

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your efforts with the home learning so far. I have been going onto the children's class pages and some of the uploaded work has been fantastic. I am also pleased with the amount of children accessing SeeSaw on a daily basis.

### Home Learning

This lockdown is different from last time as home learning is now compulsory. This means that children must be logging onto SeeSaw every day and completing the work set. As a minimum, staff will upload one piece of English, Maths and an afternoon activity and children should be completing all of these activities. If you have any problems with the home learning or need support with technology, please contact the school.

As well as the work uploaded by the teachers onto SeeSaw, there are a number of other websites for your child to access:

- Times Tables Rockstars
- Numbots
- GoRead – please ensure that you are logging you reading everyday as we are taking part in the GoReadathon against lots of other schools across the country. Let's see if we can win it!

### Google Meet

This week we launched our Google Meet sessions with great success. From speaking to the children and parents, we wanted to create an opportunity for children to have some face-to-face time with the teacher and their classmates.

**These sessions will be 4 times per week from now on, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.** No Google Meet sessions will take place on Wednesdays. Please check your child's SeeSaw page for their email and log in information. Please see the timetable below:

9:30am	Y1
10:00am	Y3
10:30am	Y5
11:30am	Reception
2:00pm	Y2
2:30pm	Y4 Y6

### Art Kits

The next step in our home learning offer is to provide children with art kits. These will contain: paints, paper, paint brushes, glue etc. I know that many of you already have these resources at home, but if you do not, and would like one, please contact [info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk)

Please note that we only have a limited amount of the Art Kits.



### **Food Hampers**

We will continue to provide food hampers for children eligible for Free School Meals (not universal FSM.) The hampers are of a good quality and provide more than enough food to provide a child with five lunches a week. Please continue to collect every Tuesday from the Scallys building at your allocated time slot.

For families returning work packs to school, you can return finished work when you collect your next hamper. This will then allow you to be able to collect your next work pack, as well as your food hamper. Alternatively, you can still take photos of the work completed in the pack and upload to Seesaw.

### **Children attending school**

ALL of the of children in school have a place because they meet the criteria set by the government. This is not a school based decision, the criteria is that children of Key Workers and children who are deemed to be vulnerable should still attend school.

I appreciate that this is a challenging time for all families and agree that school is the best place for every child. However, we need to work together to reduce the spread of coronavirus. The more we adhere to the government guidelines, the quicker all children will be able to return to school.

If you have any worries, please don't hesitate to email [info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk) . We will do all that we can to help.

Thank you again for your continued support and stay safe!

Mrs Beech