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23rd March 2020

RE: Home learning at St Swithun's

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all your support and patience over the last few days. Following up from the information provided on Friday, we are writing to explain how home learning will take place at St Swithun's.

The details below clarify what was shared in Friday's email.

- Home learning for EYFS will be uploaded to the school website each week, starting with: 30.3.20 (With packs having gone home on Friday 20th March for this week)
- Children in Year 1 will be using the Seesaw online platform
- Children in Year 2-6 will be using Google Classroom
- Additional learning opportunities will be uploaded to the school website under the "School Closure" tab

Work for Years 2-6 will appear in your child's class by 9.00 tomorrow morning, so keep an eye out for work starting on Tuesday 24th March. Please contact your child's class teacher if it does not appear, so we have the opportunity to iron out any technical problems.

Organisation for the delivery of work will continue as described below:

- Work will be set for each school week, not including the Easter holiday.
- A whole week topic grid will be set by 9.00am each Monday.
 - This will contain foundation subjects (e.g. history, science, art) for your child to select and complete during the week.
 - A rough guide for this would be to aim to complete 5 tasks from the topic grid over the week. This could be one each day, but manage the amount you do and the way you organise it to suit your family and situation.
- Every day, Monday to Friday, your child will receive a maths task and an English task. Both these will appear in your child's online class by 9.00am. So check in each day to see what can be learned/practised that day. We will leave each task online for the week and then take them all down by the following Monday morning for a new week to start.
- We would also like to suggest that a period of each day is given over to each child learning about something that interests and inspires them. We have called this a "Creative Project". Allow your child time to explore their own interests and create an outcome that interests them. They could build a model, a PowerPoint presentation or a video to show what they have learned.
- Work only needs to be returned online where a teacher specifically requests it – any answer sheets will be published at the end of the week, if required.

A help guide for using Google Classroom has been produced by the school and is available on the school website under the "School Closure" tab.





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If children need support with a specific lesson then please could they use the "Class comment" box underneath each separate task. It will really help teachers to have all relevant questions in one place and linked specifically to each task.

If parents want to contact their class teacher, then please use their email addresses. Remember to allow 24 hours for a reply, starting at 3.00pm when teachers check their inbox.

Each teacher's email is as follows:

faye.wilkinson-smith@stswithunssandy.co.uk

steph.burnham@stswithunssandy.co.uk

vicki.lightfoot@stswithunssandy.co.uk

lorna.maydwell@stswithunssandy.co.uk

james.greenwood@stswithunssandy.co.uk

selina.jita@stswithunssandy.co.uk

mrkirk@stswithunssandy.co.uk

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We have also made a suggested timetable available on our website. Again, this is very much only a suggestion of how you manage your day and your children's learning time. Feel free to plan your day in a way that suits your family and make your own choices about how you structure your child's learning.

We will review the home learning process as the term progresses, making changes and improvements as we all become experts in the process. Any general comments and thoughts about home learning can be sent to our school office email, schooloffice@stswithuns.cbeds.co.uk, for the attention of Mrs Whitehurst or Mr Kirk.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a fun time learning with your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kirk

