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Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for getting through the first full week of remote learning. Teachers have been very pleased to see so many children log on to the live sessions and I know the children have been pleased to see each other too. They really are so adaptable aren't they!! Please see last week's letter on the website for any information you may have missed.

Live lessons

We are pleased that so many children have logged on for the live lessons in Years 1 – 6 and have 90%+ attendance for most year groups. Please ensure that *only* the child in the class for whom the lesson is intended is present in front of the screen, as siblings have occasionally appeared and not been as well behaved as we would expect.

Please see the Guide to Google Meets at the end of this letter.

IMPORTANT – Access to laptops and iPads

ALL children should have access to remote learning. If families do not have the hardware for accessing live lessons or posted work, please contact the school and we will make a laptop or iPad available for you to use during lockdown. It's vitally important that ease of access is assured. If you have several children and only one device, please contact the school and we will support in any way we can. We have taken delivery of new laptops to loan to children.

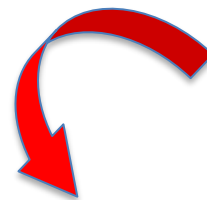
Staff will be looking at attendance logs at the start of next week to identify children who are not engaging with remote learning in order to offer help and support.



Parents Forum

We will be having a parents' forum meeting next **Wednesday (20th January) at 1.15 and 7.30 pm** to discuss remote learning – how it is going so far and what would help further. Please make a date in your diary to attend one of these meetings as your feedback is very important for us to develop our remote learning and make it more effective for the children. A zoom invite will be sent on Wednesday morning for both meetings.

We are VERY aware that the easier we make remote learning for parents the better the educational outcome for the children. **YOUR IDEAS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US!** (Although we can't guarantee to implement all of them!!)



Need Help?

Tech Helpline

If you are having any problems with the technology to support home learning, we have set up a dedicated help point.

Please email:

htechsupport@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk and you will be called back with advice and support from a member of staff at the school

Book Loans

It's very important that children have plenty of opportunity to read and we are very aware that supplies of new texts can soon run out.

To all of our Junior Children (and parents/carers to keep you in the loop!)

Reading is sooooooo important, so we want to offer you the chance to borrow books from the school library where we have over 9000 books to capture your imagination.

You can now look at all the books we have online and reserve up to 6 books. (Mrs Cragg will then have a look at what we have on the shelves, and grab 2 or 3 of the books you have reserved for you to borrow.)

When you are on your daily walk, come to the porch at school and collect your reserved books. They will be in a named envelope. At the same time, return the books you have read in the returns box.

Simple!

Instructions for Reserving Library Books

You will need to know your barcode (stuck in your reading diary, but contact the school office if you do not have your diary at home) and your usual password (the one you use for Gmail, Sumdog, and Lexia etc).

Follow this link:

<https://apps.libresoft.co.uk/9383300-lyv16vbmK5vzkNz6n81e-smcoeps/>

This will take you to Libresoft – our online library system.

You need to enter your barcode number, press the return key and then put in your password BUT first, enter the word **BOOK** in capital letters.

It might then look something like this: **BOOK123chimp1**



When you are on the site, you can see what books you have on loan already and then, by clicking on 'catalogue' you can see all of the books in our library. You can use the 'Search' box to find a particular author or title.

Mrs Cragg is busily putting in the colour codes for the books so you might have to guess a bit as to what books are suitable at first. When you see a book you want to reserve, click on the small arrow next to the word ACTION at the end of the row, and then select 'Reserve Book' from the drop down tab.

If you like reading electronic books, follow this link to Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Choose the login for your Year Group

stmyr6

stmyr5

stmyr4

stmyr3



All passwords are 1234

Please send me, Mrs Bland or Mrs Cragg a message or email Mrs Bransden at:-

htechsupport@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

Happy reading,

Ms Dark, Mrs Cragg and Mrs Bland

Infants

Children in the infants can borrow books direct from school from **Tuesday 19th January**. We will be laying out all reading books in the corridor adjacent to the main entrance. PLEASE SEE THE INFANT BOOK LOAN SIGN ON THE WINDOW FOR ACCESS.

As part of your daily exercise, parents can collect a book to read to children – or for children to read, from the tables and then return them to the boxes *under* the table for quarantine before they are re-lent.

- Please choose the correct level for your child e.g. broccoli or peas etc. from the table
- Take **one** book at a time so we don't run out
- Use the hand gel before touching any books
- Return books to the boxes in the floor when they have been read

Parents who live far away or who do not wish to borrow books are encouraged to use the ORT logins set up by the infant team to give children the opportunity to read on-screen books.

[A guide to using Google Meet for live sessions](#)



- 1) Try to join the meeting at the correct time. You will be 'let in' when an adult arrives.
- 2) Put yourself on mute as soon as you join the meeting.
- 3) Listen carefully when the adult is talking and, just like in school, sit still to help you concentrate.
- 4) Please do not show anything on screen unless you are asked.
- 5) Leave the meeting when you are told and not before please.
- 6) Please do not share your screen unless you are asked.
- 7) If you have a question, please wait until the end unless told otherwise.
- 8) Please do not use the chat function unless you are asked.
- 9) The meeting will be recorded if you miss it and the recording will be in your year group Google Classroom.
- 10) Please do not eat whilst the session is taking place, do that before or after.
- 11) Try to choose a suitable room or ensure that there are no distractions in your room (brothers/sisters/pets/toys).
- 12) We do like to see your faces and others do as well so please make sure your camera is on at least at the beginning or the end.

Finally, well done to everybody who has taken part in the remote learning this week. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or need help with anything.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

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