

Tuesday 31st March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

SUPPORT FOR HOME LEARNING

I hope that this finds you and your families safe and well. I know how much the staff and I are missing you all.

It's great to hear that so many of you have been contacting your teachers via Class DoJo's. We have planned that there should always be one of the teaching staff in each year group available (both year group teachers have been set up in case of sickness or if they are taking an Easter break). Remember that the St Basil's Home Learning Twitter page is open for you to post what you've been up to and share ideas each other too. It fantastic to see what you're up to.

When we closed school every child was sent a pack of work for the next two weeks. We realise that this work is coming to an end and that we need to begin to look at a more structured approach for the weeks ahead.

From Monday a weekly timetable will also be sent to all parents so that you are aware of what work is being set by your child's teacher and how and where this can be accessed. The timetable will give a clear structure to the children's week of learning and enable them to cover as many areas of the curriculum as possible.

Work set will be included on year group web pages, as well as sent my email or Class DoJo's.

We will in addition to this be starting weekly Zoom meetings (video conferencing) to keep up some face to face contact.

On Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April teachers will be hosting their Zoom video conference meetings. These meetings will allow the children to catch up with their teachers and discuss what they have been learning about. It will also give the children chance to ask their teachers any questions they have regarding the work they have been set. During these calls the children's teachers will also discuss how the children can access new work which will be set.

The children will only need to attend one of the meetings and do not need to join the meetings on both days.

A step-by-step guide to setting up a zoom account and joining a meeting has been attached with this letter. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact the school for help. The teachers have been practising so don't panic – we've never done this before either but we're sure it's worth the effort.

You should receive a text with the meeting details and codes to allow you to log in to the meeting at the specified time.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Zoom meetings!

Staff are busy preparing an Easter pack which are hoping to deliver to all families very soon.

Sending you all our love and best wishes and remember to stay safe and stay indoors,

A.M. Sheppard

Head teacher