

# Newsletter 15

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## Remote learning in action!

We have been overwhelmed with the positive responses regarding our approaches to remote learning and how we are supporting our school based learners, during this lockdown period. It is truly inspirational to see just how adaptable our staff, children and families have been in making this transition. We are seeing how our preparations for this are paying off. Well done to everyone for managing to log on and to get the technology working, it has been lovely for children to still connect with each other and their teaching staff, helping us all to feel a little less isolated.

We understand that for some families at home that technology can be a barrier. Following our questionnaire in the Autumn term, we have generated a list of families who will receive devices via the DFE service and are awaiting delivery. Naturally, we will prioritise those with no device first, followed by those who have multiple children and insufficient devices. Please also see the dojo that was sent out on the school story last week regarding how to use a Playstation or Xbox to access Google Classroom.

From this week, teachers will be posting an optional collective worship for families to use on Google Classroom. These are known as 'Picture News' so please do look out for them. As you will hopefully understand, we are learning more and more about the functionality of Google Classroom and over the next few weeks, we hope to gradually refine our practice, as we are sure you will too. The section at the end of this newsletter should help to clarify some frequently asked questions and we will be adding a regular slot to help you with these.

Please don't forget that you can also visit our 'Maths Zone' on the school website to look at archived videos for teaching maths strategies and methods at home with the children.



## Ely Foodbank

Due to the growing numbers of the virus, the Ely Foodbank and all its 7 Centres have moved to a Delivery Only model from 11th Jan. All Centres will CLOSE at Ely, Soham, March, Haddenham, Cottenham, Waterbeach and Chatteris.

The Foodbank would urge you to make use of electronic vouchers, and if you do not have access yet, then please do get in touch as this can be arranged very quickly for your convenience to issue vouchers. Vouchers are then automatically sent to a central email address, where they can then arrange deliveries. For any further signposting that is required The Foodbank can address this too providing clients make contact at [info@elyfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@elyfoodbank.org.uk) or phone 01353 468626.

Each Centre will usually arrange their deliveries on the day they are known to be open, but emergencies out of these times can be still arranged.

The Foodbank send you best wishes, and for your own safety as you continue to support communities. Do come back to them if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

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*Help at the time of crisis - Help to move forward*

# Headteacher roll of honour

Leo in Tanzanite Class—Leo was able to show how he could divide numbers using cubes this week. He had a really clear method and explanation for how to do this. Excellent work Leo!

Frankie in Aquamarine Class—Frankie was so focussed during our online English lesson this week. He was listening to the story so well and kept up his concentration. What a great start to the term.

## Forthcoming Dates

w/c 18th January: Science Week (POSTPONED TO SUMMER TERM)

19th January: Citrine, Carnelian, Zircon, Turquoise and Emerald classes STEM engineering day (**POSTPONED TO SUMMER TERM**)

20th January: Sapphire, Ruby, Tanzanite, Aquamarine and Amethyst classes STEM engineering day (**POSTPONED TO SUMMER TERM**)

25th January: Wellness week with a theme of 'Take Notice'

9th February: Safer internet day

w/c 15th February: HALF TERM (**CHILDREN RETURN 22ND FEBRUARY DEPENDENT ON LOCKDOWN ARRANGEMENTS**)

1st March: Book week

8th March: Individual and family photos (COVID dependent)

16th March: Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

25th March: Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

29th March to 9th April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

12th April: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

## Top 3 dojo scorers

It was our intention to celebrate our top 3 dojo scorers from last half term in assembly, but we have of course been hindered by lockdown. We would of course still like to celebrate the achievements of the following children, who have all worked very hard to gain dojos from the staff in school. These can be rewarded for all sorts of things such as good manners, good concentration, being prepared for learning, presenting work neatly or making a good effort. We recognise the efforts of these children and they have all been sent a special dojo certificate in the post as well as having a copy displayed in school, for all to see and be proud of.

Ruby: Amelia, Nicholas, Bonnie-Mae

Sapphire: Freddie, Matthew, Jack R

Aquamarine: Betsey, Florence, Elodie

Tanzanite: Georgia, Sebastian, Theo

Amethyst: Eden, Levi, Willow

Emerald: James, Eliza, Lara, Eddie

Turquoise: Vivian, Ashton, Zara & Kirsty (joint 3rd)

Zircon: Kailey, Yi Xuan & Daniel (joint 2nd), Kamile

Carnelian: Cara, Mia, Charlie

Citrine: Sophia, Eljay & Abbie (Joint 2nd), Josh & Megan (Joint 3rd)





### Sutton C of E Primary School

### A Parent Guide to Google Classroom

We are using Google Classroom for all children for our home learning offer. Google Classroom is a space where children can access their learning online. It is available through a laptop or Chromebook as well as a downloadable app on most tablets and smartphones. Below are instructions for how to log on and access work for your child.

#### Username and passwords

Each child has a unique username and password to log on. Their username is linked to their name then **@suttoncofe.co.uk**. If you need help with this, please contact the school office.

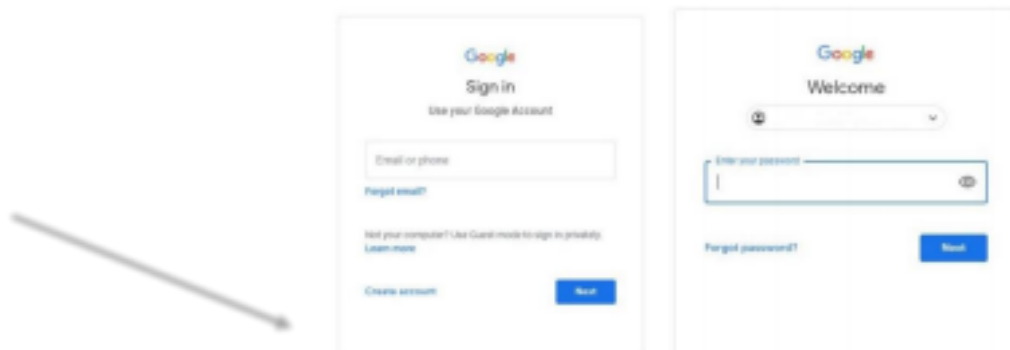
#### Google Classroom

If accessing through a **Desktop PC, Mac or laptop**, this can be done by clicking on this link <https://classroom.google.com> or typing it into the search bar on your browser.

If you are using a **Chromebook**, you will need to download the Google Classroom app from the Web Store. Once done, ask your child to sign in using their school login as below. If you are unable to do this, it may be that you will need to login to the Chromebook using your child's username and password instead from the startup screen.

If you are using an **iPad** or other **tablet** or **smartphone**, please download the free Google Classroom app from the App Store.

#### To sign in



Your child should enter their username as detailed above. This needs to be the full username including the **@suttoncofe.co.uk**. Click next.

Now, enter their password and click 'Next' Click on the title to enter the Classroom (the first time they log in. They may need to click 'accept' to join the class).

You will see the following options as tabs across the top of the page:



## A parents guide to Google Classroom continued

### Stream

This is where your child will see posts from their teachers. Posts may contain links to websites, classwork set by your child's teacher or simple communications between all the members of the class. Posts are always monitored by your child's teacher, as are any accompanying comments made by individuals, so we ask that children only use this feature if they are asking a question about their work or responding sensibly to a post.

### Classwork

This is where your child will access curriculum content set by the teacher. **This is the best way of accessing the content** set rather than having to worry about searching on the Stream.

Any curriculum content added will be in the form of a Google Doc, Google Slide or other Google Suite app (If you are using a tablet, you may be required to download additional free apps) as this will allow the children to edit and hand in their work individually to the teacher. Classwork will be added regularly and may have a due date for completion. Teachers will be able to see your child's progress and support them where necessary and can add comments to the children's work.

Under the Classwork tab you will see dates for the week covering the home learning for a period of 5 days. Under this you will see work for each day. On a daily, or weekly basis, these will be populated with work for your child. Routines are important to children and we will post a suggested timetable for each week on the website and in the Google Classroom. You don't have to stick to this rigidly and we understand of course that managing working from home and supporting children with home learning is a difficult juggling act, but we think this is a useful guide to help you and your child manage their time.

If your child is stuck with a piece of work, they can post a comment using the private message function at the right hand side of the screen to message the teacher.

Please note that teachers are working in school with groups of children during the week so won't be able to respond to messages every day. Year group teams will work together and may share work across more than one classroom.