

Friday 22nd January



Dear Families,

I trust you are all well at the start of this new term - not the start that we had planned or hoped for but one that we are determined to make the best of.

We have successfully begun supporting children at home with remote learning and despite a few teething problems due to the technology, we have had a great response. All children are able to access Class Dojo, where they can watch pre-recorded lessons from their teachers at a convenient time. These lessons support them in completing the daily tasks set. The teachers then monitor what work is posted during the day and provide feedback to individual children. There are additional teachers available each day who can arrange an online meeting with your child to answer any questions or to provide additional support. There are also daily class Zoom meetings so they are able to keep in touch with each other and their teacher.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in adapting their teaching so quickly and at such short notice. To ensure that our children's education does not suffer during this lockdown period, we need to emphasise how important it is that they watch the lessons, complete the work and attend the Zoom meetings every day.

Online learning will continue until we are able to open fully to all children. We know what an unexpected and disappointing start to the term this is for you as much as us. We are devastated that all of our plans for the term will have to be reorganised but we are not going to let this prevent us from providing the very best education we can for our children.

Best wishes,
Mr. Owens
Headteacher

**We can help
get you
connected to
Class Dojo.
Phone 0116
2832328.**



If all of the home learning you are undertaking means that you are struggling for data please email me and I will try to sort something out.

aowens@montrose.leicester.sch.uk out.

We know many of you are working from home and juggling work with home schooling so please remember the following....

- We know that home learning can be stressful so do what you can and reward children for their efforts.
- You don't have to print anything out – using pen and paper or whatever you have available is fine.
- Pause the videos when you need to, discuss them and watch them again if you don't understand.
- Don't worry if you get stuck - message your teacher directly on dojo for help.
- If you can't upload work to portfolios, snap a picture and message it to your teacher directly
- Before you start, agree and design a learning timetable to structure the day and create a good routine (children learn best this way). Children can decorate this and make it personal to them.
- Take lots of breaks and include 20 minutes of reading each day on the timetable too, along with whatever creative activities you like doing (drawing, colouring, building, etc.).

Remember, you can only do your best and no one is expecting miracles (although some of you seem to be performing them!)

Don't forget, school is here to help so ring us on 0116 2832328 if you think there is anything we can do to help.

Any worries?

Our Family Support Worker, Donna McAteer, is available to support with a range of issues.

Contact her on 07378 285273.

Does your child need more help?

There are additional Zoom meetings at the following times to provide support to children.

Please use the link on Class Dojo to join.

10.00am - Y1	10.30am - Y4
11.00am - Y2	10.00am - Y5
9.30am - Y3	11.00am - Y6

Montrose Choir and Instrumental lessons are continuing online.

Contact Mrs Rupp for further information.

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