



St Eugene's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank-you to all of the parents and children who have been keeping up with the remote learning with such patience and hard work. You are making an important difference to your child's education. The Department for Education have informed us that schools will be closed to all pupils over February half term. We look forward to seeing the children back on screen for their online lessons on Monday 22nd February and hopefully back in person in school shortly after that. We will let you know plans for school reopening further as soon as we have that information from the government.

We keep you and your families in our prayers.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith and Mrs Jackson (Head of School and Executive Head)

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity!



Tuesday 9th February Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day is helping to create an internet we can trust. In this week's assembly, we talked about knowing what to trust online and the strategies we could use to question, challenge and change the online world.

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to talk to your child about online safety – so do try out some of the learning activities included in the pack I have attached to this week's newsletter email. You could also ask your child about what they like to do online, use their favourite app or game with them, or even ask your child for their best tips for staying safe online. Find out more here: saferinternetday.org.uk. Wondering how to help your child stay safe online? Talk to your child about the top tips for using the internet safely and positively, using this poster.

Stay safe online
Remember the 6 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Find out more at Childnet's website ...
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Safer Internet Day

Well done Kaleb! Kaleb (Year 5) organised an online fundraiser for the NHS and raised over £700! Kaleb and his friends from school had a "Big Bake". Well done if you baked a cake or drew a picture or shared another creation to raise money with Kaleb and thank you to the friends and family members who contributed. We are so proud to have children like Kaleb in our school, who want to make a difference in the world.



Our school motto is "Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity". Kaleb has certainly done that!



Our school website address: www.steugene.camden.sch.uk

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February HALF TERM - school closed
Wednesday 31st March: last day of the Spring Term
Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 31st March Easter assemblies



Academic Review Day...

We will not be having our usual academic review day in February. We will be having an Academic Review Day in the summer term and you will receive a written report on your child's attainment and progress then. In the meantime, please do remember you can ring school and make a telephone appointment if you want to talk to your child's teacher about their remote learning.



Our prayer...

A quote from Pope Francis...

"Life is often a desert, it is difficult to walk, but if we trust in God, it can become beautiful and as wide as a highway. Never lose hope; continue to believe, always in spite of everything. Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable."



Lord God,
Give us hope and love in our hearts.
Bless those that we love and keep us close to you. Amen

Please let us know if anyone in your household tests positive for coronavirus

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Head of school with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately. Please let us know by email: admin@steugene.camden.sch.uk or phoning the school office, so that we know that your child will not be able to join the online learning and so that we can check in with you to see that everything is OK.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit: [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
- 3) If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
- 4) If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school or their remote learning.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Express yourself...

Last week we were thinking about being creative to express ourselves and help ourselves to have positive mental health. If you like being creative with art go to : www.Tate.org.uk/kids/make where you will find lots of interesting art activities that you can do at home over the half term. There are also some science exciting activities on the Crick website <https://www.crick.ac.uk/whats-on/public-events/family-zone#experiments>.

There are also always activities on our Learning from Home page on the school website. We hope that over half term you can find some ways to keep mentally healthy.



A Wellbeing tip for parents...

Learning to Relax. We know how busy parents are at the moment. Take some time for yourself this week, all you need is 15 minutes (or more if you can) to do something you find relaxing e.g. do some yoga, take a bath, go for a walk, read a book, say a quiet prayer, listen to some music or take some time to just rest. When we make time to relax and look after ourselves, this can have a positive impact on our health and wellbeing.

