



St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter 16

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone has had a productive week and has enjoyed undertaking the work on our new Google Classroom. Thank you to those of you who have displayed high levels of engagement through Google Classroom so far. We do understand how challenging this time is for many families and so thank you for all of the work that has been submitted. We are very aware that the children have made lots of progress throughout the Autumn Term so please continue to undertake as much work as you can at home. By doing this, it will ensure that children continue to develop their skills in line with their peers and support them when they return to school. Please do visit each classroom for more information about how much learning your child is expected to undertake each day. If possible, please try to upload work as children complete tasks as this allows us to respond more promptly and provide more detailed feedback.

Now that our Google Classroom is up and running and working well, we would like to invite each child to attend a class check-in once a week alongside their peers and this will take place on zoom. This will give each child a chance to see their friends and engage in some gentle discussion to support wellbeing. During these meetings, we will also discuss the work set and offer support where difficulties arise. Next week, we will send out a letter containing finer details about the class check-in but we hope all the children will attend and enjoy taking part.

As ever, please do remember that if we can help or offer support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Online Safety

With everyone currently spending more time on screens at the moment, it is hugely important to reiterate the importance of online safety. Below is a link to some Online Safety home activity packs. They include simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at home. We recommend that you try to do one of these per week with your child and we will be completing them in school too.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Please also visit our website for some other sites to visit to support Online Safety under the COVID 19 and School Closure Resources tab.

Turning in work

If possible, we would like children to hand in their work on the Google Classroom on the day they complete it. When each piece of work has been completed, either save it as a document or take a photo of it and save as a file on your computer. Then go back to the "View Assignment" screen - you will see at the top of the screen at the right hand side a "Your Work" box. Under this please click "Add or Create" and click "file" which will allow you to upload your saved file. Then please ensure you click "Hand In" which will notify teachers so that they can view and mark completed work. You can also add any comments you wish to accompany it. For parents of children in Reception, please continue to upload observation of your children onto Tapestry.

Our very best wishes to you all

Miss Smith and the Staff at St Mary's