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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I write to you at the end of our first week back in the summer term, and you will be well aware that this is a far-from-normal start to the term. Even the sunny weather is different - something we have to be grateful for, I suppose.

The children continue to engage well with their learning at home through Seesaw. I meet regularly with the teaching staff to discuss our lessons, and I would like to share a few tweaks we have introduced to our approach:

Our lower school children have now joined the upper school children in using our White Rose Hub learning tools. These include a video that can be referred to and a range of questions. White Rose Maths is something we use regularly in school, but like all schemes there are some simpler days and some trickier days. You may also have picked up that the questions tend to get more difficult, with the 2nd page being more challenging than the first. Just work to your child's limit and do all you can.

From Monday we will also uploading our tasks at an earlier time of 9am. It doesn't mean you have to start at 9am, but is meant to offer a little more flexibility and time for you to complete the tasks before 2pm.

In addition to the daily tasks we will include a shorter RE task, a small project (alternating between science and History/Geography) and a set of weekly spellings to learn. Again, the message with all of this, is 'do what you can'.

The staff here recognise all of the positive efforts coming from both children and parents and are regularly astounded at the creative work coming from home. You are all stars in our eyes!



As always, if you would like to speak to me about any school matters, please do not hesitate to contact school through the admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk email.

Stay safe
Best Regards



Mr A Beattie
Headteacher

