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8th January 2021

Term 3 Value: Generosity

Happy New Year from CCJ

Happy New Year and Welcome to Term 3

This has been the most challenging week yet with so little notice to staff to reinvent school overnight and to parents to revert to home learning. It's not easy for any of you and I am so sorry to hear how many parents and children are struggling with the return to working from home. Knowing that, it is with even greater thanks that I recognise the compromises and sacrifices you are making to keep your children at home on any day where they can be safely looked after at home. We have a very high level of key workers in this area, along with vulnerable families and children entitled to provision daily. A couple of parents have questioned if we are challenging parents enough but at present we are working on a trust basis which has meant that we are offering half the school places but only on the days they actually need it, so every day so far has seen about 30% of the school actually in.

It is wonderful to hear from so many families how well Google Classroom is working for you and how much better provision we are offering this time. We understand that Gavin Williamson is reminding parents of their right to report schools to Ofsted if provision is inadequate but I would encourage you to talk to us directly in the first instance, as we are always looking to evolve or we may be able to explain our reasons for what we are doing. Equally, Mr Williamson seems to have forgotten to mention that you are also welcome to tell Ofsted if you feel we are doing a good job given the situation. Once everyone is used to this way of working, we will send a survey to ask for your feedback on various elements. We will not be moving to live learning beyond the 30 minute daily Google meetings and weekly assemblies however as the feedback from last year was very clear that most working parents or families with more than one child did not have the number of devices needed to be online 6 hours a day.

Finally, a reminder once more that while we will call you if we can see you have not managed to attend the Google meetings or to upload work, it is to offer help and support and it is not to judge you. We know you are doing an incredible job, often while working or juggling multiple children. Stay strong and thank you.

Mrs Osborne

CCJ Moments of Joy Term 3...

We have had to re design all moments of joy to enable them to happen from school and from home. More details to follow!

Week 2 - CCJ Badges

Week 3 - Skipping ropes for everyone with a skipping workshop online

Week 4 - Dance workshops

Week 5 - Reading challenge

Week 6 - E-safety activities

Weekly Assemblies

From next week, we are restarting assemblies for both children in school and at home. On Fridays, we are working on launching them live on Google Classroom at 2.30pm (details to follow). We have signed up to pre-recorded iSing Pop assemblies. Finally, teachers are taking turns to pre-record a weekly assembly. All will be in the Google stream.

Help needed?

We are hearing about many families who are being furloughed or have lost their jobs. As always, if you need help with food, signposting to other support or anything else, we will try our best to help if you email Mrs Osborne at pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk
Thank you





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Google Classrooms

Firstly, a really huge well done and a massive thank you to everyone for their time and patience with google classroom! We know that it is taking some time for everyone to become familiar with this new way of learning (teachers and adults!), but all of the adults in school have been so impressed with how well you are all doing and how hard you are all working. The work we have seen submitted so far has been brilliant and the effort all of you are making is really fantastic.

We understand that some of you are still finding accessing work or uploading work slightly tricky and we appreciate that you are all doing your very best. In some households, where there is more than one child needing to access the learning on a device, we understand that this can prove a challenge, but again thank you for your patience, time and hard work. All of the teachers have loved seeing their classes in their morning meetings and although we can't all be together in school quite as we'd like to be, the class meetings are the next best thing for daily contact.

Laptops & Data

As we start the online learning, we understand that some families may struggle with having the relevant equipment for the children to learn.

We have some availability to loan laptops to families or give you data packs if required.

If you would benefit from the loan of a school laptop or a data simcard please contact Mr Desmond, alex.desmond@sgmail.org.uk



Change to Menu

There is a change to the menu on Tuesday 12th Jan. Instead of the planned all day breakfast, it will now be the following:

Beef Burger / Quorn Burger in a Bun
Sweetcorn & Carrot Sticks

Stay at Home where possible

We will provide face to face learning where any parent is working as a critical worker, but please remember that all children are still safest at home. Where possible please keep your child at home to learn.

As always, thank you for your support.



Do you have an Xbox or Playstation? Then you can log on to Google Classrooms from there!!....

HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to Library
3. Select Library application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in Internet
5. Select the Internet Browser app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box Google Classroom and select the first link that comes up: Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below' <https://edu.google.com/product/s/classroom>
8. Select Go to Classroom. Then log in using student email and password.

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select My Games and Apps
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to Microsoft Edge application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select Go to Classroom
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.



Meals on Wheels

Last term some of our classes made and sent Christmas cards to people with their meals on wheels deliveries. We have received some lovely feedback that the recipients as they were extremely grateful for the cards. So much so that they would love to receive some more in the future!

Do you have any suggestions for an occasion to send another card before Easter?

Blended Learning

If you have any questions or issues please contact us on CCJblendedlearning@sgmail.org.uk





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This week at CCJ



Our children are little heroes, too.

Missing their grandparents, extended family, friends and school.

Lack of normal routines.
Loss of structure to their day.

Parents who are stressed, worried, scared and just different.

Overhearing talk and news without an understanding of what they hear.

NoCrySolution.com

Give your little hero more cuddles,
more one-on-one playtime, and an extra
dose of patience and forgiveness.

Free School Meals

During this changing and challenging time many families can see their circumstance changing. Free School Meals are available to children from low income families. If you think that you may be entitled to this please click on the link below to apply. This benefit stays with your child for the next 6 years of their school life.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Lockdown Free School Meals Provision

We are still awaiting confirmation from the LA regarding a plan for the provision of Free School Meals to children who are not in school through this lockdown. We will update you as soon as we know what they are planning.

In the meantime, if your child is not in school and you would like to collect a lunch meal for them, please contact the school office by 9am to enable the kitchen to prepare it.

