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## ICS Parent Update 18

Dear Parents

As we pass the first 100 days of COVID-19, and, hopefully, start to see the first few positive signs around the world, you will have noticed that we are no longer sharing a daily Parent Update. We have found that, as the school, and students and teachers, have increasingly, found their rhythm, there is not enough new information to share on a daily basis. Therefore, to avoid email overload at a time when our minds need their own headspace, we will now adopt a weekly Parent Update. In between, the majority of information can be found on your child's Google Classroom, and you all know, by now, that you can contact any of the Academic Leadership team at any time, if you have any questions at all, big or small.

### EY and KS1 Parent Tutorial

All over the world, it is proving the parents of the youngest schoolchildren who have the greatest challenge juggling the demands of their work and life with their children's home learning. Therefore, in response to questions from some of our own EY and KS1 parents, Emily Clark, Assistant Head of Primary (Early Years), has put this together. We hope it proves useful to you all!

### Theatre from Home

The ICS Drama and English departments has a subscription to a fantastic website called Digital Theatre Plus +. If you are bored with Netflix and youtube and want to enjoy live theatre, this is a fantastic resource in these hard times. It is basically 'Netflix for Theatre', and has hundreds of Theatre productions and for your enjoyment, from Shakespeare to Ibsen, and from Ballet to contemporary modern drama. Our GCSE students have, themselves, enjoyed *Frantic Assembly's* amazing *Lovesong*, a beautiful piece about dealing with relationships, love and loss - so why not give that a try? There really is something for everyone, so please feel free to login and hunt around for a theatrical escape from 24/7 crisis:

- Digital Theatre Plus +
- Username: ics
- Password: ics123

### Recycling from Home

As part of our continuous care for the environment, we are reaching out to you regarding recycling. A couple of years ago, we launched the Plastic Bottle Caps collection project, which is very popular among our students. Our Green Team focused this year on promoting recycling, and before the lockdown, we were going to launch the ICS Recycling Point, where parents can drop off items they would like to recycle such as paper, plastic and metal. Since



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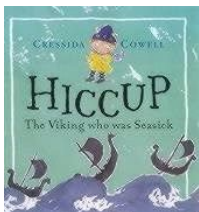
we would like to encourage our students to continue recycling, we encourage students, as much as possible (and as much as space permits!) to keep collecting plastic bottle caps and paper, plastic and aluminium cans, which they can then recycle when school reopens..

### #reasonstobecheerful

With the Parent Update now a weekly missive, I would like to share a few new “reasons” with you all, to keep you smiling especially over the 48 hour curfew ahead (which is a sentence I never thought I would find myself writing!).

- Firstly, a friend and former colleague of mine, Peter Watson, who now runs the inspiring [Atlas and Boots travel website](#), has challenged himself to climb the world’s highest mountains from the stairs in his own home. Are you ready for the challenge yourself?
- When the world seems to be getting worse before your eyes, you might find it inspiring and uplifting to read about [some of the destroyed Amazon rainforest being returned to its former glory](#).
- Recently, I told you all about J K Rowling’s new website for Potterheads ‘at home’. If that whetted your appetite, or your kids love a good book, have a look at [this list of bookish fun for the lockdown](#).

Finally, this week’s ‘Book at Bedtime’ is a lovely tale by Cressida Cowell of a timid little viking who finds that there is courage inside all of us, [Hiccup, the Viking who was Seasick](#).



I hope you enjoy it, as I hope you enjoy your long weekend, safe, happy and healthy, #athome with your families.

Best wishes

**Matthew Savage**  
**Principal**