

20th April 2020

Our Christian value for this term is Friendship:
We are learning to be generous, caring and loyal friends

Dear Parents.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. As today is the start of the summer term, I thought it would be a good time to send out a newsletter with key information.

Teachers will now be loading learning on to Seesaw for children to complete regularly moving forward. We still have some children that have not joined their class so if you need the details resending please send an email to the school office. If parents want to view their child's learning and communicate with the class teacher this has to be done through the family app. Again if you need the details resending please send an email to the school office.

The learning on Seesaw should be spread out over the week and please feel free to use this in conjunction with all the other resources that are available. When children are completing work on Seesaw, teachers need to see how children have worked out answers, particularly in maths and see their errors. This can then be used to plan future work and activities and also identify where someone may be struggling. Teachers are not expecting everything to be completed perfectly and really want to see what your child can do.

Home learning from BBC Bitesize is being launched today for different year groups starting at Year 1. Each day there is maths and English plus another subject and these can be seen at: bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons.

Please keep using TT Rockstars, Numbots and Accelerated Reader as teachers do check on what children are doing and these are excellent resources to practise basic maths skills and complete reading comprehension.

There is support available to help your child keep themselves safe online particularly as they may be using this more. Some useful links are provided below:

- <u>Thinkuknow</u> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- <u>Net-aware</u> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)
- <u>Let's Talk About It</u> (support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation)
- <u>UK Safer Internet Centre</u> (tips, advice, guides)

In these very uncertain times some children may be struggling with the social isolation and trying to understand what is happening. There are resources available to promote and support children' mental wellbeing and these include:

- MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health, which is relevant for parents and carers as well as volunteers, teachers, and other professionals working with children
- the <u>Every Mind Matters</u> platform which supports looking after your own and other's mental health
- <u>guidance on looking after wellbeing and mental health</u> during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak
- guidance on supporting children's wellbeing and mental health

As always, please contact us at any time if there is anything you want to ask or discuss either
through the bursar email or by the family app on Seesaw.

Best wishes

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