



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children's' level of engagement with their home learning. Thank you all for your support at home. We know that it isn't an easy task.

If you have any issues with devices or data, please let me know as there is help out there.

You will have noticed that we are trying to develop opportunities for the children to interact with us and each other. This week, phonics lessons, group and individual interventions have taken place. I have also delivered a worship assembly this morning which was very well attended- thank you for joining me. At the time of writing, Mrs Makin is delivering story time to Sapling class. It sounds like they are having a lovely time and I am very impressed by their dinosaur roars!

From next week, I will be delivering Collective Worship each Monday and Friday morning at 9:30. This will be accessed through Google Chat.

For any meetings that are set up through **Google Chat**, you need to access them by doing either of the following:

- Sign into your child's google account. In the next tab, type in meet.google.com and a link to the meeting will appear. Click on the link to join.

Or

- Sign into your child's Google account, go to Google calendar, a meeting will be there and a link for the virtual hangout is in it.

We know that this is all a new way of learning and working. Thank you for your efforts and for your patience whilst we get used to this.

Home Learning Work

From next week, the staff will label the work with which day of the week it should be completed on. It is really important that this is followed in order. For those children who are coming in to school, please only cover work at home for the days when they are not with us. Otherwise, they will not be able to engage in the class activities.

WhatsApp

There is an unofficial school WhatsApp group which may be useful to parents whilst school is closed. Please note that all formal communications will continue to be sent out through Parentmail. The WhatsApp group will support parents to keep in touch. If you would like to be added to this group, please contact Penny on 07890 023594 or Bryher on 07785 542185 to be added.

Facebook and Instagram

Don't forget that the Friends also have an Instagram and Facebook page. The details of these are at the end of this newsletter.

Keeping in Touch

We will continue to make regular contact with you all but we will give priority to those of you who we haven't seen at school or on a video call. Please keep in touch with us and let us know if we can be of any help.

Free School Meals

Your child might be eligible for Free School Meals, if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

You can apply at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Wishing you all a good weekend

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