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SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Hey Mums and Dads, we have a little something for you too! Please check our Special Message for tips on maximising this time with your children.

It will bless you!

Welcome

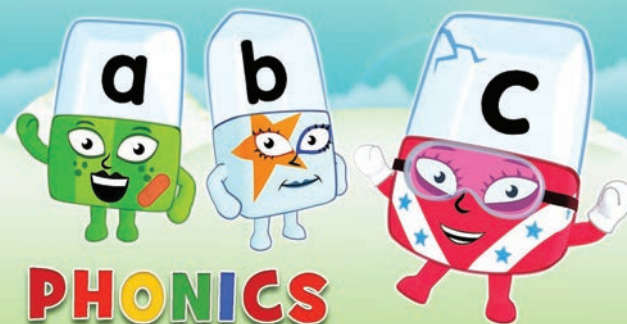
Hello and Happy Easter everyone!

How are you all?

We are so happy to welcome you to the latest edition of ENN. This is your exciting Easter issue with lots of activities and literacy focused material for you to try out. We have so much to share with you that we've created a pink ENN button for you to click and access even more content. We can't wait to see what you've been up to with this issue, so be sure to email your submissions to ENN@KICC.ORG.UK.

God bless you all.

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The BBC's Alphablocks makes a beginner's reading journey great fun. KS1 children can visit this link to great resources <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks> Grown ups can find out more about phonics with this super-helpful tool kit available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

Click to get the list of common exception words to be learned by children at the end of years 1 and 2

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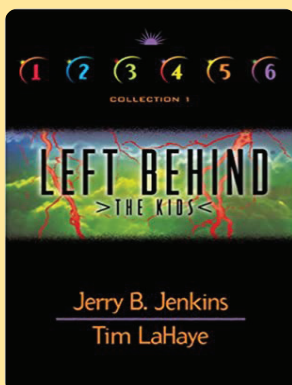
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Drop Everything And Read

It's DEAR time! Read any good books lately? Now just in case there are some of you out there in need of a little encouragement, here are just a few reasons why it's great to be a reader:

1. Reading helps you to learn even more great words
2. The more you read the better you get at it
3. It makes you even smarter! The more you read the more you know
4. It boosts your imagination
5. It's fun!

To find out more about the evidence for Christ and Easter, read: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Case-Christ-Kids/dp/0310719909>
<https://www.10ofthose.com/uk/products/24865/the-case-for-easter-new>



Left Behind - The Kids

A gripping series of the Earth's last days

This is an incredible series of 40 novels about life after the rapture. The rapture is when all living Christians, as well as believers who have resurrected, will go up "in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" – 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

After millions around the world

disappear, Judd, Vicki, Lionel and Ryan, four kids who lost their families through the disappearances are unsure about what the future holds. What they do know is that the worst is yet to come, and that somehow, they must unite to combat the evil forces that now endanger their lives. Every one of these books is impossible to put down (really!) and will keep you on the edge of your seat til the very end (if mum doesn't switch off the lights first).

I've read the first 12 books in this series and they are awesome. I devoured each one in about a day or less. I can't wait to read the rest!

Folase, age 11

Can you write a book review and email it in for us to share with your fellow readers? Send your book review to ENN@kicc.org.uk

Laughter is good medicine!

My parents asked me what I was going to do for Easter. I said, "The same as Jesus; go out on Friday and come back on Sunday."

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 4½ -year-old Timi stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. Timi asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father told him. "Can you believe it," Timi fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and He shows up."

A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver. Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.' 'Yes, that's true.' St Peter replied, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

Sources: www.swapmeetdave.com | www.funny-jokes.com

APRIL'S AMAZING EASTER ADVENTURE

Easter was fast approaching. April always loved and looked forward to the chocolate Easter eggs but often wondered what Easter was really about.

"Goodnight mum and dad" she said, then she was out like a light, falling sound asleep, with that thought pressing on her mind.

Suddenly, there she was, touring through time, on an angel's back. Angel G flew over Adam and Eve in their secret garden of Eden. They soared in the air above Moses as he parted the Red Sea. April watched Deborah make important decisions about arguments in her courthouse. It was amazing, and April was filled with excitement, knowing she was safe.

"Down there, let's go down there, who's that and what's happening there?" she shouted.

Angel G dived to the scene. They were now in a place with a funny name called Golgotha, but what she saw was far from funny. April panicked; tears

streamed down her cheeks.

"Why are they doing that to him Angel G?" she asked.

In the middle of a big crowd of people, was a dead man was on the cross, with a crown of thorns on his head. A long single nail had been knocked through each of his hands and one nail had been knocked through his ankles. It looked really, really painful.

Angel G answered her with a smile. He is the Saviour of the world and what Easter is all about. That man's name is JESUS. Off they went again, up, up and up in the air. April was deep in thought, how could He be the Saviour of the world, like a real-life superhero, when he was dead and helpless on a cross. ???

"April!", called Angel G, dragging her away from her thoughts, "We have one more stop to make". April perked up, full of excitement as they swooped down towards a man, whose face looked like light, he dressed in white, talking to another man. They listened to the conversation. The man in white said

"Thomas it's me JESUS". Jesus put his hands up and April was amazed. She saw the holes where the nails had been. Wowwww! April recognised the man. He was the dead man on the cross and now HE IS ALIVE.... HE IS ALIVE she screamed. She was so happy.

Angel G then explained, "JESUS rose from the dead after 3 days. JESUS is God, more powerful than Wonder Woman or Superman and he died so that all the things we have ever done wrong can be forgiven". Angel G's last words were "get to know him April, he loves you so much and HE is what Easter is all about"

April woke up with a start. "It was a dream!" she said, but she knew that everything she had seen and heard about JESUS was true. She rushed excitedly to tell her mum and dad all about it.....

[The Story of Easter \(The Last Supper\)](#)

[The Story of Easter \(Jesus' Sacrifice\)](#)

AN AWESOME EXCHANGE

Zoe looked worried as her mother entered the room.

"What's the matter Princess?" asked Mum.

"Nothing" said Zoe.
Are you sure? Mum asked, unconvinced by her answer.

"Yeah..." Zoe muttered, trying hard not to look mum in the eye.

"Ok Darling, if you say so, but you know you can always talk to me, don't you?"

Mum lingered in the room a bit longer, pretending to be looking for something. After a few seconds Zoe began,
"Well," I've been watching the news ...about the virus.... then she paused.

"Go on sweetheart", mum urged.
"It's just" she continued, "I keep thinking about the children who have someone sick, or in hospital, or... dead."

Mum sighed softly; a warm smile lighting up her pretty face. By now she had quietly sat down, snuggled up close to Zoe and wrapped her arm around her in a way that also made Zoe sigh – a sigh of relief. Zoe had just let out what was on her mind, and though Mum hardly said a word, it felt like a weight coming off her 9-year old shoulders.

Then mum told Zoe of a story in the bible when the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt. God had sent Moses to tell Pharaoh the Egyptian king to let His people go but he wouldn't. Nine plagues were sent in response to Pharaoh's disobedience, but nine times he refused. As part of the tenth plague, the first born sons of the Egyptians were going to die, but God instructed that each Israelite household was to kill a lamb and mark its blood on their doorframes, so that the angel of death would not visit any of their houses. This is called the Passover and is still celebrated today.

"Many years later, mum continued, just before Jesus

was crucified, He celebrated the Passover with his disciples. This is known as the Last Supper. He shared bread and wine, representing his body which was whipped and the blood he shed for us. Jesus was showing his friends that we can be saved from sin and protected from diseases by the sacrifice he made".

"Do you remember how the lamb was killed and its blood put on the Israelites' doorframes?" mum asked Zoe.

"Yes", Zoe returned, snapping out of her long silence.

"Well, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who took our place on the cross. Whenever we call on His blood, he delivers us from fear, disease and every other evil thing, like the coronavirus. "

Zoe looked up; her eyes big with excitement. "So, you mean..."
As if reading her mind Mum interjected, "Zoe darling, which one do you think is more powerful, the blood of little lambs, or the blood of our Saviour Jesus?"

"Jesus of course", Zoe exclaimed, for the first time smiling confidently.

"That's right Princess", affirmed mum.

"So, can we pray for the blood of Jesus to protect us?" asked Zoe.
"Absolutely", answered mum
What about those who already have the virus?

What about them? Mum asked, rhetorically.

"Will God heal them?"

"If we ask Him, in Jesus' name".
"Could we, please mum...now?"
Mum took Zoe's hand and gave it a gentle squeeze. "Go ahead sweetheart" she said, bowing her head.

Zoe too bowed her head, as she began to pray...

PRAYER:

Dear God,
Thank You for letting
Jesus die for me. Please
forgive all my offences
and come and be my Lord
and Saviour now and
forever. In Jesus' Name.

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 12:13 (ERV):

"But the blood on your houses will be a special sign. When I see the blood, I will pass over your house."

DIG DEEPER:

Read Exodus 12 and Luke 22.

God's Story: Passover - Younger Children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llwMt-KLKSE>

The Passover Story – Older Children: https://youtu.be/9Edfb_faOb0

Here's another great story! Read 'When the Good Guy Dies' and tell us what you think.

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GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!!

Diversity have announced that all of their online tutorials and dance classes are free until 1 May!! Ashley Banjo said: "We've always been shown love and support from our fans, so we wanted to bring you this for free so you can all get dancing, get learning and hopefully come out of this having some fun."

To join in visit www.20dv.co.uk



POETS CORNER

EASTER: What's all about?

E - Everyone loves Easter

A - All the chocolate is nice

S - So what's the true meaning?

T - To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

E - Eggs are not important, chocolate or not

R - Remember that God is everything, everything we've got

By Abigail, aged 11

Poems come in many different forms. Choose the link below to find out more about this expressive style of writing and then have a go at writing a poem yourself! What will you write about? It could be your favourite food, or animal, an imaginary place, a special person... anything that takes your fancy! Email your poem to us at ENN@kicc.org.uk and we will show as many as we can!

KS1 children watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjhhvcw/articles/zg6dng8>

KS2 children watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4mmn39>

Why your spelling matters...

Spelling is important for three reasons:

- **Communication:** Spelling is a critical part of communication.
- **Literacy:** Spelling and reading skills are closely related. Spelling helps your reading and writing skills.
- **Employment:** When you grow up spelling can have a direct impact on employment opportunities

Get the spellings for your year group and start practising... or is that practicing???

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SAYING THANK YOU...

We are all very grateful to God for all the doctors and nurses He has given us around the world. They are committed to helping people get better and now they are working even harder than ever to help those affected by the Coronavirus. So let's all support them. You can...



- * Pray for our NHS heroes
- * Write a 'Thank You' letter
- * Create a rainbow or colour one in.



In Genesis 9, we learn a rainbow is a sign of God's unfailing love and now lots of children are creating rainbows to put in their windows and outside to show support and just to brighten everyone's day.

Send your creations to ENN@kicc.org.uk for us to show in the next issue. Remember to tell us your name and age!

THE PSALM 91 CHALLENGE

Hi parents please send us short video clips of your children reciting psalm 91 by heart (some or all of it is fine). Don't worry, we know there are different ages and abilities. We just want the Word to be in their heart and mouths during this season. As we are at home now, please take the challenge and see you soon.

Send your child's recitation to ENN@kicc.org.uk. The best entries in the King's Kids class age categories will receive a prize. Thank you and God bless.

COLOUR IN TIME!



Do you like colouring?
Get more colouring pages here! Have fun!

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How many words of two letters or more can you find? Each word must use the letter in the middle and you cannot use a letter twice! Can you find the word that uses all the letters?

Send in your Word Wheel answers to ENN@kicc.org.uk and we will announce the 2 top scores in the age categories below in the next issue. Be sure to tell us your age when entering. On your marks, get set go!

Age categories: 3-6; 7-9 and 10-12.

CREATIVE WRITING

Put your great writing skills to work by looking at this picture and using it as inspiration to write your own story...



Here's a little something to get your story started...

Jackson had been following the trail for several hours. Hood drawn up over his head to protect him from the savage wind, he continued to trudge along. The only sounds Jackson could hear were the crunch of his feet as they penetrated the layer of snow underneath him, and the faint, disconcerting

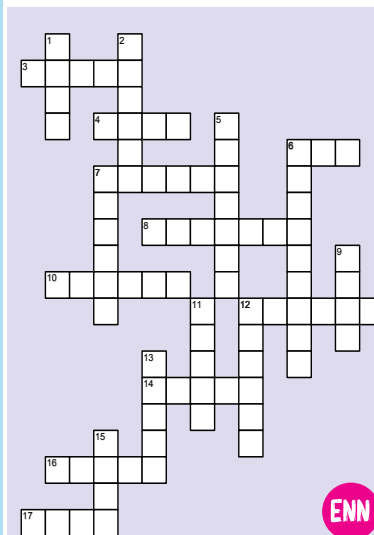
hum that came from the orb in front. The key to it all, he was sure, lay in the object he held carefully in his frozen hands. The boy wasn't quite sure how he would use it, but he hoped that its purpose would reveal itself when he reached his destination...

Sentence challenge!

Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like its meaning. Can you find any onomatopoeia in the story starter? Can you think of other onomatopoeia that might be relevant to Jackson's adventure? Think about the wind perhaps, or the object that Jackson is carrying.

www.pobble365.com

crossword puzzle



across:

- 3: We have _____ in God
- 4: Jesus did this in the garden before he died
- 6: Why Jesus had to die
- 7: He had to wear a crown of these
- 8: Jesus is our _____
- 10: The day of the week between Saturday and Monday.
- 12: Jesus died on this day
- 14: For God so _____ the World
- 16: Shed for our sin
- 17: Where Jesus' body was put

down:

- 1: One of the women who went to the tomb
- 2: The body of Christ
- 5: The king sent by God to save the Jews.
- 6: Jesus made a _____ for us
- 7: He had to wear a crown of these
- 9: Jesus did this in the garden before he died
- 11: JESUS IS _____!
- 12: Jesus died on this day
- 13: Shed for our sin
- 15: Where Jesus' body was put

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE...

Shakespeare famously wrote King Lear at a time when the plague was closing theatres and keeping people home. Why don't you turn your hand to writing a script for play using the document 'How to write a script'.

ENJOY THEATRE AT HOME

Theatre fans can still enjoy the arts, as the London Palladium production of The Wind in the Willows is available to rent for £2.99. A statement said: "As theatres are forced to close their doors, we're making The Wind in the Willows: the Musical available to stream online. The film was recorded live at the London Palladium in 2017." You can watch the show at www.willowsmusical.com. They have also made the original book, written by Kenneth Grahame, and a theatre activity pack available to download for free here: <https://www.willowsmusical.com/activities-for-schools-and-home>



ENN asked some of the King's Kids teachers about their childhood memories of Easter.

Check out their responses!

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send your competition entries, comments and birthday shout outs to us at: ENN@kicc.org.uk