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NEWSLETTER

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Children who showed The virtue of Faith

Rec – Winnie B
Year 1 – Fiadh McM
Year 2 – Eliza S
Year 3 – Eva D-P
Year 4 – Lucia S
Year 5 – Victoria DeB
Year 6 – Max M

Virtue to Live By:

FAITH

I tell you the truth if you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20-21

A Word of Thanks

Thanks this week goes to you; parents and guardians who are working at home, whilst supporting your child's learning. This is a trying time for all but guided by the Holy Spirit, as it says in the prayer from Matthew's Gospel, nothing is impossible with faith on our side.

Keep smiling, keep positive and keep safe.

Mrs Heckman

Safeguarding

In order to ensure the safety of all our children please be reminded of the rules when accessing remote learning:

- Lessons should be attended from a 'living area' of the home, not a bedroom or bathroom.
- Children should be appropriately dressed for learning, not in pyjamas please.
- Children should be using the chat function to talk about schoolwork, not personal conversations.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend the live lesson or complete work due to illness, either COVID related or other illness, please let us know via the office in the usual way. If we do not have this information, it is our statutory obligation to contact you to make sure that your child is safe.

COVID Cases

There are still growing numbers of positive cases of coronavirus in our community. Although these have not directly resulted in us having to close a bubble, we are monitoring the situation very closely. The Government message is clear – **schools to remain closed and all learning to be remote**. School places are a **last resort** for critical workers who **cannot work from home**. We are now in a position where we may have to consider mixing bubbles due to rising numbers in some classes. Please consider whether you are a **critical worker** and really need a place for

your child in school. As educators, we want to see your children in school but these are unprecedented times, which we must respond to in order to maintain the safety of all our families by breaking the chain of transmission.

Remote learning

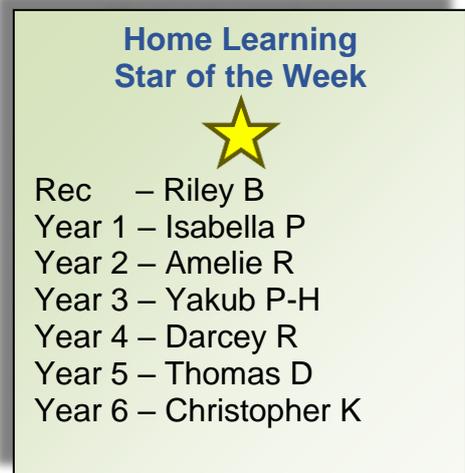
We fully understand the difficulties that some families are facing trying to work from home and support their child's learning. Everyone's family circumstances differ, however we are obliged to follow Government guidelines to provide a minimum of 3 hours learning each day. We are seeing a decrease in engagement in learning for the lessons set for the afternoon. Where possible teachers are setting work that has more of a practical element to engage children in, in the afternoon, so please do encourage your child to complete as much as they are able to do. As indicated in the parent's guide (which can be found on the website) we do not expect any parent to sit beside their child all day. The children are used to working independently in school so quick, regular check-ins and praise help to re-focus and re-engage.

If there are any families who have not yet collected exercise books and pencils, there are some still available. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time for collection. Just to clarify, we are not collecting exercise books in at the moment, work does need uploading to Teams to be marked. We may ask for a sample of books once we are back in school for our school's monitoring purposes.

Home Learning Star of the Week Certificates

This week we have sent our very first 'Home Learning Star of The Week' certificates! Please see the table opposite for the names of this week's children who have really stood out. Please continue to encourage your child to always try their hardest, even in these challenging times, and they may be on here next week!

Well done children!



Chat Function on MS Teams

Please note that the chat function will be available for children to communicate with teachers between the hours of 9.00am and 3.30pm. May we remind parents that if you have any queries, then contacting the school office either by telephone or by email is the most efficient way of contacting teachers.

Survey

Thank you to the families who completed and returned the survey on remote learning. The results are as follows:

- My child has engaged with online learning - 100%
- The school has established a quality remote learning provision - 92% agreed.
- My child is receiving a balanced curriculum - 100% agreed.
- The school offers a range of activities to support learning - 82% agreed.
- My child has received regular quality feedback on learning - 95% agreed.
- My child has found remote learning on Microsoft Teams an enjoyable learning experience - 76% agreed.
- My child receives the right amount of teaching and learning each day 74% - agreed.

Maths

During the time of closure, teachers are setting work using the White Rose Maths recorded lessons and the accompanying sheets. At times, it may seem that the videos present the concept quite slowly, this is similar to the mastery style of teaching that we use in school. The mathematical concept is represented to the children pictorially initially and throughout the lesson, the changes between one example and the next is very gradual to allow the children to develop a deep

understanding. It may sometimes seem that the videos move too slowly for the children but please encourage the children to 'stick with it' so they can achieve a solid understanding.

Teams app

For anyone who is not already aware, there is a Teams app which can be downloaded that may provide better quality.

POSITIVE COVID TESTS

If a member of staff or pupil tests positive you **must** let school know **immediately** via schooloffice@ssppyeadon.org.

What we need to know is: 1) **Name of child/member of staff** 2) **Class or year group**
3) **Symptoms and date they started.** 4) **Last date the child was in school.** 5) **Date of positive test**