Home Learning News

Welcome to our first Home Learning Newsletter. Given the change to home education, we are working hard to support you as best we can. We have put together a Home Learning Team, which I will work alongside, to ensure that there is a consistent approach and you all get the information you need! Whilst all the teachers will be supporting learning, we have decided that you will communicate with one key person, who will lead the home learning for your phase. They will be posting daily tutorials, and welcoming your child in the morning between 8.30 and 9.30. At the end of each working day (4.30pm – 5.30pm) they will do a daily round up, sharing excellent learning that has been uploaded or sent to them throughout the day! Behind the scenes we are also working on new ways to support you and your children – currently setting up google drive and Starz for all!

Do feedback what is working well and what you would like to see more of! We appreciate your positivity and support during this tricky time,

Ruth Garbutt (Deputy Headteacher)

The Team:

Mrs Pitt (Sapphire and Ruby Lead)

Mrs Williams (Amber, Emerald and Amethyst Lead)

Mrs Bodnar (Turquoise, Zircon and Carnelian lead)

Miss Watts (Citrine, Aquamarine and Tanzanite lead - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs Chappell (Citrine, Aquamarine and Tanzanite lead – WED ONLY)

Being at home for a length of time will be stressful and overwhelming for us all. Please can we encourage you to...

- Make sure you chat to your child/ren and reassure them. This is not their fault and they
 have done nothing wrong; it may feel a bit scary but we're just keeping safe and it won't
 be like this for ever.
- Reassure them that all their friends and children across the country will be all doing the same.
- Exercise daily: a walk, family dance around the kitchen, a play in the garden, YouTube exercise clip... will all help with everyone's mental health!
- Encourage your child/ren to keep in touch with their family and friends, through email, texts, phone calls, FaceTime etc... This contact will reassure them no end.
- You know your child/ren, (as well as the other demands on you as a family) and
 therefore the best approach to organising home learning. For some, it will work best to
 have structure and clear timings to your day; for others being a bit less structured will
 be better. This is new to us all, so be kind to yourselves and do what works for you.
 Do have a look at...

Cosmic Kids Yoga on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga
Look after each other and have fun!
Please click on your class page to access this week's home learning.

Frequently asked Questions.

Can my child still earn dojos?

Yes of course. Just like when the children are in school we will be giving the dojos for engagement with home learning. Two dojo's will be given for signing in by saying good morning to the learning team leader then a dojo will be awarded for work messaged in or added to the portfolio.

Two dojo's will be given for learning worthy of a \odot just like we do in school.

What do I do if I can't use portfolio?

Message your home learning tem leader photographs of the learning. We are ironing out issues with portfolios and will update you when we know more ourselves.