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*Through.....
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life
itself
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*



The Heron Times

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Hello and welcome to the Valentine Heron Times, produced every month for the pupils of North Curry Primary School by Ms Harris and the 'Media Club'.

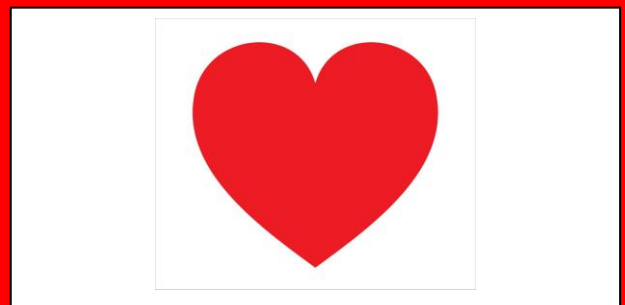
We hope you have a wonderful half term break. Our next edition will be March, celebrating World Book Day. If you would like to send anything in we would like to hear from you.

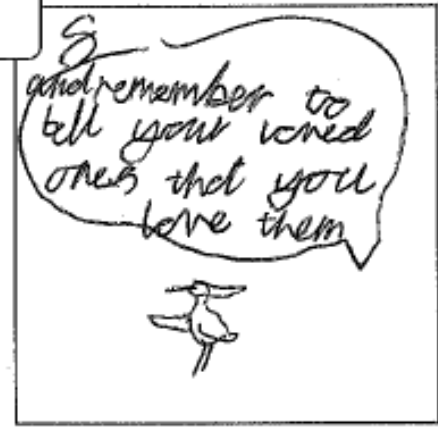
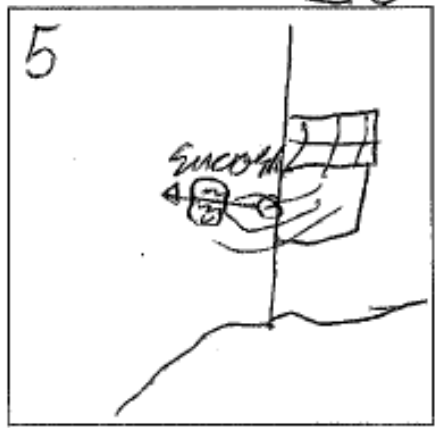
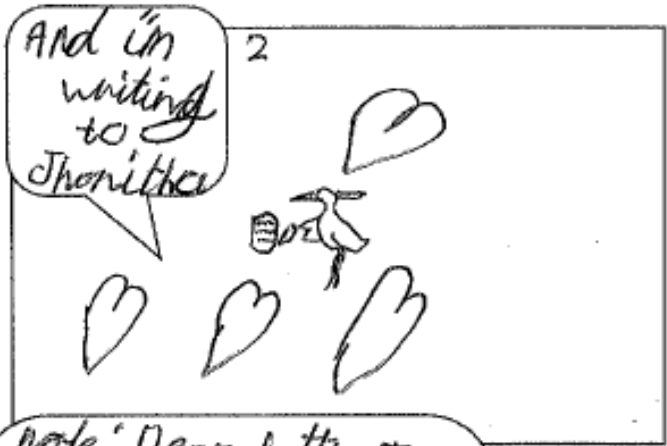
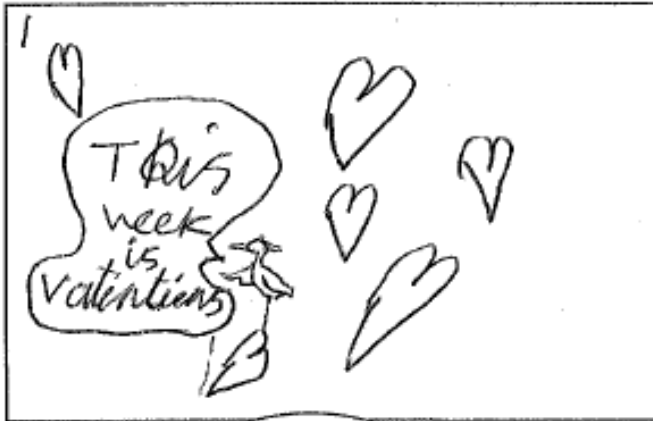
Stay safe Ms Harris & Team



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Hettie Heron by Tyler-Jae

An Interview with...Mrs Eddy by Charlie

Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

As a child I thought I might go into teaching in some form, but my main passion was history. I thought if I did teach, it would be as a history teacher. I taught History at university for a while but at the time it never occurred to me to teach Primary.

Have you ever had another job?

After I left University I worked as an HR consultant in London for a few years but it wasn't really me. That's when I first started to think about primary teaching and eventually I retrained as a Primary School teacher.

What is your favourite book?

I would never choose a favourite book. Its' like trying to choose your favourite child - impossible! You love different books for different reasons and they mean something to you at different stages of your life.

What is your favourite thing to eat?

I love fish and crab but the rest of my family aren't keen so I don't get to enjoy it very often. I also love Christmas dinner - as long as I'm the one cooking it and all my family are there to eat it.

What is the silliest fancy dress outfit you have ever worn?

I was a stick of celery. However I was a little disappointed at the time with my costume - I secretly wanted to be a pea.

What is your favourite movie?

Anything black and white with dancing and singing.

What is your favourite flower?

Anything that is growing in my garden.

Did you send a Valentine card this year?

No, I never do. Nor do I like to get them.

What is Valentine's Day, or St Valentine's Day?



Valentine's Day is on 14th February every year. It's the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love.

Who was St Valentine?

The day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was.

The popular belief about St Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. The first Valentine's Day was in the year 496!

Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival.

The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February - officially the start of their springtime.

It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married.

Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentine too.

Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

Credit BBC Bitesize



Easy Jam Tarts

Ingredients

- 250g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 125g butter, chilled and diced, plus extra for the tin
- 1 medium egg
- 1 vanilla pod, seeds scraped (optional)
- 100g jam, fruit curd or marmalade of your choice

STEP 1

Put the flour, butter and a pinch of salt in a bowl and rub them together with your fingertips. When the mixture looks and feels like fresh breadcrumbs, stir in the egg and vanilla seeds, if using, with a cutlery knife. Add 1 tbsp cold water, then start to bring the dough together in one lump with your hands - try not to knead it too much. Add 1 more tbsp of water if it's not coming together, but try not to add more than that. Wrap in cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 mins

STEP 2

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Butter a 12-hole tart tin, then dust your work surface with flour. Unwrap and roll out the chilled pastry so it's about the thickness of a £1 coin, then use a straight or fluted round cutter to cut out 12 circles, big enough to line the holes in the tin. Dollop 1-2 tsp of your chosen filling into each one and, if you like, cut out little pastry hearts (perfect for Valentine's Day) and pop them on top.

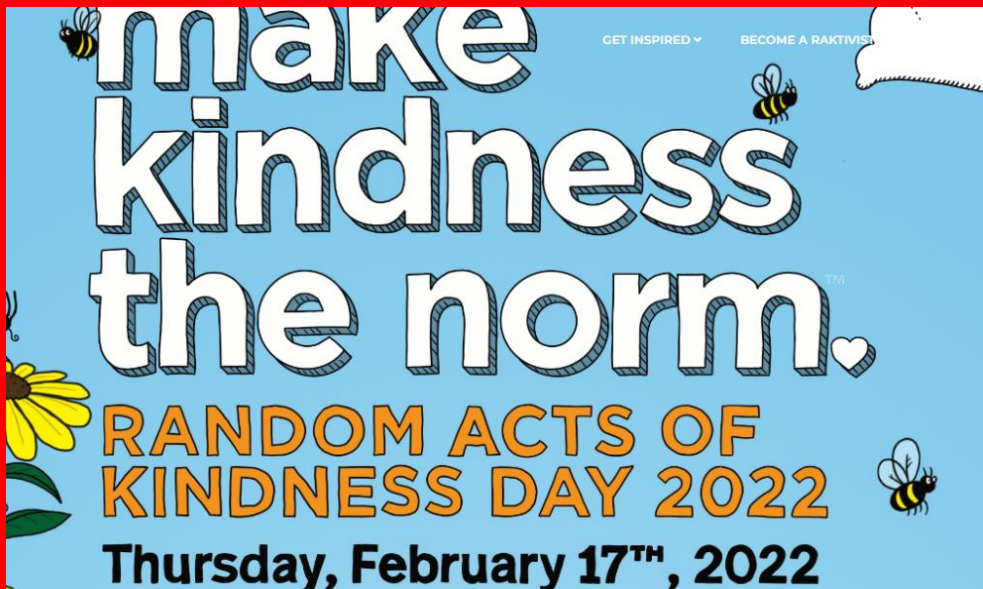
STEP 3 Bake for 15-18 mins or until golden and the filling is starting to bubble a little. Leave to cool in the tin for a few mins then carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/valentines-day-jam-tarts>

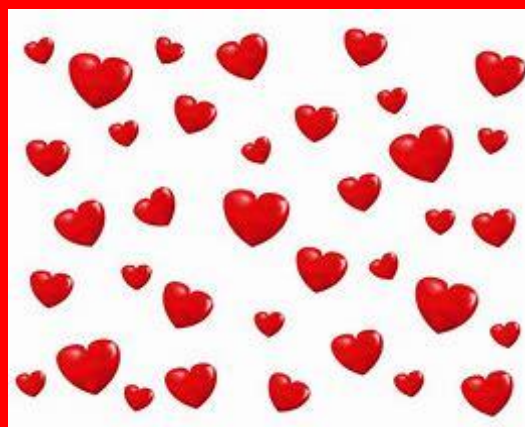
Random Acts of Kindness Day®

Thursday February 17th 2022

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One can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of kindness is significant. It may seem like it doesn't accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day. How do you celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day?



DON'T FORGET PANCAKE DAY

1st March



Important announcement: It is Pancake Day!

What is Pancake Day?

Pancake Day is also known as Shrove Tuesday and is happening on 1st March 2022

It happens on a different day every year to mark the start of the Christian festival of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is the beginning of the 40 days leading into Easter.

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and sacrifice, and often Christian children give things up - such as chocolate.

The tradition comes from families using up all ingredients in their cupboards so that they can start Lent the next day.

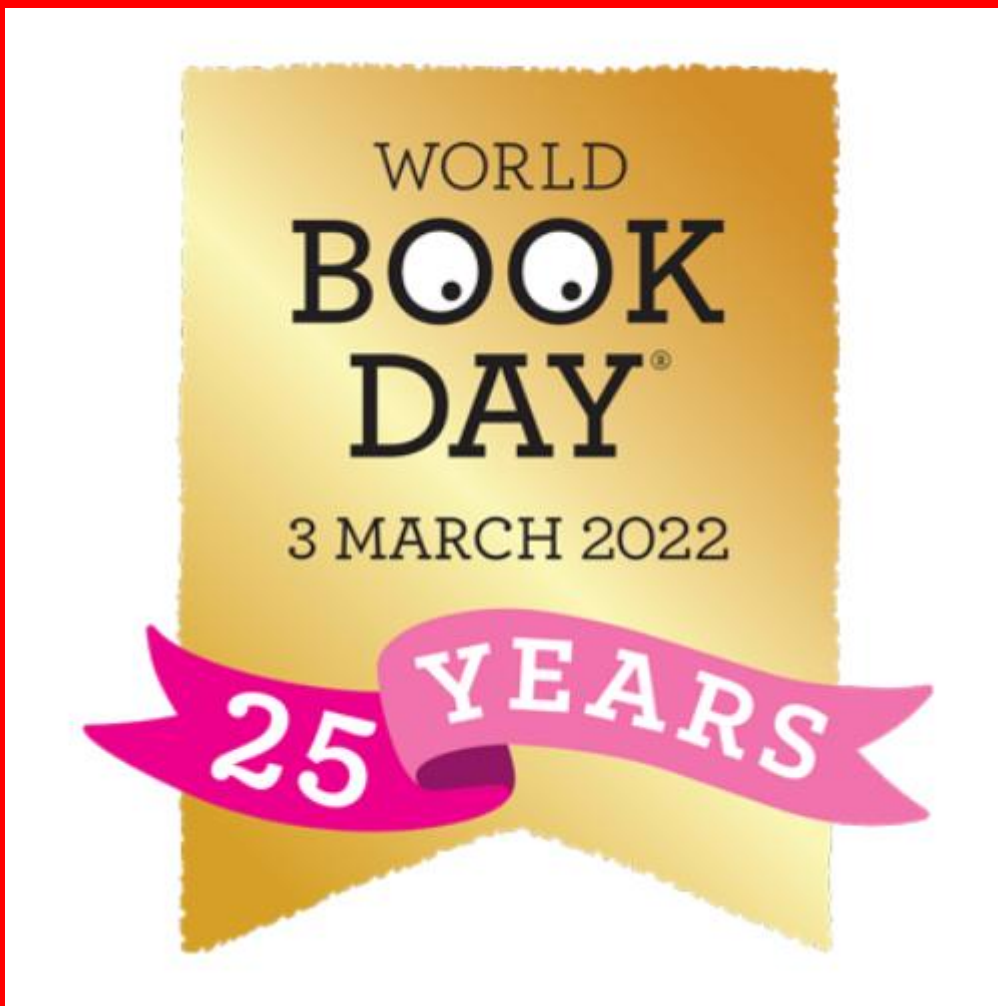
The ingredients - eggs, flour and milk - used to be very common things for people to give up for Lent, so it made sense to use them all up.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47154807>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-pancakes>

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Please send in any book reviews,
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