I am trying to learn the names of the different birds that visit and I like taking photographs of them too. The other day I took this photo of a collared dove, but I don't think he or she was very impressed!





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## Mrs Middleton

I have been playing a lot of football in the back garden with my children - I'm hoping for a spot on the New York team for the Littleton League... although I have already lost 2 balls over the fence!

I have been using the Duolingo app to learn Dutch too - I love learning languages!! Het is so leuk!



## Mrs Blakey

I have been reading lots of books and I'm onto my fourth one (not as many as Miss Drake!)

I've also been Facetiming my dog, Meg, who is staying at my mum and dad's house and can't wait until I can take her for a walk again.

## Mrs Shaw

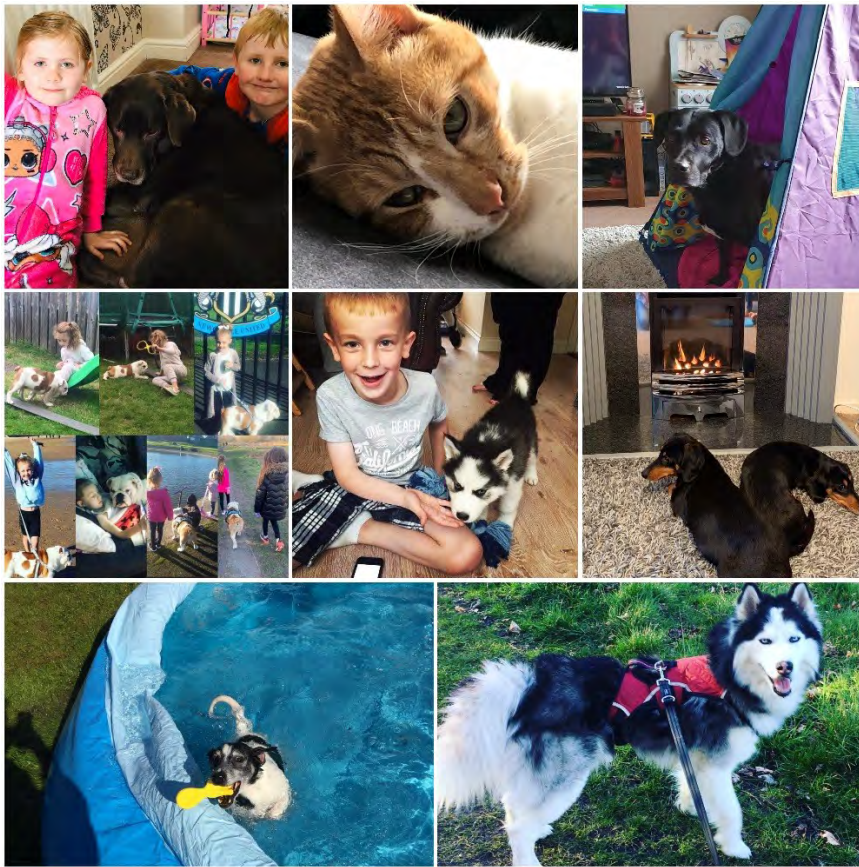
I have been learning a new skill. It's called Pindaloo and it is not as easy as it looks. I have ordered some for school when we return so you will all be able to try it!

## Mrs Bourne

I have been enjoying spending time with my twin girls - we have been painting, making pictures from things we find in the garden, baking and spending as much time in the garden as we can! The girls loved doing their first Easter egg hunt. Did you do a family Easter egg hunt?



# Pets' Corner!



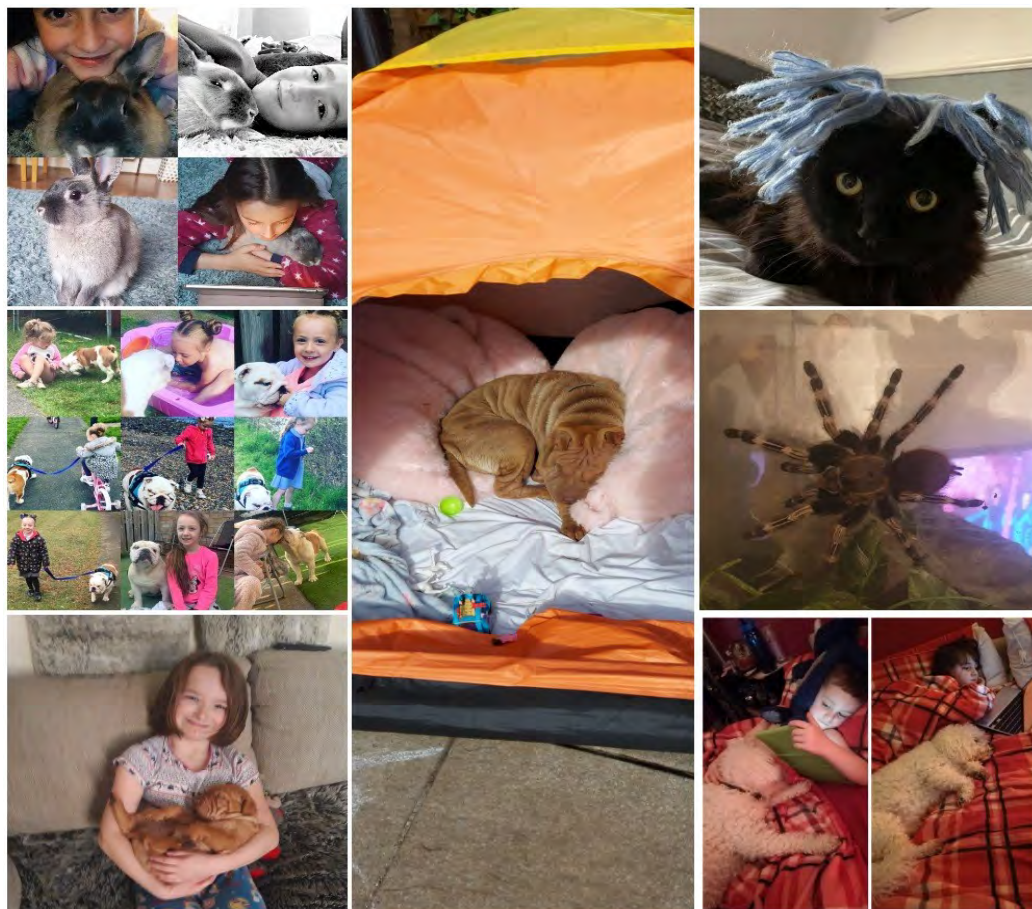
Last week, we asked you to send us photographs of your pets and, as always, you did not let us down!

Thank you for these beautiful photos - we hope they make you all smile!



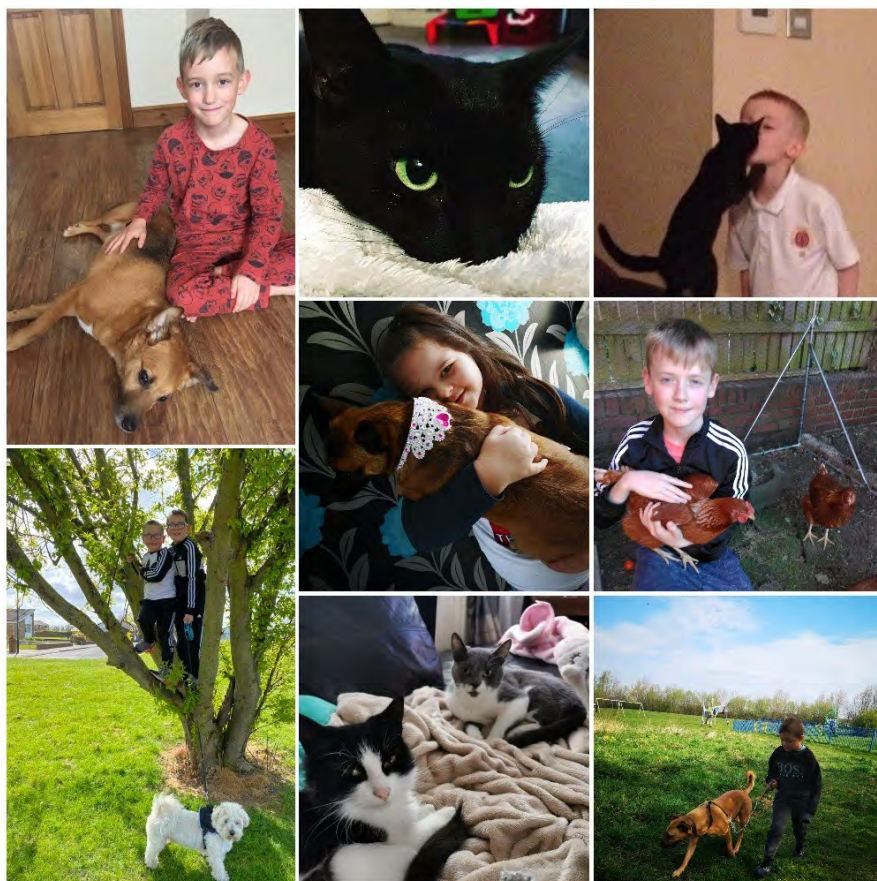


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Can you spot  
your pet?

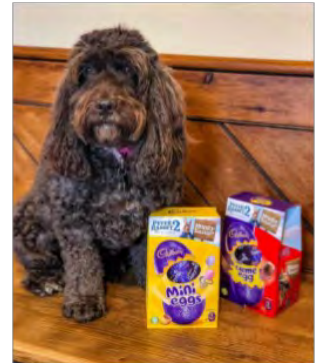
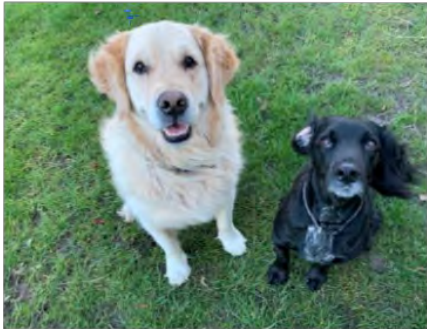
If you would  
like your pet to  
feature on a  
future  
newsletter,  
Tweet a photo  
or send one to  
your class  
teacher!





# Match the pet to the teacher!

Can you guess which pet belongs to which teacher? Fill in your answers below and let us know on Twitter!



1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Mrs Marshall      B) Mrs Blakey      C) Mrs Cole  
D) Mrs Shaw      E) Mrs Davidson      F) Mrs Middleton  
G) Mrs Warren and Miss Evans      H) Miss Hubbard



# Recipes to try!

## Miss Baxter's Cheese Scones

### You will need:

- 225g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
- A pinch of salt
- A pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 55g chilled butter cut into cubes
- 120g mature cheddar grated
- 90-100ml milk plus 1 tablespoon for glazing



### Method:

1. Heat the oven to 200C and place a large baking tray inside.
2. Wash your hands!
3. Sift the flour, salt, cayenne pepper and baking powder into a bowl.
4. Add the butter to the bowl and combine with your fingertips to make breadcrumbs.
5. Sprinkle 100g of the cheese into the breadcrumb mixture and rub together until evenly distributed.
6. Make a well in the centre of the mixture and pour in enough milk to give a fairly soft but firm dough. Do not pour in all the milk at once as you may not need it all.
7. Lightly flour a surface and roll out the dough to approximately 2cm thick.
8. Cut out the scones with a medium (about 8cm) cutter, then put on a sheet of baking parchment, glaze with a little milk and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.
9. Carefully, slide onto the hot oven tray.
10. Bake in the oven for 15-20 mins or until golden brown and cooked through.

# Recipes to Try

## Mrs Warren's Cornflake Crunch

### You will need:

- A 20cm (8 inch) shallow round tin
- 225g milk or plain chocolate
- 3 tablespoons of golden syrup
- 50g margarine
- 100g cornflakes



### Method:

1. Grease the tin with a little butter or margarine on a paper towel.
2. Break the chocolate into a large pan.
3. Add the syrup and margarine
4. Heat the pan gently, stirring the mixture all the time.
5. When the chocolate has melted, add the cornflakes and stir them well. Make sure that they are coated all over with chocolate.
6. Spoon the mixture into the tin. Carefully smooth the top with the back of a spoon. Try not to crush the cornflakes!
7. Put the tin in a fridge for the chocolate to set. It will take about two hours.
8. Finally, use a sharp knife to cut it into eight pieces.

If you try out either of these recipes, please upload a photo to our Twitter for us all to see!



@Newyorkprimary

## Lockdown Playlis t!

We think that it's important to stay cheerful during this challenging time!

Here are some songs that never fail to make us smile...



Fleetwood Mac  
Don't Stop



George Ezra  
Shotgun

OK Go  
Here it goes again

Edwin Starr  
H. A. P. P. Y

Prince of Egypt  
When you believe

Birdie  
Keeping your head up



Florence and the Machine  
You've got the Love

Justin Timberlake  
Can't stop the feeling

Paloma Faith  
Make your own kind of music

Which songs have you been listening to during Lockdown? Tweet us and let us know!





## Online Safety

At New York, we have a number of SMART Online Safety rules that we follow to keep ourselves safe.

Please share these with your children to open up conversations about how to access the Internet in a True New Yorker way, keeping themselves and others safe.



## Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to stay safe online

**S**

Stay **safe** online by not sharing personal information



**M**

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only made friends with online



**A**

Do not **accept** messages or friend requests from strangers



**R**

Not everything online is **reliable**. Some people online are strangers and may try and trick us



**T**

**Tell** an adult you trust if anything happens online that you don't like



# Domestic abuse – Where to get help during the Covid-19 pandemic

**For 2 million victims of domestic abuse,  
home may not be the safe place it should be.**

We can help and support you if you are experiencing domestic abuse, you can contact Northumbria Police by **telephone on 101**, or online via [www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk)

However in an emergency, always **call 999**. If you dial 999 and are unable to speak, the emergency operator will ask you to dial 55 and to follow their instruction to quickly put you in touch with Police.

## **Northumberland**

DASN – Domestic Abuse  
Service Northumberland  
**01670 820199**

## **North Tyneside**

Harbour  
**0191 2513305**

## **Gateshead**

Domestic Abuse Team Gateshead  
**0191 4333333**

## **Newcastle**

NIDAS – Newcastle  
Integrated DA Services  
**0191 2146501**

## **South Tyneside**

Impact Family Services  
**0737 5788835**

## **Sunderland**

Wearside Woman In Need  
**0800 0665555**

Angelou Centre  
(support for BME/refugees)  
**0191 2260394**

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
**0808 2000247**

Men's Advice Line  
**0808 8010327**

National LGBT+  
Domestic Abuse Helpline  
**0800 9995428**

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POLICE**

# Birthdays!

At New York, we always love to celebrate the birthdays of our pupils and are very sorry to have missed so many of your birthdays during this period! We would therefore like to wish a very happy birthday to the following pupils:

- 17th March - Leighton (Nursery)  
18th March - Tyler-Jay (Year 2)  
19th March - Jayden (Year 3)  
21st March - Joshua (Year 3)  
23rd March - Joe (Year 5)  
26th March - Jenson (Nursery)  
29th March - Ethan (Year 6)  
1st April - Faith (Year 6)  
1st April - Fidelis (Year 6)  
2nd April - Arron (Year 3)  
4th April - Dakota (Year 3)  
4th April - Harvey (Year 5)  
5th April - Kieron (Year 4)  
5th April - Maisie (Year 5)  
6th April - Isla (Nursery)  
6th April - April (Year 1)  
9th April - Harry (Year 2)  
10th April - Violet (Year 2)  
11th April - Kyan (Reception)  
11th April - Lexi (Year 1)  
14th April - Charlie (Nursery)  
14th April - Ishaaq (Year 3)  
18th April - Harrison (Reception)  
18th April - Willow (Year 1)  
19th April - Antonina (Reception)  
19th April - Joseph (Year 6)  
25th April - Freya (Nursery)  
28th April - Leighton (Year 6)  
30th April - Izabelle (Reception)

