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To all the amazing children from St Brigid’s (and parents too!),

We hope that each and every one of you are keeping well and keeping safe. we are keeping very well but I’m missing all of you dreadfully. We are especially missing not being able to see all the wonderful art work that you usually do for Easter. Have any of you painted a rainbow for your window? If so, I would love to see it. Perhaps you could take a photograph and email the picture of your rainbow to me koneill580@c2kni.net or to your class teacher. Perhaps you could send an email to let us know how you are or how you are getting on with your Literacy and Numeracy packs or any other activities you are doing. Or perhaps you could email a copy of your most favourite piece of work from your home learning pack. We would love to see it!

It is hard to believe that this Thursday would have been the last day of term for our children and we would be breaking up for the Easter holidays. As it is, we currently have a very different picture. We have had questions from parents about continuing with school work over Easter. Please feel free to give your children a break over Easter from the learning packs and instead just enjoy some family time at home. Play some board games, bake some buns, do a little gardening, take a 'virtual tour' of a museum or zoo and look forward to eating those lovely Easter eggs!

After Easter, your teachers will be in touch to give you more ideas about work you could be doing at home. But in the meantime, here are some ideas for over the Easter Holidays

* Read a few pages from your favourite book each day
* Write a letter and either post it or send an email to a family member you can’t get to see now or your friends or teacher.
* Play board games with your family or build jigsaws
* Check out the Sentinus Challenge on the school website
* Go outside every day and do some exercises
* Make an Easter card and sent it to someone to brighten up their day
* Boil an egg and when it is cooled decorate it for Easter
* Bake some nice goodies
* Watch a family movie or have a movie marathon!
* Learn a new song, create a dance, play your musical instrument …… we know that there are so many of you who love to perform – and send us through some pictures or videos.



TTS educational resources have produced 3 Resource Booklets to help schools during this crisis.

Foundation Stage (Yr 1 & 2)

KS1 (Yr 3 & 4)

KS2 (Yr 5-7)

**The Booklets can be found in our Downloads Sections of the school website.**

They have created a curriculum-focused independent learning resource with over 40 home learning activities all planned and all prepared!

•    Free download and share it with your pupils electronically

•    Includes activities for all curriculum areas

•    Easy to use with all tasks explained clearly

•    All activities help to revise and embed curriculum learning at home

•    It is also mobile friendly

With a combination of independent and collaborative learning activities, the home learning books provide a great opportunity for parents to learn with their children.



To help both parents and teachers deal with this unprecedented situation, Prim-Ed Publishing is launching Resource Booklets (P2-P7) to help schools, parents and children during this crisis. **The resources can be found in our Downloads Sections of the school website.**
FREE learn-at-home packs can be accessed here for all classes, with direct links to relevant products for parents and blogs with great teaching tips!



BookTrust have launched a new digital hub, [www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime) which is packed with reading advice, ideas, activities and resources.  **More information on the Book Trust can be found in our Downloads Sections of the school website.**

There are some brilliant activities for the children and family with STEM HUB NI @ W5 You can train like an astronaut, survive on a desert island, explore the magic behind movies and much more... follow the link <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/family-activities>



Folks don't forget that if you log on to my school using your c2k log on details you can access the c2k Newsdesk. It's full of interesting articles to read and you can have your say published as well!

Everyone at St Brigid’s would like to end by wishing you and your family a very happy and very blessed Easter. I hope you and your family be happy, have fun, keep safe and eat lots of yummy Easter Eggs!

We miss you all

Mr O’Neill and all the staff at St Brigid’s PS

PS. Don’t forget to email me – koneill580@c2kni.net or your teachers.