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# A Note from Mr Stoyles

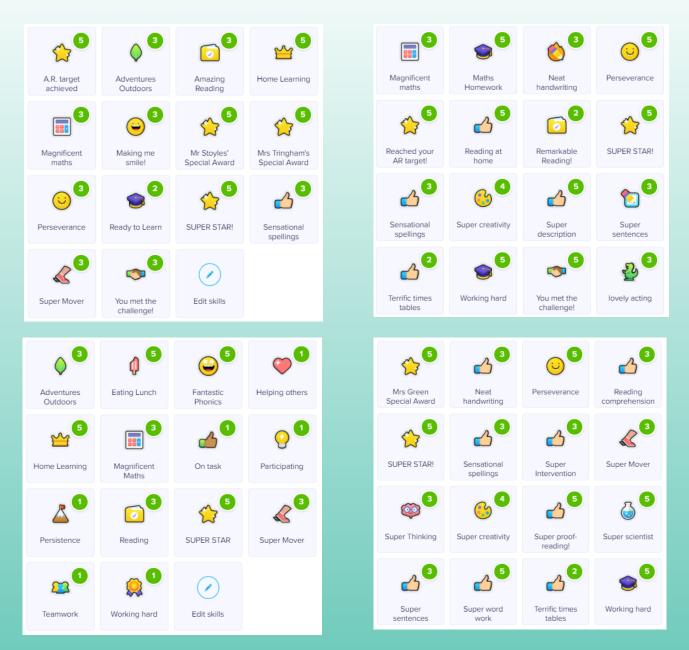
I hope that you have had a great week and are adapting well to what may be a new routine in your households. Thank you very much for the responses from our remote learning survey. We have used this information to adapt our remote learning offer and hope that you feel your opinions have been taken into consideration. We were pleased that 100% of respondents felt the home learning was easy to access and we are acting on your various thoughts and opinions. There were many comments based around the use of video and how seeing members of staff would boost your child's enthusiasm to engage. We've discovered a great program to help facilitate this and are now working on using pre-recorded video—watch this space! Thoughts around 'live teaching' was also mentioned and how this has been beneficial, especially in secondary schools in the local area. As we have a high volume of eligible children attending our setting in comparison to the March lockdown, all our staff remain working in school. We've thought around the practicalities of interaction and also considered those children who share devices with siblings or parents. Currently, we feel pre-recorded videos allows more flexibility for parents and suits more the individual circumstances of the school and wellbeing of staff. However, we are aware that children will most certainly be feeling isolated without seeing their classmates. We are eager to help alleviate this by arranging regular live video 'class meets'. This is something we will be working on next week and will be sure to keep you well informed.

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Comments were also made about the school using a reward system to help children work towards a goal or target. We're pleased to introduce the Dojo Awards. Children will continue to earn Dojo points for their home learning submissions/work in school (see examples below) but can now work towards a target. Winners will be announced each Friday afternoon and points reset for the following Monday. Good Luck!



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Bronze Award—50 Dojo Points



Bronze Certificate

Name in the newsletter



Silver Award—80 Dojo Points Silver Certificate

Name & picture of your work in the newsletter



Gold Award—the highest point scorer of the week in each class Gold Certificate Name & picture of your work in the newsletter

A very special prize sent to your home address.

We're really proud of all the home learning submitted to Class Dojo and understand the different circumstances families may be under. Even if the work you are completing is not the learning set, please share it with us on Class Dojo.

Click Here if you are unsure on how to upload work.

Click Here if you require a digital device for your child/children.

Click Here for information around the No One Goes Hungry Project

Click here for Remote Education Top Tips for Parents

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Primarily aimed for children in KS1, this website is well suited to help your child with their reading. The program begins by assessing your child's reading ability, provides fun and interactive tasks as well as offers over 2500 e-books in their online library. It is currently offering a free trial and credit/debit card information is not required on signup. Please see individual terms and conditions on the website.

The Oxford Owl is a website with a large free e-book library.

<u>Click Here</u>



#### Celtic Cross Education Initial Teacher Training School Direct Open Information Sessions

Have you thought about training to be a teacher?

Already have a degree or currently working on one and considering teaching for the future?

#### Want to stay local or within our Trust?

Then why not find out more about the School Direct process for teacher training offered by CCE in conjunction with Plymouth Marjon University.

Join us on one of our Open Information Sessions and find out what the process entails and what CCE can offer.

The sessions are on:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 10.30 – 11.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email:

ITT@celticcross.education

stating which session, you would like to join. We look forward to meeting you.

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## Keeping Children Safe Online

Following school closures, and families confined to their homes, we are aware that use of the internet, apps, gaming devices and online services are being accessed more than ever. Use of the internet provides a lifeline to many of us and has a number of benefits, from home learning, to staying in touch with loved ones. As time becomes an advantage to us all, it is vital that we continue to raise awareness of staying safe online, especially for Ladock pupils. This seems a sensible time to reiterate to everyone a few key points to keep your child/ren safe online:

#### 1/Talking with children about technology use...

Open and honest conversations with children about what they are doing online is vital at any time, but especially at this point in time when your child might be making more extensive use of technology. Check in on their technology use regularly – find out about what they are doing online, what new tools and apps they might be using; select tools and content together and discuss why certain tools and apps might not be appropriate. Equally, keep the lines of conversation open; your child may have concerns regarding things they have encountered online; let them know that they can discuss any issues and that you'll find a solution together.

#### 2/Online learning

Remember, parents shouldn't be trying to recreate a school environment at home. As well as the home learning set by teachers, there is a wealth of information for pupils to access online. Ensuring that sites are reputable and safe for your child is a priority; the South West Grid for Learning offer a range of safe activities for children to access in their resources section. For those who are engaging with any online tutoring, the SWGfL provide pointers to reputable companies and resources.

This is also an excellent website to support families with online safety. (swgfl.org.uk)

#### 3/Online contacts and connections

The recommended age for a social media account is set at 13 and over. Social media, access to apps and gaming devices opens up the possibility of communication with strangers; children should remember that they can never be fully aware of who they are talking to online, and that they are free to shut down any conversations which make them feel uncomfortable in any way. Continue to monitor your child's activity and encourage open discussion regarding online activity.

#### 4/Other considerations...

- Choose carefully- support your child in accessing age appropriate content and set appropriate privacy settings-
- The 'BIK guide to online services' can help you with this.
- Ensure children keep personal info private.
- Encourage...'Think before you share.'
- Beware of scams; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

#### 5/ What should I do if I have concerns about a child, or a child's online activity?

If this relates to an incident within school, you should contact Mr Stoyles who is the setting's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Please find below the support organisations available on the county website: <u>https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/results.pape?</u> adultchannel=5-1

The following web-site is very helpful, you can put in your details and it tells you about any advice/support services in your area based on your circumstances.



Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health.

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

• Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-onsupporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing

• Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on 01726 882622 to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mr Stoyles, Mrs Tringham or Mrs Milling.

# Parents 4 Parents Cornwall

Are you a parent/carer of a child with additional needs or disabilities?

Do you attend meetings with schools, health services and organisations?

Do you lack confidence in attending these on your own and wish you had someone who could go with you?

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall will accompany you to important meetings, empowering you to ask the questions about your child's needs whether at schools, health, care providers, short breaks, etc.

Parents are trained in

- Understanding and supporting your needs
- Developing Education, Health and Care Plans
- Signposting

They are part of the Parent Carer Council for Cornwall, an independent organisation that enables parent carer voices to be heard through parent participation.

You can access Parents 4 Parents Cornwall and book a trained parent to accompany you to a meeting by calling 07591 019548

Please try to give at least 10 days notice of a meeting taking place where you require support. You must have all of the details of the meeting to hand.

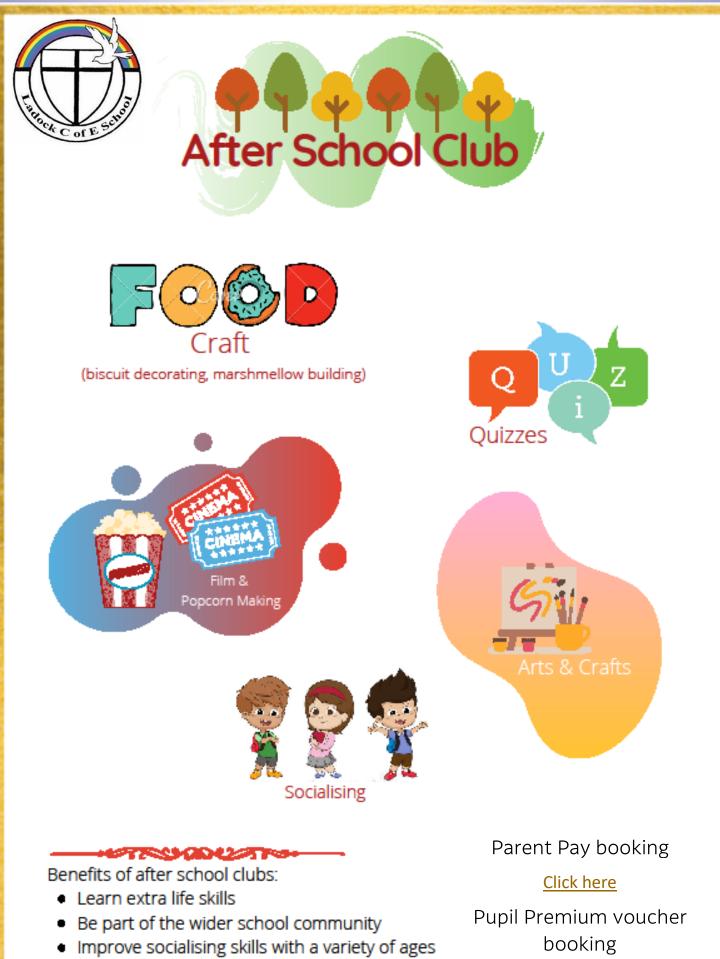
You will receive a confirmation of who will be accompanying you and they will meet you at the location of your meeting.

Please note trained parent supporters cannot take you to the meetings and you will need to organise your own transport.

To book support contact 07591 019548



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Improving well-being by having fun!

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