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Newsletter

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St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy New Year!

Well, that was a quiet week!

Firstly, a thank you... Every part of our community has played a vital role in this week's transition, and the support and togetherness we have felt has been wonderful. Thank you for your kind messages via email or twitter. Even if we weren't able to reply individually, they each have been read and greatly appreciated by our staff team. Thank you for your patience while we ironed out some of the teething issues with online learning. Through the hard work of Miss Downing, Mr de Albuquerque, the Trust IT team (and Microsoft!) we think that the majority of those early problems have been resolved but please do email the office if issues are persisting.

We are all looking forward to settling into the groove, both in school and out of school, next week and are looking ahead to a different but enjoyable and productive term.

Printing out activities at home... In the summer, learning menus were sent home on the Friday ready for the following week. This time, we won't be using learning menus as all learning will be communicated via Teams. As we settle into the routine, it is possible assignments may be posted further in advance of the lesson than they have been this week, but we won't be able to email anything out to you separately I'm afraid. I apologise for any inconvenience but thought it was worth clarifying as we have had a couple of queries from parents about this.

PPA... In order to support our teachers in their continuing planning, preparation and assessment duties, we will be resuming 'Wonderful Wednesdays' from next week, although, not surprisingly, this will work slightly differently...

Online learners will be set three assignments by their teacher to complete throughout the day. The teacher may or may not ask for them to be uploaded, but they won't be responded to in the usual way. Teachers will not be available online until the story session at the end of the day, which will be at the same time as normal.

In-school learners will have a day led by one of our usual specialists, as outlined below. On PE days, the children should come in their PE kits. Their teacher will be in class until 9.00 and after 3.00.

KW/V Class	13.1.21	20.1.21	27.1.21	3.2.21	10.2.21
Reception	Mrs Lunn		Mrs Lunn		Mrs Lunn
Year 1	Music		Superpirates		PE
Year 2	PE		Music		Superpirates
Year 3	Superpirates		PE		Music
Year 4		PE		Mrs Lunn	
Year 5		Superpirates		PE	
Year 6		Mrs Lunn		Superpirates	

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



New Leadership posts... It hasn't been the easiest week to begin a new leadership post but four of our staff have done exactly that and with great success:

Astral Blanchard is our new EYFS Leader, Laura Maddaford is our new Phase 1 Leader and Sophie Downing is our new Phase 2 Leader. Mike Preedy is 'School Development Leader', working closely with the phase leaders and across the whole school. I wanted you to be aware of these changes as they, along with your child's teacher, are important contact points for you if you need anything in the coming weeks and beyond.

Staff absence... There may be occasions when our online teachers are unavailable due to essential appointments or illness. There are clear challenges to covering this, so there may be times when your child's teacher is not available online for all or part of a day. Assignments will still be set and we will give you as much notice as possible about any such changes.

Keeping In Touch... As in the summer term, we want to continue to use social media to help our family to feel connected so if you use twitter, facebook or Instagram please do tag us into anything you post (school related of course!) so that we can enjoy, like, share and celebrate!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman