

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Introduction to Seesaw online learning platform in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two

Over the last few months you will be aware that we have used various online platforms to share what the children are learning in school. During lockdown we used several different approaches to provide the learning tasks throughout school and we have now chosen the one that we feel as a school was the most interactive and effective. At a time when there are less opportunities for parents to communicate face to face with their child's teacher we felt it was important to offer an alternative solution to allow parents to get in touch. The current Year Two and Three families are familiar with Seesaw and feedback has been positive about this online tool so we would like to get this up and running throughout Key Stage One and Two as soon as possible.

We will use Seesaw to provide weekly homework and to share what the children are learning in class including photographs of them carrying out their learning. Seesaw is a secure online journal for pupil/ parent engagement that inspires pupils of all ages to do their best and allows the class teachers and school to communicate effectively, encouraging a healthy school – parent relationship. See <https://web.seesaw.me/parents> for further information.

Your child or their class teacher will be able to add the things we work on (including photos, videos, drawings and voice recordings) to their Seesaw journal. We can share them privately with you and other family members to view and comment on throughout the school year. The school and class teacher can also send important messages and reminders using Seesaw. When there are new posts or messages, you'll be notified and can see what's new. Rest assured, Seesaw is private. You'll only see posts created by your child.

We would strongly urge families to sign up to Seesaw and to ensure this happens your child will be coming home with sign up instructions and a code which you will need. It's FREE to sign up and download the app. Please read the back of the attached form, sign and return to school as soon as possible.

We will continue to send out school updates/ letters and newsletters via ParentHub and of course we would encourage you to contact the office via telephone or via email as usual, if you would like to communicate to either myself or Mrs Griffin regarding non class based matters. For class related queries you can respond and interact with your child's class teachers directly via the Seesaw app.

Please note that teachers may not be able to respond to your messages instantly as they will be busy teaching our children. Equally, messages will not be responded to in the evenings or over the course of the weekend. For any urgent messages during the school's operating hours (8.40am – 4.00pm, Monday - Friday), please contact the office on 01937 833795.

For those parents yet to sign up, your login details will be sent with your child at some point this week. Please contact your child's class teacher who will help get you set up and started with Seesaw if you are having any difficulties logging in.

We are really looking forward to celebrating your child's learning using the Seesaw app and can't wait to get all of our Year One to Year Six children's families accessing this. If you have ever had the response to the, 'What have you learnt today' question as 'nothing' or 'I can't remember' then getting onto Seesaw will solve that problem instantly. Many of our current Year Two and Three parents shared previously how much they appreciated seeing their child learning throughout the school day.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries regarding this.

Best wishes,



Caroline Towler

Headteacher