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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children (and parents too!) have all been working extremely hard on Seesaw this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Lexi S

Class 2 - Isla M & Harry EB

Class 3 - Marcie S, Zac S, Isla D, Shahidah A, Maisie H & Matty C

Class 4 - Lauren H, Matthew M & Luke C

Class 5 - Kaeden L

Class 6 - Madison C, William M & Charlotte B



Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, let me start by offering my thanks to the efforts of everyone this week in meeting the challenge of remote learning. Since news broke on Monday evening, we have been busy looking at our procedures and meeting regularly with all staff to ensure we are doing all we can to support you at this time.

Zoom Daily Catch-Ups

Starting next week, we will be hosting a daily zoom catch up with every class at 9 a.m. This will be a 10 minute session that will offer the chance for teachers to speak to their class; to celebrate the achievements of the previous day; to warn of potential pitfalls in the upcoming tasks; to give reminders of what is expected over the next day or two; and to hopefully help children feel as connected with their class mates and teachers as possible. Children who are attending school in our hub at the moment will also get the chance to dial in on a daily basis.

Each week the teacher will post a new zoom code and password for that week on Seesaw. This ID and password will be changed weekly to keep our sessions secure but will be valid for that week. **To keep this connection and routine, we are asking every child to dial in for these sessions. If this is causing an issue for your individual circumstances please give us a call or an email**

Loans of electronic devices and wifi/mobile data

As was the case during our previous lockdown, we are able to loan out some of our iPads for those families struggling to get on devices. Please contact the school office if you need help with electronic devices. The Government has also launched a scheme looking at increasing wifi and mobile data for remote learning to families who might be struggling (<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>) so if you need any support just let us know and we will try and help.

Stationery Station

On dry days we will put out a table with exercise books, pens, pencils , reading books for families of St James' to collect if they are running short. These will be placed at the bottom of the front carpark so that families do not need to come on site. These things will be brought in on wet days but by all means make a call at the office if you are in desperate need of anything.

Spelling Shed/Timestable Rockstars

Personal codes for both of these platforms can be found on the inside of your child's reading diary. If you are unable to source codes for Spelling Shed/Times Tables Rockstars, please ring the office and we can help with this.

Lastly, can I mention how immensely proud we all are of the children for coping so well with the drastic changes announced at such short notice. The class 'Penny in the Jar Galleries' show the terrific effort shown by our pupils this week and looking over them has really lifted my spirits after a challenging week. It was also really lovely to recognise individuals, both working at home and in our hub, in our weekly Celebration Assembly (link posted on Seesaw). Another big well done to those 'Pupils of the Week'.

Keep up the great effort and keep following 'The St James' Way' – Be Kind, Be Respectful and Give Your All.

You're all stars! Stay safe!

Mr Beattie