



## St Joseph's Covid Update 7      29/1/21

### **Give Away Monday**

Just a short update today to let you know that we want to give away ( or at least loan) some resources to families who are restricted to home learning.

### **Books**

In the last few weeks we have been able to update many of the books in our libraries. We have identified a large number of books which do not match the accelerated reader programme and are now surplus to our requirements. We are aware that many families may have been through their own supply of books in the last few months. Although we can point you to lots of digital books, for many people there is nothing like the feel of a real book in your hands, particularly when reading together.

On Monday 1st February ( the best chance of a dry day next week ) we will leave out a wide selection of books for families to help themselves to. We will leave the books on tables just inside the main gates for you to choose from. If it is dry the books will be out from 11.00am until 1.30pm. The pedestrian gate off Chapel St no longer automatically opens so, once you have buzzed in for permission to enter, you will need to push the gate to make it open. Please be Covid aware when choosing your books and judge which books you would like by looking at the front cover rather than picking up and reading the blurb on the back.

### **Skipping Ropes**

Skipping was a popular pastime in the playground during the Autumn term when the types of games children could play were restricted. We have nearly 100 skipping ropes available to be loaned out to families who are not accessing school based learning. These will be available at the same time as the books will on Monday. If you approach the main door to the office you can claim one rope per family of two children or two ropes for larger families. Because of the money we have used to buy the ropes we will need to ask for the ropes back when lockdown finishes.

Starting on Monday, Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership are promoting a Devon Virtual Games Challenge for stamina and skills associated with skipping. If you go to [Skipping Challenge Videos](#) you will see many videos by 'Dan the Skipping Man'. Most of the primary school related videos are further down the page. Adults are encouraged to join in and have a go but having seen the skills of many of the children skipping in the playground I think it is likely that the lower the age the better the score in the challenges will be.