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MISSION TOGETHER PRAYER

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace of God's love
Now and forever.
Amen.

Thank you for engaging with us so positively this week as we have set up provision for key worker and vulnerable children in school and remote learning for children at home. We know what addition pressures this places on family life, what enormous pressures some of our families are under, juggling working from home with trying to organise remote learning (often for several children) so please contact us if there is anything that we can do to offer support and we will get back to you as promptly as we can.

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ADMISSIONS FOR SEPT 21 - DEADLINE APPROACHING NEXT WEEK

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 you must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2021. You can apply for a school place online on the Devon County Council website. If you know someone that has a child of this age and would like more information about the school then please ask them to contact the school office for an informal chat.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote Learning is now a legal requirement for children not in school. Primary children are required to do a minimum of 3 hours a day for KS1 and 4 hours a day for Key Stage 2. This will be a mixture of virtual classroom, IXL, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars, and other activities. Staff will be following up with families that have queries and concerns or are struggling to engage in this. Please go to our website www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk (to the Teaching and Learning Section) as we have a Home Learning page with easy access to logins for IXL, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars and many more applications. If you require logins to be sent again then please contact your class teacher.

PICTURES OF REMOTE LEARNING

You can upload pictures of the learning that you are doing at home onto Goggle classroom or please email them in so that we can share them on the website. It really cheers us up seeing some of the high quality home learning that happens and it is lovely for the children to see their work acknowledged and celebrated.



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

From Monday 11th January Teachers will be using Google classroom for online lessons and resources for home learning. With your child's login you need to click on the Google Chrome browser icon, click on the sign in button in the top right hand corner and enter the email address and password sent to you. Next click on the google apps waffle icon in the top right hand corner and then click the Google classroom icon where you should then see your child's class. Click Join (you will only need to do this the first time you log in).

For more information see this Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Iowi-gmbys>

Please do this well before Monday morning as it will not be possible for teachers to talk to you about this on Monday morning when their lesson is about to start or they are in class working with children.

An overview of the online learning for your class will be emailed to you before Monday.



SNACKS

Due to National Lockdown the school has stopped receiving it's fruit deliveries for KS1 children. Please can all children bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for breaktime.

PE WITH JOE WICKS

“PE with Joe is back 🍀👏 Starting Monday the 11th January at 9am on my YouTube channel. I am committing to 3 live sessions per week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am (UK time) They will be 20 minutes long and designed for children. Please share this so we can get as many young children taking part as we can. This is so important for our children's emotional and mental health 🧠🌍 Lots of love Joe 😊”

BUBBLES

There are 3 bubbles now operating in school. The children are in small class groups. The procedures in school have been thoroughly risk assessed in light of the heightened Coronavirus risks that we now face. Please be assured that we take the safety of all our school community very seriously. We have implemented enhanced cleaning regimes, social distancing measures where possible, bubbles not mixing and so on. Please support us with this, by not mixing with other families when you drop and pick up your children. Please can only one parent come onto the school site at a time. Thank you.

COVID TESTING

Please can you inform the school if a member of the school community or a family member living with a child has a positive Covid test (whether you are in school or not). The isolation period for someone living with a person that has tested positive is 10 days and 10 days for the person that has tested positive. You can stop self-isolating after 10 days if either:

- you do not have any symptoms
- you just have a cough or changes to your sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone.

Please have a safe week.