

# Bonnars Church of England Primary School



South Ashdown Schools' Federation

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**Inspire & Aspire**



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*"Inspired by God, we aspire to be the best we can be, so that we can live life in all its fullness."*

*"I have come that they may have life to the full." (John 10:10)*



## Welcome Back to our First Remote Summer Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term! Thank you to everyone for your uplifting messages after the Bonners Team posted our Easter Video to you all on Easter Sunday. We all loved making the video and hope it made you smile!

Well done to all the children who made some fantastic Easter Bonnets and shared them on SEESAW you all looked wonderful. What a creative bunch you are. It was a marvellous virtual Easter Bonnet Parade!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting the school office by email [office@bonners.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@bonners.e-sussex.sch.uk) or directly contacting the Class Teachers through the SEESAW app.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe and well. So, we're carrying on with virtual remote learning through our SESSAW app until we can all return safely back to school.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will continue to have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the provision provided by the Class Teachers every day on SEESAW and let's keep learning moving in the right direction.

It has been wonderful seeing all this amazing learning through the pupils SEESAW online journals and great sharing all the learning to inspire everyone within newsletters.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mrs Ewa Wilson**  
Headteacher

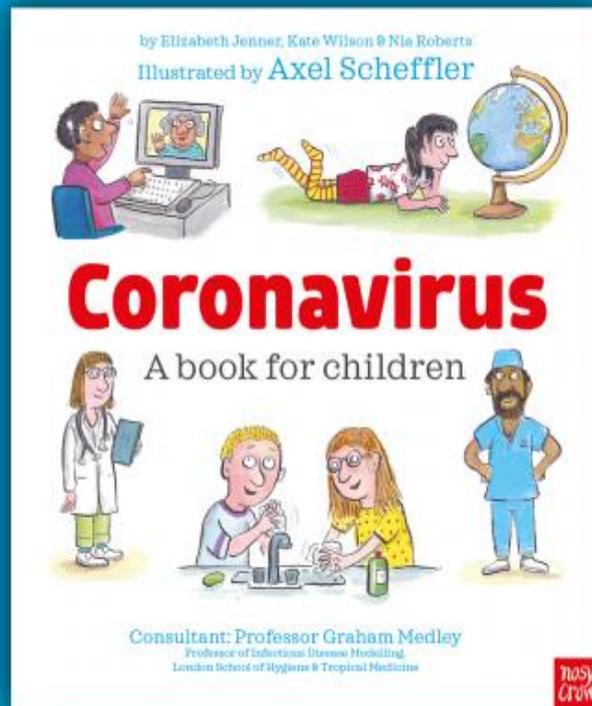
# Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade



## Critical Keyworkers

For parents of Critical / Keyworkers if you have no other alternative arrangements for child care throughout this time, please let us know the day before each day so that provision can be organised at school. To contact the school, please e-mail the office at [office@bonners.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@bonners.e-sussex.sch.uk) rather than ringing and leaving a message which may not always be picked up.

# A Free Book for Children !



Axel Scheffler has illustrated a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Published by Nosy Crow, and written by staff within the company, the book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.

The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

We want to make sure that this book is accessible to every child and family and so the book is offered totally free of charge to anyone who wants to read it. However, we have suggested, at the back of the book, that families might make a donation to help our health service if they find the book useful: <https://www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk/>.

**Kate Wilson, Managing Director of Nosy Crow, said:**

“We were very aware that many parents and carers are struggling to explain the current extraordinary situation to children, many of whom are frightened and confused. We thought that the best thing we could do would be to use our skills to produce a free book to explain and, where possible, reassure children. We asked Axel, whose work is so familiar and so loved, to illustrate it. He was happy to do it, and did it extraordinarily quickly. Meanwhile, having heard Professor Medley interviewed by the BBC, we looked him up and wrote to him, and despite his huge workload, he reviewed the book over a weekend, and we were able to incorporate his suggestions, together with those of two head teachers and a child psychologist, into the final version of the book. We hope it helps answer difficult questions in difficult times.”

**Axel Scheffler, illustrator of The Gruffalo, said:**

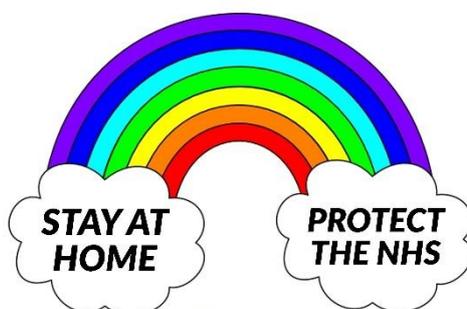
“I asked myself what I could do as an children’s illustrator to inform, as well as entertain, my readers here and abroad. So I was glad when my publisher, Nosy Crow, asked me to illustrate this question-and-answer book about the coronavirus. I think it is extremely important for children and families to have access to good and reliable information in this unprecedented crisis, and I hope that the popularity of the books I’ve done with Julia Donaldson will ensure that this digital book will reach many children who are now slightly older, but might still remember our picture books.”

**Professor Graham Medley, Professor of Infectious Disease Modelling at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said:**

“This pandemic is changing children’s lives across the globe and will have a lasting impact on us all. Helping children understand what is going on is an important step in helping them cope and making them part of the story – this is something that we are all going through, not something being done to them. This book puts children IN the picture rather just watching it happen, and in a way that makes the scary parts easier to cope with.”

**You can download a copy of the book [here](#) (or, if you have trouble with that link, [here](#)) – and also read it through the link on SEESAW**

[https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus\\_ABookForChildren.pdf](https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf)



**Safeguarding is always of paramount importance to us. If you have any safeguarding issues you would like to discuss please contact us.**