

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term.

It has been lovely this week with a bit of sunshine and the news that all the children are back on the 8th. The children in school are so excited to know all their friends are returning with one child saying it was like an early birthday present!

I sent out a letter by email yesterday. Please make sure you have read it as it contains information about staggered starts etc. for 8th March onwards.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. Vouchers have been sent home for the books. On Thursday children in school can come in dressed up as a book character. Children at home can also dress up for their zoom session. Please do not feel you need to spend any money on outfits. Many shops are closed and this is just a fun event for the children so anything you have at home is fine e.g. a green t-shirt and trousers could be Peter Pan or a white t-shirt and blue skirt could be Alice in Wonderland.

Books to support the return to school

We have been recommended these online 'books without words' which hopefully will be useful in helping your child come to terms with coming back to school/coping with having been apart from their friends in lockdown.

Please use the following link to access the books, scroll to the bottom of the page to download for free.

<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/lenny-and-lily-childrens-stories>

There is more explanation at the end of the books if needed.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Club are starting again on 8th March. Please book through Parentpay as soon as you know you need the sessions so we know it is viable. Sessions have to be booked a minimum of three days in advance.

Remote learning

I have noticed there has been a real dip in home learning being submitted this week and attendance on zoom. I know it is really hard work and there seems to be a feeling of children coming back soon so it's not so important. I completely understand this but please remember the more your child can do from the home learning the better. The teachers work hard to plan it and it is for your child's benefit.

Email addresses

I am aware that some parents are emailing teachers to their own email addresses rather than the class or admin address. Please can you make sure that any emails are sent through to admin@stjo.uk rather than to teachers' own email addresses. Thank you.

Patchwork Parenting course

Usually we run parenting sessions from in school but at the moment as we are unable to, Patchwork Parenting are offering 8 sessions free online. The sessions are: 17th March- A parent is a person too, 24th March- Every child is different, 31st March- The feel-good Factor, 21st April- Encouraging good behaviour, 28th April- Behaviour we don't like, 5th May- Safety and Independence. You can choose from either 10am or 8pm sessions. Please see the flyer attached for more information and to register.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford