

Weekly Newsletter - 09/10/2020

Head Teacher Message:

As many of you know, we have unfortunately had to collapse a second year group this week. I know how much concern this causes, but our systems are working well and I am so delighted with how fast the staff are working to get the blended curriculum up onto the Google Classroom. We have provided more detail regarding this attached to this newsletter. I would like to thank the Year 2 and 3 teams for adapting so quickly to teaching from home and making sure that all children have access to the learning they need.

I had the pleasure of interviewing some of our Year 6 pupils today for leadership positions within the school. It was delightful to hear them talk with such pride about our school. They told me that the best memories they would take from Star are the wonderful teachers and friends they have made.

Please stay safe and well this weekend.

Best wishes, Ms Von



Year Group Newsletters

This week you would have received the first Year group newsletter. We are trying very hard to keep parents informed about what their child is learning at school. This will also help you to understand what online homework your child has to do every week. Please share the newsletter with your child and talk to them about what is going to be happening that week.

Blended Learning Books

Exercise books have now gone home with all children. This is so that children who are in collapsed bubbles have a book to do their school work in at home. Please do not use this for any other activity as we will need to keep the evidence of home learning to help us assess children's progress.

In school children are encouraged to have real pride in their work and we would love you to continue to support this at home.

The key message is that children are still expected to continue with their curriculum everyday while they are at home and the school will need to complete checks to ensure that this is happening!

Your feedback

We are always listening to the concerns and views of parents. We work hard to make improvements were possible and practical. Some things that we have actioned as a result of feedback from parents are now in place:

- All toilets now have electronic hand-dryers installed so that children don't have to touch anything on their way back to class.
- Children can now bring a school book bag (just the small red ones that fit into their trays) into school. This is for their reading book only.
- We have asked the council to urgently address the pothole on Star Lane outside our exit gate.

Thank you for your continued support. Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to make the school even better than it already is!

Attendance

Unless they are ill, children must come to school everyday. If they have a brother or sister in a collapsed bubble, who is well and without any symptoms, they must attend school. Please call us to help with any concerns you may have regarding attendance.

Here are some of the most **frequently asked questions** from parents and carers about Learning from home!



Why should pupils learn at home?

Pupils need to continue learning during these challenging times. Pupils will also be better prepared to carry on learning when they are back in their class.

Why are we using Google Classroom?

This is the the best way teachers can communicate with pupils, set them tasks, comment on their work and 'LIVE TEACH' to the whole class. Children can also upload photos of their work!



Does my child have to access learning at home?

Yes. It is essential children learn at home when they are not able to be in school due to a bubble closure. Remote learning is not optional.

Your child's teacher will track their activity and you will be called by school if work is not completed or fail to attend a 'LIVE TEACHING' session.

What is Remote Learning?

This is when children continue their education at home.

What is Blended learning? This is when pupils 'Blend' between education at home and education in school?

I don't have a device for my child!

We can lend you a device, and show you how to use it. All we ask is you sign a 'Care contract' so that you look after it!



But, I find computers quite difficult!

A member of our admin team will help you over the phone. Call and we will try to help you.

I don't have my child's login details! Call the school or email your year group and we will reissue each login to you..

How can I help my child at home?

Try to find a quiet space where your child can use their device and have space for writing.

Help your child to logon each day and use the daily timetable to help organise your child's learning. Ensure your child attends every 'LIVE TEACHING' session.