



*Celebrate and learn together*

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these unusual times. Thank you very much for all of your support and patience whilst we get 'School Closure Learning' established at St Johns.

Doodle top tips

- If you are having difficulty with Doodle, please email the office or alternatively contact Doodle directly through their online chat.
- In order for teachers to know your child has completed work on Doodle, they must 'Log out' after each session.
- Doodle is designed for children to work independently. The system takes some time to learn the correct 'pitch' for individual children, therefore some questions will be too hard or too easy. If you support your child, the system will not be able to establish the correct 'pitch' for them and it will remain too difficult for them to complete independently.
- If a child finds an 'X a day' question too difficult, they need to select the ? button in the top right hand corner and then select the 'Save to tricky questions' option.
- At the moment please encourage your child to have a go and try their best. Please reward effort and ensure your child realises that the computer is setting their profile to the appropriate level so they may get a number of questions incorrect to begin with. This is nothing to worry about and will soon be set at the appropriate level.

Purple Mash

We have experienced some initial difficulties with Purple Mash. If your child has not been able to complete the homework set last week, please do not worry. We aim to resolve these difficulties by Monday so if your child is unable to complete tasks over the weekend please bear with until next week. Any further difficulties following Monday please get in touch via the school email.

Writing

We are aware we cannot view children's writing and are looking at ways in which we can change this approach.

Home Learning in General

We are sympathetic to the fact that in these unusual circumstances, parents may have work commitments to balance with childcare, and that this may place pressures on the time available to support your child with home learning. Please just do as much as is manageable.

We are very grateful for your cooperation and support.

Kind regards,

Miss Powell and Mrs Bruton 😊