



St. John's CE Primary School

Growing and learning together
Sharing the love of God

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for everything you are doing at this time to support your child while they have to learn at home. We are encouraging all children to participate in the daily TEAMS meetings that are run by the class teacher. I am pleased to see that the majority of children are accessing this. It means that your child's teacher can set the children off on their work for the morning and encourage them. It has been lovely for the children to see their classmates each day too.

If you have not managed to access this yet, please can I encourage you to do this? We will be making contact with families to see if any further support is necessary to help. I appreciate that there have been some inevitable clashes- we tried to plan as best we could. If you have more than one child needing to join their class TEAMS lesson but they are on at the same time, please let us know and we will do our best to troubleshoot this problem. If you have a technical problem regarding joining the TEAMS meetings please also let us know and we will do our best to help.

Collective Worship

Please can I ask you to take a look at the Collective Worship page on the school website <https://www.stjohns.dsat.org.uk/collective-worship-1/> this will be updated weekly and offers your child the opportunity to take part daily. These are pre-recorded so that you can fit them into your home learning routine. Many thanks to Rev Tom who will be recording a weekly Tuesday collective worship that you will be able to access from here starting on 9th February. You will receive a password to access the iSingPOP resources on a Wednesday each week. On each Friday the teachers will be celebrating children's achievements in the live TEAMS meeting.

INSET DAY Friday 12th February is CANCELLED. Although this will not impact on many families, any children of keyworker parents/carers and vulnerable children who are attending school at the moment can attend school on this day. If you need to book a school lunch that you normally pay for on this day you must do this by Friday 5th February. **We will now move this INSET day to Friday 23rd July.**

This week is Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out lots of free resources below <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

TTRockStars Top of the Rocks

Please can I encourage you to get your child involved with this challenge if you haven't already? We are in a league with other Weymouth and Portland Schools. We are currently in 7th place. Come on St Johns!!!!!!!!!!!!

Finally, to confirm, school will be closed for half term Monday 15th February - Friday 19th. This will also mean that there will be no remote learning taking place this week. Remote learning will begin again on Monday 22nd February.

Best wishes,

Amanda Aze, Head Teacher



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