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A "Sense of Pride"

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who have already completed our online Google survey. This is really useful for our ongoing planning during this time of partial opening to ensure that children are getting the best from their home-learning. The survey will close on Monday 22nd June, after which we will send you a more detailed summary.

In the meantime, we are delighted that the vast majority of you are finding the home-learning format easy to follow, with resources easy to find on our website. (We apologise if you have experienced a couple of glitches on the website this week - these have been rectified and hopefully will not reoccur!)

We understand that children are really missing the interaction with teachers and pupils and that more feedback would be likely to help with motivation. It must be recognised that for primary aged pupils, the teacher-pupil interaction is not easily replicated when the pupils are not in school. However, on reflection we appreciate the need to try and increase the feedback that pupils receive from staff. Therefore, we have worked extremely hard this week to understand the basic features of Google Classroom and have disseminated the information to staff as much as we can at this time but we will continue to learn and improve.

We are now in a position to welcome pupils to Google Classroom. Please find attached the instructions on how to get your child to login to Google Classroom and how they can join the two 'rooms' that we have currently set up: The Reading Shed and Thinking Shed (for their year group). In the Reading Shed, an Extreme Reading Assignment has been set for anyone who wishes to take part. In their year group Thinking Shed, there is an assembly that has been posted. In addition, there is a competition that your child might like to enter.

By Friday next week, we aim to have an individual 'classroom' for each of our existing classes. Within the virtual classrooms, children will be set some 'assignments' which they can complete online and submit to their teacher. Within the assignments we hope to include a narrated PowerPoint explaining the work to be completed. When children have completed the work, the teacher will then read and provide the child with written/voice recorded feedback. We hope that this will increase pupils' motivation and sense of belonging at this difficult time.

Please reiterate with your child the importance of keeping safe online whilst using Google Classroom. This is particularly important for when children comment in the 'Stream' where everyone in the room/class/year group is able to see each other's comments. It would be useful to re-read page 11 and 12 of the home-school book with your child.

We thank you for your continued support and hope that this increase in pupil/teacher interaction will be positive.

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