

St John's Green Primary School Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We are growing our learning

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Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed your child's report for the end of the first assessment period (3/9/20 – present). Please remember that this report is for you as parents.

We have tried very hard to ensure that the information it contains is both relevant and pertinent to keeping you informed as to how your child has progressed so far this academic year.

It is very important to remember that this year has been incredibly challenging for the children in terms of continuity of their education and they have all, without doubt, missed significant amounts of schooling. Although the children will make up the gaps from their missed learning, there is not a magical quick fix and it will take time.

The class teachers, supported by Mrs Skinner, have implemented a 'Recovery Curriculum' this term, which aims to both help and support the children in making accelerated progress by focusing on the key skills and structures in Reading, Writing and Maths. This programme will continue throughout the academic year with the intention of trying to ensure that, by the end of the year, the children have achieved those levels of attainment we aspire for them.

The more that parents support at home - especially with reading - the better the chances the children have of closing the gaps in their learning.

We have kept our report process the same, because we feel that it's important you are aware of where we would like your child to be academically and where they are academically now.

The expectations for children in each year group are in the table below. If your child is not at 'B' or 'B+' then there are gaps in some areas of their understanding and the application of that learning in their work. This means that they will need additional support to ensure they close the gaps in their learning. It is important that we work very closely with you as parents, so that you can support your children at home to help them make accelerated progress and to close those gaps. **Within your child's reports are listed both the ways we are supporting your child's learning and how you can support their learning at home.**

Year Group	End of AP1 Expectation (Assessment without Levels)
EYFS	ELG
1	Year 1 (B)
2	Year 2 (B)
3	Year 3 (B)
4	Year 4 (B)
5	Year 5 (B)
6	Year 6 (B)

We fully accept that for all children to reach their true potential and succeed in life we need your support. Good attendance is obviously key, but more specifically: reading with your children each day, practicing their spellings and x tables with them, talking to them and encouraging them, will embed within them key skills which do make a difference in their learning.

Please carry on supporting your child in their learning each day over the Christmas break to ensure your child continues with the progress they've made.

Please however, do remember that learning is a journey and children do and will progress at different speeds. The two obvious questions to ask yourself are:

- Is your child happy at school?

- Are they progressing at the right speed in their learning?

If the answer to either question is no, then please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bullivant, Mrs Skinner or myself.

On the school website, under 'Reports' is an information document that breaks down the different sections of the report.

Please remember that, as per the newsletter, there is no 'Parents Evenings/Meetings' at the current time. Instead we are offering telephone consultations with the class teachers which will take place during the school day WB 14/12/2020. These phone calls will last no more than 5-10 minutes and will give you an opportunity to talk with the class teacher about your child, their learning, the next steps they need to take and how you can support them.

A reply slip is enclosed with this letter and if you would like a telephone consultation, you must complete and return the reply slip by Friday 11th December.

Regards,

Simon Billings Headteacher

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