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Dear Friends,

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that a new quote is sitting beneath our masthead. I felt it was time to signal a change. No doubt you will have been following some of the developments that have emerged since the Prime Minister announced that he wanted schools to re-open to some students. Like many school leaders, I looked at the guidance provided by the DfE with dismay – how could we possibly do this safely. However, school leaders are a practical bunch, rarely letting problems define us. So my brilliant team of leaders have worked on the solutions and I am now confident that we will be ready for the 1st June, if required.

I think it is also important to mention how disappointed I was in the way that some of our union colleagues entered the debate. I know their job is to represent their members. But they, like us have a duty to engage in this conversation constructively, looking for the way through, not just erecting barriers. Furthermore, the use of highly emotive language does nothing to build confidence.

I want to reassure you that we have taken a 'belt and braces' approach to these challenges. We have completed the initial risk assessments and Ian Carnwell, our Director of Estates has done some phenomenal work preparing guidance and documentation for all the schools in the Trust. As a leader in that Trust, I am confident that our schools will not open unless every risk has been addressed with appropriate control measures.

Finally, I think it is important to say, how much we are looking forward to seeing your children again – after all, they are the reason we work in schools in the first place! I know you are worried, I would be lying if I told you I wasn't – but I am confident that we will be ready for June.

Principal & Director of Secondary Education

Recipe of the week – Tartes Aux Pommes

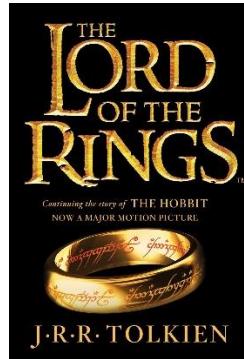
This week we have another recipe provided by Madame Tournaire. The catch as always, is that the recipe is in French – so it provides a double helping of learning! Bon Appetit!



<http://ekladata.com/ielLipS4DRLoChCdevrYvPFAKIY/Tarte-aux-pommes.pdf>

A good read!

Mrs Hanson describes some of her favourite books.



When I was 13 years old, I was given the books **The Hobbit** and **The Lord of the Rings** as a birthday present from my parents. Back then, we did not have the wealth of technology devices to entertain ourselves that children and young adults have today.

Therefore, I dived straight into the story with great enthusiasm. I know my parents were pleased, knowing these stories would keep me occupied for quite a while – I had always been a mischievous child!

It would be an understatement to say that I loved, not only the storyline, but also the amazing range of characters that **JRR Tolkien** created for the reader.

Then in December 2001 **The Fellowship of the Ring**, the first book in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, was transformed from page to screen by the film director Peter Jackson. You can probably imagine my excitement, year on year, as the other books from the trilogy were released on film, including **The Hobbit** a few years later.

I never tire of watching these films, so much so, that at the beginning of many holidays my son Ezra and I snuggle up on the sofa and watch the whole lot – over a few days!



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Poetry Please

This week I want to introduce you to one of my favourite poets. He isn't famous (yet), but he is brilliant nonetheless. His name is Harry Baker, when I first met him, he was just a little boy – he has grown up somewhat since then! The best way to understand his poems is to watch him recite them, so I have added 3 great videos.

[59, Paper people, When this is over](#)

They are all great, but 'when this is over', is perfect for these days.

Fun Maths

Why not use your creative skills to support some learning in maths. Fraction flowers are a great way to help younger children connect concepts to the real world. For more help, check out this link [here](#).

All you need to get started is some paper plates!



Get crafty – Sock puppet

This is a messy activity, but mess is part of the fun. You will need:

- A single sock
- Some wool
- A wool needle
- Buttons or googly eyes (or fabric pens for younger kids)
- Scissors
- PVA glue (or similar)



1. Decide which part of the sock will be your puppet's face.
2. Put your hand inside the sock and either fold the toe of the sock inside or place your thumb in the heel to form a mouth that can open and close.
3. For hair, take card and tie wool around it until its thick.
4. Using the needle, sew along the card edge, gathering and knotting strands together, overlapping until you reach the end.

5. Use scissors to cut through the loops of wool at the other end for a puppet wig!
6. Sew hair, eyes, and other decorations on the sock. (This should be done by an adult or for an older child under supervision). Or use glue to stick details on and your puppet is ready to play!

Do send in a photo of your finished puppet.

Film recommendation



Mrs Summerton has enjoyed watching 'Night on Earth' (Netflix) with her children "It's a really good documentary showing how animals behave in the dark in different locations around the world.

Gratitude diary:

1. I am incredibly grateful for the guidance that Ian Carnwell (our Director of Estates) has provided to help us get ready for June 1st.
2. I am grateful for the hard work of Miss Wilcox and Mr Wilson this week as they have started re-organising our classrooms ready for re-opening.
3. And, last but not least, I am grateful for everything that Mrs Doran our Office Manager does for us, it's not easy doing her job in isolation, but she is brilliant – thank you!

Student shout outs!

I mentioned Solly's exploits recently, see what the Bournemouth Echo made of them [here](#).

Esmee and Finn have been showing us all how to get fit, their work [here](#) courtesy of Bournemouth Athletics Club. This is really impressive, well done!

And finally, Isabella has been doing a brilliant job raising money for the NHS by making and selling soap. Check out her website [here](#).