



St Andrew's Newsletter

15th January 2021

Growing and learning together with God

What a fantastic job our children are doing with their home learning. I am so impressed with all the uploaded work on the Class Dojo portfolios. So many of our children are sharing photos, videos and documents showing how they have worked diligently through their daily sway at home. Once again I am sharing some examples of these on the newsletter, to encourage parents to see how brilliant the children are, and to show just how easy it is to upload a simple photograph of something your child has done.

If you are still having some issues with connecting to your Class Dojo accounts and learning how to upload to portfolios, please make contact with school in any way you can. This week we have been helping lots of families to collect their DfE laptops, and have been giving out extra instructions for things like the free school meal vouchers and using Dojo. You can call the office anytime between 8am and 4pm or you can send an email or a Dojo message.

Also remember that you can contact other parents if you have their details as they will be best placed to help you with the technology.

Merit Awards

Nursery – Emily, Sophie, Lucy

Reception – Meryaam, Heyaam, Joshua Y

Year 1 – Sophia M, Elizabeth, Maya S

Year 2 – Mihail, Elias, Theo

Year 3 – Arthur, Gabriela, Kevin

Year 4 – Dolcie, Erika, Ethan

Year 5 – Emily, Amelia, Jaxon

Year 6 – Miley, Joshua, Thomas

Well done to everyone!

Celebration Assembly

It was lovely to have families join us for our assembly this morning. We will continue this each Friday and send out the link via Dojo.

Please do join us if you can next week.

Welcome

Since the beginning of term (which was only last week) we have had some new families join us at St. Andrew's. Some of these children have joined us for on-site learning, and some have joined us for off-site learning.

In our Busy Bees class (Nursery) we welcome Tamara, Sofia, Lydia and Riaan.

In Year 3 we welcome Kevin and Claudia.

Thank you for joining St. Andrew's. We look forward to getting to know you all soon.

Communication

All parents/carers *must* check ParentPay emails and Dojo messages every single day.

Please call the school office if any of your details have changed as it is vital that we are able to still keep in touch with you at this time.

Parents' Council Reps have been asked to communicate this to all parents via their group chats.

Please help us to help you. With so much hype going on in the media, it is important that all parents know what the school's messages are.

You can also find information via our school website:

<http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/news-events/covid19.php>

Brand new laptops!

It has been great to be able to loan out the new laptops this week. We have contacted all eligible families and offered them the use of a brand new laptop for their off-site learning. Although some families did not need a device, many of them were excited to come and collect a laptop, and it has been exciting for us to see them uploading their work on Dojo.

There are 3 laptops remaining and I would like to hear from any families who feel that they would benefit from having the loan of a laptop for this period.

The criteria is that to be considered you need to be a family with limited access to technology, and more than 1 child on roll at St. Andrew's.

Please send all requests directly to me on Class Dojo and I will see what I can do. I obviously cannot promise that I can support everyone, but would like these last 3 devices to be used.

Free Data

If you are struggling at home with limited Wifi or mobile data, then we have a supply of SIM Cards offering 30GB data for 90 days.

These can be used in a smartphone or in a Smart laptop.

Please contact the school office if you would like to come and collect one of these.

Honesty

Our value for this half term is Honesty. This week Reverend Andrew shared the story of Zaccheus with us as part of our Collective Worship.

Zaccheus was a corrupt tax man who had enjoyed taking extra taxes from the people. But when he heard Jesus speaking one day, he decided to give up his dishonest behaviours and pay back 4 times what he owed the people. Meeting Jesus changed his heart and from then on he lived his life with honesty in both his words and actions.

You can read the story of Zaccheus in the Bible, in Luke 19: 1-10.

PMG Schoolwear

Online ordering is available for those who need it.



Visit us at www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk

FSM Eligibility and Vouchers

During normal school circumstances, all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This is regardless of individual family circumstances, and enables families to order a free lunch via The Pantry (our current meal provider). However, some families may be entitled to benefits-related free school meals. This is dependent on parental income and receipt of certain benefits. Here is a link to further information about these benefits on our school website:

<http://www.standrewscofeprimary.co.uk/parents/meals.php#fsm>

If your circumstances have recently changed due to being furloughed or made redundant during the Covid period, or if you have simply not completed the fsm eligibility forms before, then please contact the school office to find out if you may be entitled to free school meals for your child/ren.

During this lockdown period vouchers are being sent out to those children who are not attending school. These can be used at many of our local supermarkets.

Please do get in touch if you want to know more about this.

E-Scooter Alert!

We have recently received an email from Hillingdon Council's School Travel and Road Safety Team regarding the increased use of E-Scooters across the borough. You may have noticed these being ridden on public roads, in parks and through town centres.

Please see the link below to view the guidance document for the use of E-Scooters.

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/e-scooter

Accessing Off-Site Provision (Home Learning)

All families have been added to Class Dojo, and our expectation at this time is that each child will upload at least 1 item a day to their portfolio. This upload could be a photograph of a written activity, a drawing they have made or a photograph or video of an activity they have carried out at home.

Some examples are included in this newsletter.

The DfE have made it very clear that schools are expected to provide at least 3 hours of off-site learning each day for EYFS and KS1 pupils, and 4 hours for KS2 pupils. We are providing feedback at least once a day.

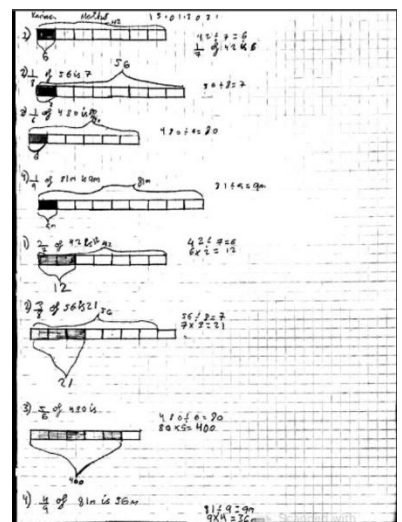
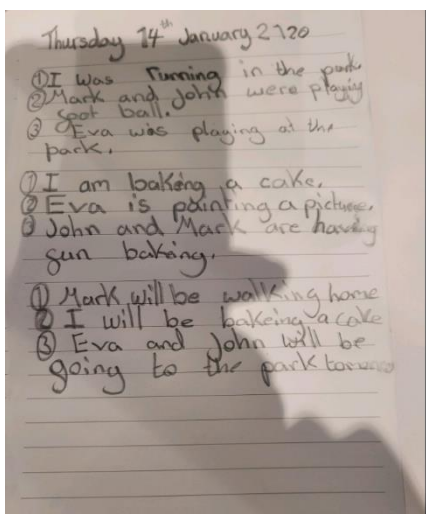
Each day on the Class Story, there will be the daily Sway for your children to click on and access. You will need to scroll down through the Sway to click on and read or watch each of the activities. There will be English, Maths and other curriculum tasks each day. Some activities can be completed on the screen, some are about doing something practical at home, and some can be written down by your child on paper or in an exercise book.

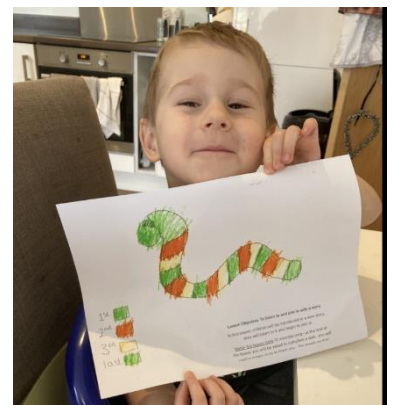
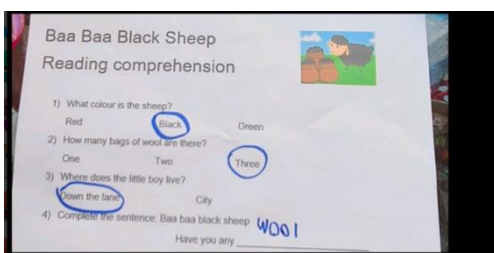
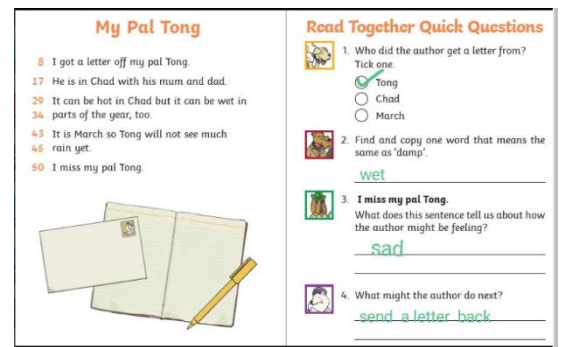
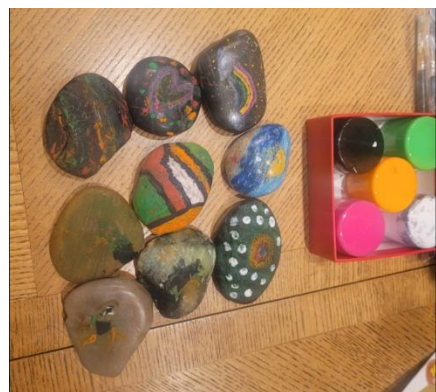
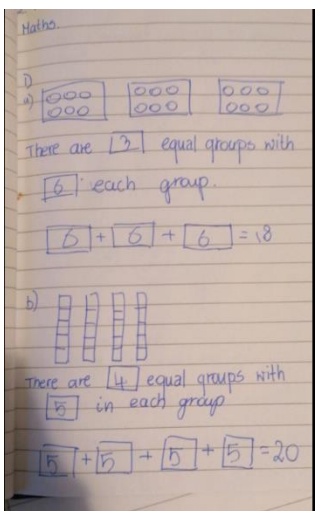
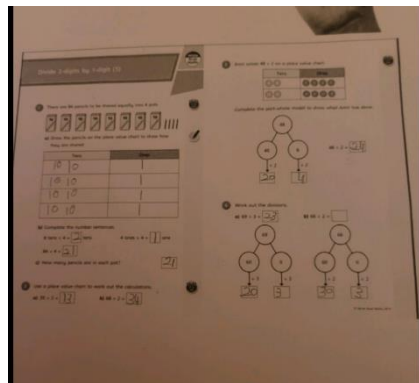
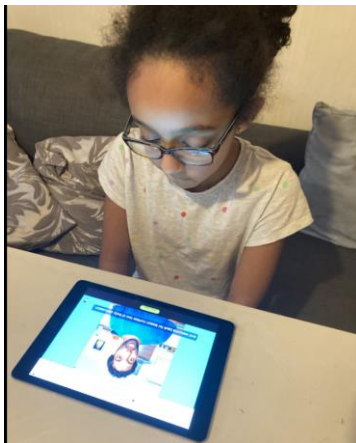
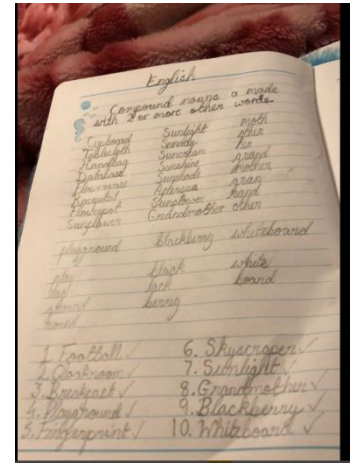
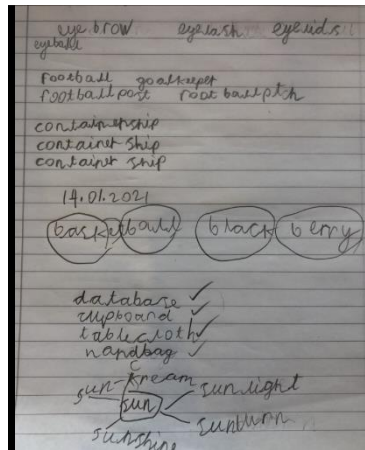
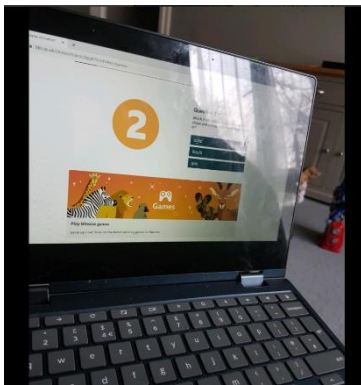
Class Dojo and the Sways can be accessed on any of the following devices:

- Laptop
- Tablet
- PC
- Smart phone
- X-box
- Playstation
- Smart TV

If you do need some support with accessing the Sway, then please send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher, or reach out to the Class Reps who may be able to help you too.

Of course we understand that many of you will be working from home, and trying to manage more than one child perhaps with only 1 or 2 devices, but this week alone we have helped out lots of families to get on board with this, and will continue to do so in order that all our families can support their child's learning.





Keep up the great work everyone!

Take care,

Nicola Dallibar