

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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After almost a month, we are starting to get the hang of home learning and dare I say it, even enjoying the Zoom sessions. It is so lovely to see the children's smiley faces, it certainly helps brighten up my day. You are all doing an amazing job in supporting your children with the Zoom sessions; we pretty much have a full house for every session and I can appreciate that this isn't an easy task, especially if you have more than one child at home.

Don't forget that you can also join the assembly every afternoon at 2pm and Coach Mayer's Fun Fitness on a Tuesday at 1pm. In addition to the live sessions, foundation subject work is set on Seesaw every afternoon, as well as (for Oak Class), a guided ukulele lesson from the Music teacher, Greg.

Homework Menus were emailed out at the start of the term, don't forget to take a look at these, they have lots of additional ideas of activities for the children to do. We will be sharing the homework completed during the English Zoom next Friday, 12th February.

If you are managing the home learning then fantastic, if not please do not worry and add to your stress, just do what you can. Remember, if it is working for you, it is working for us...

Any ipads or computers going spare?

We have already been so lucky to have received some donations of ipads, tablets and computers which have been distributed to families in school to support home learning. Thank you very, very much indeed to those who have already donated. If you have any spare technology knocking about that could help some of our kids learn from home please do drop it off with us.

If additional hardware at home would alleviate the stress levels contact us on help@ and we'll see what we can do!

help@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk (An email for parents if you need, err, help..... money/food/computers/behaviour etc)

worrybuster@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk (An email for kids to email in if they're are worried about anything)

Zoom timetable freshen up

As the novelty of Zoom learning may be beginning to wear off, we thought it was time to zhuzh and freshen up the timetable a little to keep the kids engaged and enthusiastic... Therefore, from Wednesday, 3rd February your Zoom lessons will look slightly different. There will be no changes to the number of zoom lessons or the times of the zooms—these will all stay the same. What will change is that one of the Maths and English sessions across the week will be replaced with a foundation subject—Mrs Harrison will be teaching Computing to both Acorn and Oak and then Design Technology to Acorn and French to Oak Class. Therefore, your child will receive 4 maths Zooms lessons, 4 English Zoom lessons and 2 foundation Zoom lessons per week. Phonics Zooms will also continue as normal. Antonella has already sent out the new timetable via Class Dojo. We will be adding a short spelling Zoom session after the holidays too, so look out for further information on that.

Staff COVID testing

The lateral flow tests have arrived in school. From Monday 1st February, all our staff are testing themselves twice a week which offers reassurance and will work as a bit of a safety net for catching any cases quickly if any of our staff are asymptomatic.

If a member of staff tests positive with the lateral flow test, they must then book in for a PCR COVID test to confirm the positive result. However, even though results of a lateral flow test must be verified with a PCR test, we must still treat them as a positive COVID case in school.

Therefore, we may need to close the school if a member of staff tests positive with the lateral flow test. Naturally, if the follow up PCR test comes back negative we may be able to reopen earlier.

Just one final thought...

Remember to speak to yourself as you would speak to others—kindly. We are often much harsher on ourselves than we would be on anyone else. The next time your inner voice is getting a bit negative just think 'What would I say to a friend in this position?' and change what you say to yourself to reflect that.

As always, take care, look after yourselves and look after each other.

The Mossy Team x



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."