

SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to our parent questionnaire. We have received 105 responses. If you have not already responded, please provide your feedback through the survey link which has been sent in a text message to all parents.

Please find below this some key messages that respond to some questions highlighted within the feedback.

Remote Education

School staff have all been trained in using a new application Seesaw to provide learning if the bubble closes. This is an online tool and all children will be given their own log in. We have also trained the children on how to use this learning platform. Teaching staff will deliver lessons via Seesaw when the bubble closes. There will be four lessons available on Seesaw each day. Children will need to watch the teacher's video before attempting the lesson. Our school policy and remote education learning plan will be emailed to all parents and displayed on our school website. If you do have any further questions linked to this, please do not hesitate to email the office.

Homework

We are also aiming to provide homework on the Seesaw learning platform so if a child's bubble does close they will have already experienced using Seesaw. Homework will consist of reading, spellings, time tables/basic maths skills and IPC home learning logs. This will be set up over the forthcoming weeks.

Reading books

We are in the process of completing reading assessments for the children to determine their reading ages. This in turn will inform teachers which reading book the children need to be given. As you are aware we will need to quarantine books before they are recirculated to another child, therefore reading books will be given out on a Monday morning and will need to be returned on a Friday morning. This will allow us to quarantine the books over the weekend ready to be reallocated on a Monday morning.

During school closures, all children were allocated reading books on the active learn website. This again is an online tool. We had very few children access this over school closures. We are still continuing to use this as it will ensure children have e-books to read over the weekend period. Again your child has a personal log in for this.

Personal log ins for each online tool will be stapled inside your child's planner/reading record. Please ensure you keep this safe.

Thank you again for your support. If you do need to ask any further questions, please do not hesitate to email the office on ssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk for the attention of Miss Jones.

Miss Jones – Principal



Congratulations to **4B** for achieving attendance **100%** this week! This is a **fantastic** result. ★



The school office will no longer be accepting any cash.

Please pay for all school meals, tuck and uniform over the Arbor app.

Please contact the school office if you need any help.

Reminder of starting and finishing times

As a school we have deliberately staggered the starting and finishing times of each year group so we can ease congestion. Please can you ensure you are arriving for these times.

Nursery am: 8:45am – 11:45am
Nursery pm: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Year 1: 8:50am – 3:20pm
Year 2: 8:50am – 3:20pm
Year 3: 8:45am – 3:15pm
Year 4: 8:45am – 3:20pm
Year 5: 8:40am – 3:10pm
Year 6: 8:40am – 3:10pm

Spotlight on learning Reception

These are some photos from our Entry Point for Weather Wonders. Over the past few weeks we have been umbrella making, leaf rubbing and we have listened to Percy the park keeper stories. We have also been on an Autumn walk around school collecting leaves. There is more information linked to learning in Reception on our school website <https://ssj.bolton.sch.uk/> on our class page under the learning tab.

