



SSPP School News

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- ROAD SAFETY WEEK -

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HAPPEN, THEY ARE
CAUSED – STAY SAFE**



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*We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other.
Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began this week with Mr Roca-Mas asking the children in assembly what it means to be a Rights Respecting School, the children were very confident in their answers and clearly have a deep understand of the UNICEF articles.

As we approach the Christmas festivities in school, we are still very mindful of Covid and the need to keep safe. For this reason we will be limiting the number of people attending the concerts and request that everyone wears a mask. We aim to record all the nativities and concerts which will be posted on Google Classroom. If you have not given permission for photographic images of your child to be used, please discuss this with the class teacher.

In light of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in May 2022 an additional public holiday has been declared. As this falls in the May half term, schools have the flexibility to take an extra day during the school year. SSPP will take this day on Tuesday 4th January 2022; the first day back for children will be Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Please note, the Movie afternoon on Wednesday 1st December is open to Reception, KS1 and KS2. Children will not be allowed to attend without a signed permission slip, this may be downloaded from Google Classroom.

The Friends of SSPP are working hard to prepare for the Winter Wonderland event on Wednesday 8th December, 3.30-5.30pm, if you are able to offer your support in some small way, this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the families who have already donated the requested items, however we need more, especially toiletries, gift sets, and stationery.

Once again, we have had many requests from parents to take their children out of school in term time, this is disappointing and worrying. Not only do the children miss valuable learning time, with Covid rates increasing and new variants appearing, it is a risk. Please think very carefully before you book tickets.

I would like to thank Mr Allen for bringing outdoor chess to SSPP. After painting the chess board on the playground by hand, he took delivery of the giant chess pieces yesterday; now the competition begins!

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, it is a special time when we wait in hope for the coming of Jesus and the opportunity to share hope with others in our community.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Headteacher

Mrs Johnson

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hull

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Roca-Mas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 28th November

First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday 1st December

Fundraising Movie Afternoon
(3.15-4.30pm)

Wednesday 8th December

SSPP Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Friday 17th December

Final Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

LINKS

School Website:

<https://www.sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk/>

School Blogs:

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

UNICEF

Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.



Gospel Reflection (Luke 21:25-28)

In Sunday's gospel Jesus talks about his second coming; he tells us to pray and to watch how we behave while we are waiting, so that we will be ready when he comes. "Be on your guard. Do not let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on the alert and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

The other thing that is special about waiting for Jesus during Advent is hope. We have hope that Jesus will one day come again and make all things new. We have hope because of his birth long ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when he came to show all people God's love for us. Hope is not just a wish for good things to come in the future. It also changes the way that we feel and think and act. When things are hard, if we have hope that they will get better in the future, that helps us to keep trying and working to change things; this then often leads to the difficult situation improving.

Prayer for the week

Dear God, because you love us so much you sent your only Son into the world to be with us. Help us to wait in hope with joyful hearts for his coming and to share your hope with others. Amen.

Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours." Pope Francis

Star Pupil Awards

N	Aarzu & Jason
RM	Dumitrita
RS	Richie
1A	Jasmine
1M	Courtney
2I	Alexander
2P	Uzair
3C	
3S	Huda
4B	Shenuki
4W	
5C	Joshua
5S	Kishan
6B	Jahmani
6R	Daniel

Attendance w/e 26th November 93.39%

Class	% (Target 95.5%) Class attendance percentages since the 4 th September 2020 Gold = Highest Green = Above 96% Red = Below 96%
RM	95.6%
RS	92.7%
1A	93.5%
1M	93.0%
2I	92.8%
2P	89.6%
3C	93.2%
3S	90.9%
4B	97.9%
4W	95.9%
5C	91.7%
5S	93.7%
6B	94.2%
6R	98.3%



It is important that we always have the most up-to-date contact details you can provide. Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

School Games Values Certificates

We look forward to issuing more certificates in the weeks ahead.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 22nd November Tickets on sale for Santa's Grotto

Wednesday 8th December SSPP Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 15th December Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Friday 17th December Final Day of Term (1.30pm finish)



School Places – Reception 2022

If you require a place for your child in Reception for September 2022, please apply to the London Borough of Redbridge. <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions> ; the deadline for online applications is **15th January 2021**



SCHOOL NEWS

SSPP Winter Wonderland

This event will take place in the playground on **Wednesday 8th December** 3.30-5.30pm.

We looking for donations, to be sent into school from Monday 15th November:

Nursery & Reception: Christmas cards (new), decorations, bows, tinsel, ribbons, etc

Y1: Sweets & chocolates in packets, boxes, tins or jars.

Y2: stationery, pencils, novelty rubbers, notebooks, pens, felt-tips

Y3: toys/games, puzzles (new or good condition)

Y4 & Y5: toiletries, gift sets, candles

Y6: Bottles (Wine, prosecco, soft drinks etc)



The Friends of SSPP are now selling tickets for Santa's Grotto.

Rights Respecting / Global Action – Miss Ionita's Weekly Information

“Be a STAR” Movie Evening

We are writing to inform you that we have arranged a movie afternoon to raise funds for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. The children will be watching an age appropriate movie, supervised by staff from SSPP. There will be popcorn!



The children will also be separated into EYFS/KS1 and KS2 to make the experience more enjoyable for the different ages.

You must collect your child promptly at **4.30pm** from outside the office area.

Please help us support this worthy cause by giving your child permission to attend and contribute £1. We welcome extra donations too!

Your child will not be allowed to attend without a signed permission slip – these are on Google Classroom.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ionita & the School Council

West Ham Corner

I'd almost forgotten how to type these words, but West Ham lost. There, I've said it, the run came to an abrupt halt away to Wolves last weekend where one goal was enough to see West Ham lose.

It was generally just a bad day at the office, which thankfully has only seen us drop one place to fourth, but with games coming thick and fast, it is important that the team shows strength of character to bounce back straight away.

That need to get straight back into the saddle is crucial with an away game at Manchester City on Sunday.

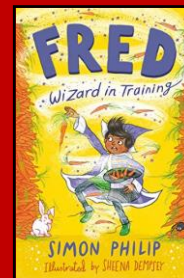
We were back to winning ways on Thursday night as we clinched top spot in our Europa League group by beating Rapid Vienna two nil away from home. This sees us through the last 16 and avoids an extra game for those who come second in each group. Winning on a Thursday night, it's not for everyone.

Latest Result: Wolves 1 – 0 West Ham United

League Position: 4th



Recommended Read Year 2



Fred may look ordinary, but sometimes people who look ordinary turn out to be not very ordinary at all ... because it just so happens that Fred is a Wizard!

Sounds pretty great, right? Except that Fred is absolutely, completely, mind-bogglingly TERRIBLE at magic. At school, he's stuck in a class of wizards half his age, feeling like a twit among tots. At home, he's endlessly teased by his siblings and always a disappointment to his parents. All Fred wants is to become a better wizard....

So when he hears about a competition to meet Merlin(yes, THE Merlin!) Fred knows it's his one chance to prove to his family that he's not the worst wizard in town. The catch? To win the competition he has to capture the tail of a terrifying, fire-breathing lizard...

If you liked this then try:

+ 'Fred Series' by Simon Philip
+ 'Bella Broomstick Series' By Lou Kuenzler

Top Ten

These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Sofiya	Year 4
2	Sereni	Year 6
3	Angeline	Year 4
4	Naomi	Year 4
5	Timothy	Year 4
6	Elijah	Year 6
7	Yashna	Year 6
8	Fatima	Year 4
9	Albert	Year 4
10	Bhavagnya	Year 3

Community News



As we head into the start of Advent, we give thanks for the special Advent Calendar each child receives from school, which gives a reflective suggestion for every day during the period, right up to (and beyond) Christmas.



Recent Tweets – @SSPP_Primary



Mrs Johnson has introduced a guest speaker to our Year 5 & 6 pupils @misspjago who is sharing her experience and knowledge about keeping safe online. We've begun by discussing famous YouTube 'celebs'. This has got a lot of knowing nods from the pupils. #SSPP #Influencers #esafety



Time to start our Junior Citizenship session. An information-packed morning for our Year 6 pupils. Workshops range from fire-safety to travel tips for their transfer to secondary school. #SSPP @metpoliceuk #JuniorCitizenship



#BOOKMATCH

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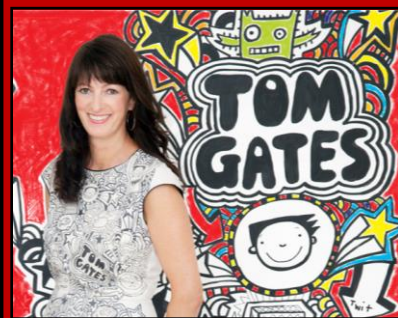
Books for fans of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon



IF YOU LIKE TOM GATES, READ THESE

For more #BookMatch & similar suggested reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

Author Book Match



Liz Pichon

- + Tom Gates Series
- + My Big Brother Boris
- + A Tale Of Two Kitties
- + Bored Bill
- + Shoe Wars

Christmas Recommended Reads

Over the next four weeks, we are going to promote and showcase Christmas-themed books for various age ranges (3+, 5+, 7+ and 9+).

For this week, it is the turn of the **5+** category.

Zoom into the image for a better look at the titles suggested



www.TheReaderTeacher.com/christmas/gift-giving-guides/5-plus
The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide
Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!
Christmas 2021



Recommended books for children aged 5+!

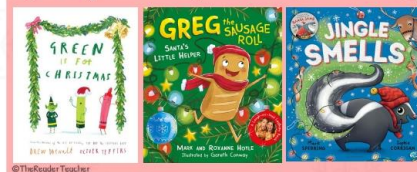
★ Christmas Classics ★



Winter Warmers



Super Funny Stocking Fillers!



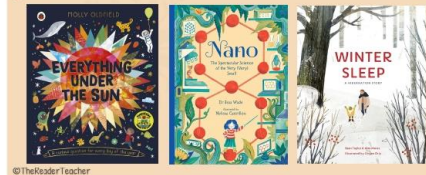
New Out This Christmas



Festive Fiction



Tactual Books for All the Family



Poetry Presents



Picture Book Party



Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

Reception – Potions

This week in Reception we have been making potions! We brought in many herbs and spices and allowed the children to use their senses to decide which ingredients they wanted to use; a pinch of this, a dash of that! We have had a range of aftershaves and perfumes made in RS this week (I wouldn't recommend wearing them), including Shayaan whose potion was going to turn Mr Smith into a rabbit and make him eat grass! As you can tell by Shayaan's face, this idea pleased him enormously!



Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day will once again take place on the same day as we will be sharing our Christmas dinner, **Wednesday 15th December.**

Although we encourage the traditional Christmas Jumper, you can choose a party outfit if you prefer (or anything Christmassy).



Year 5 & 6 – Online Safety Talk

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 were given the chance to listen to an outside provider this week talk about how to keep themselves safe online.

There was information on popular gaming resources such as Roblox, as well as the need to be discerning on where they receive information from.

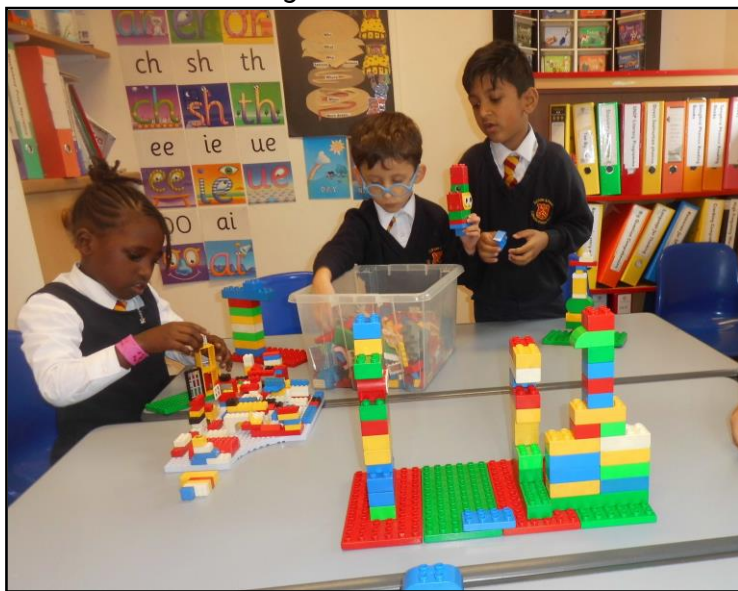
One app seemed very well known to the children – 'Omegle', we have added that to our usual National Online Safety section of the newsletter this week.

The talk was given by Miss Jago (Twitter: [@misspjago](https://twitter.com/misspjago))



Y2 Lego Learning

A group of children in Year 2 have been using Lego as part of their learning about descriptive language. They made buildings and put them together to form a city. The children then had to describe what they had made.



Year 6 Junior Citizenship

Year 6 spent a few hours at the TA centre next door, to take part in this year's Junior Citizenship session. This was an information-packed morning where they spent time in workshops ranging from fire-safety to travel tips for their transfer to secondary school.

They were given practical advice for being caught in an emergency and heard about how to travel safely making use of their Oyster Card.

One of the sessions seemed a little tongue in cheek as they were caught up in a Barbie / Ken / Action Man love triangle; on a deeper level though, this gave the serious message about their digital footprints and ownership of what they send online.

Many thanks to the Metropolitan Police who organise the morning and the volunteers who give up their time to deliver each of the workshops.



New Outdoor Chess Set

As noted in Mrs Johnson's section of the newsletter, we are very grateful to our premises manager Mr Allen, who has taken the time to paint down a fantastic, large-scale chessboard in the playground.

The new all-weather pieces have arrived, so we look forward to seeing the children playing with this in the coming months.



DAYGLOW DAY

Tuesday 30th November 2021

In conjunction with the Redbridge Road Safety Team, we are running the hi-visibility **DAYGLOW DAY** as part of our ***Be Bright Be Seen*** campaign.

On this day, the children can wear brightly-coloured coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoe laces, hair accessories, hi-vis jackets etc. (any brightly coloured or fluorescent accessories). They may also brighten their bike or sparkle their scooter!

It's now getting darker much earlier in the evenings. We encourage children to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when they are out and about, by making them more visible to drivers in order to prevent road accidents, especially during the winter months.

We are hoping that **DAYGLOW DAY** will capture their imaginations and that they will turn up at school positively shining - in fact, the brighter the better! There will be prizes for the children that are shining really brightly!



Future Christmas Dates

In preparation for our Christmas season, we would like to issue some of our event dates:

Wednesday 8th December: SSPP Winter Wonderland (3.30-5.30pm.)

Friday 10th December: Nursery Nativity (9.30am)

Monday 13th December: Reception Nativity (2:00pm)

Tuesday 14th December: KS1 Nativity (2:00pm)

Tuesday 14th December: KS2 Carol Concert (SSPP Church – children arrive at 6.00pm for a 6:30 start)

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day



Online Safety

As part of our continued drive to offer advice and support for all aspects of digital/online safety, we are going to showcase weekly information from the National Online Safety resources which can be found at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Omgle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It first launched in 2009 and its slogan is "Talk to strangers!" There is an option for adult (18+) content and a section for people aged 13+ with parental permission. Anyone can use the site. Users simply go to Omgle.com and then choose 'Text' or 'Video' chat and the page states how many users are currently online. Depending on the time of day this can be hundreds of thousands. Omgle markets itself as a great way to meet new friends however has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content within chats, so it's important parents are aware of the risks associated with the site.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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AGE RESTRICTION

18+

If under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

What parents need to know about OMEGLE

NO AGE VERIFICATION MEASURES

Omgle is completely free to use and allows users to communicate with others without the need to register, supply an email address or create a profile. This means users can remain anonymous and it's hard to trust who your children are talking to. Furthermore, there are no age verification measures and other than agreeing to the terms and conditions, your child can easily start online engagement with strangers and potentially access more adult themed content.

RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

The anonymity of Omgle can increase the risk of cyberbullying on the site. Engaging in chat with strangers means that topics of conversation can lead almost anywhere including discussions about looks, body image or the sharing of other personal information. With the availability of video chat as well, this could lead to children being coerced or forced into carrying out activities online which could then be used against them.

UNMODERATED CHAT

Omgle encourages video chat as much as it can, prompting users during their text chat to activate their web cam. Whilst text chat has a degree of moderation, the content in Omgle's video chat rooms is not moderated by administrators and, at any time of the day, there can be thousands of users online. This means that your child could easily come across illegal, unacceptable or inappropriate images or media. Omgle currently offers no function for reporting online abuse or inappropriate behaviour on its site and instead only offers advice to 'please be careful'. It also advises to 'Use Omgle at your own peril'. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable.

PRIVACY RISK VIA FACEBOOK

Omgle can be linked to a user's Facebook account to match their interests and likes with other users. This means that Omgle can access your child's basic Facebook information, and Facebook friends may potentially view Omgle activity. In addition, users can save the chat log and share the link without the other user's knowledge. It is not uncommon then for users to request being added to Snapchat, Instagram or WhatsApp for further interaction, moving the conversation into a more personal setting.

RISK OF EXPLOITATION

Omgle chat picks another user at random and there is very little way of verifying who your child may be chatting to. This can lead to a number of risks including catfishing (users pretending to be of similar age), identity theft (users seeking information to commit fraud) and sexual/psychological grooming (users coercing others to act in a way or do something they wouldn't normally do).

ADULT THEMED CONTENT

Unfortunately, Omgle is infamous for its pornographic content and it is not uncommon for users to expose themselves or engage in sexual acts. If a user selects video chat, then the other user's webcam will automatically be switched on before the action to 'end chat' can be selected. There is also no 'preview' in smaller thumbnail windows. As video chat is so easy to access, it means that unintentionally viewing more mature, inappropriate or even illegal images can't always be avoided.

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Safety Tips For Parents

DISCUSS RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD

It is important to speak to your child about the dangers of Omgle. Guiding and educating young children is far more useful than ignoring the possibility of Omgle being accessed. Explain to your child that Omgle is not completely anonymous and that other users will and do use Omgle to exploit others. Try to emphasize the risk of speaking to strangers and that engaging online is no different to engaging offline.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Omgle does not provide advice about how to protect your personal information so it's important that children are aware of what they should and shouldn't share online and with whom. If they use Omgle, always advise against sharing any personal information such as their real name, age, phone number, address or any other personal identifiable information. This also includes details of their social media accounts or gaming ID's. You should also adjust your child's Facebook settings to control what information is shared with Omgle.

REPORT CONCERNS

If your child comes across any inappropriate content or something which upsets them on Omgle, then it's important that they are able to discuss it with you and that you provide them with the support they need. If you think the content is illegal, then it must be reported to the police.

DISCOURAGE VIDEO CHAT

Try to discourage your child from using video chat on Omgle. Not only is there no filters or moderation in place, but children may be coerced into sharing intimate images or videos of themselves, which is illegal if they are under 18 and may be used against them. Omgle text chat has a degree of moderation controlled by Omgle through software and several actual moderators. The software moderates, identifies and prevents certain words and sequences of words to try and prevent bullying and grooming however is still not a 100% fail-safe.

TRY OMEGLE YOURSELF

It's always an excellent idea to get a feel for the website or app your child is using so that you can see and understand the issues and risks for yourself. More importantly, it will also provide you with first-hand experience of the risks and dangers. If when you decide to speak to your child about Omgle and what they need to be aware of.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Omgle is a website chat service. Children can only access the text chat on their phone and would need access to a PC or laptop to engage in video chat. If you have genuine concerns over Omgle and don't wish your child to access the site, you can add www.omgle.com to the list of banned websites and URLs. However, it's important to remember that Omgle can still be used via a web browser on an iPad, tablet, smart TV or gaming device and similar controls would need to be implemented on each of these devices separately.

Meet our expert

Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covert Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in online grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.

SOURCE: <http://www.omgle.com>

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Google Classrooms – Help Sheet



Google Classroom

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class-organisation platform that incorporates Google's core G Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive) and other Google products so students can access everything they need for a class, including homework assignments, group projects and files. Google Classroom is designed for organisation and collaboration. We will be using Google Classroom to assign homework as well as within school to improve children's digital literacy.

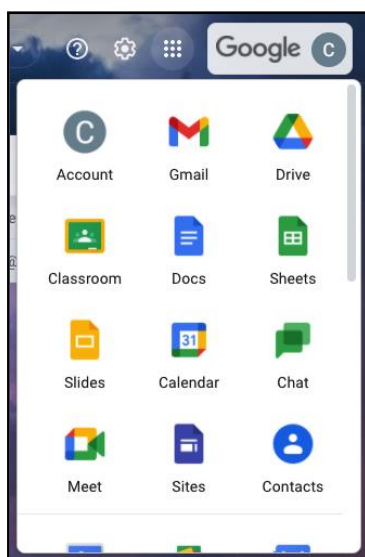
How do you log into a Google Classroom?

Your child has been given a username (email address) and a password, these should be stuck inside their communication or homework books. You have also received an email and/or text with the information. To access it you can search 'Google login', once you have logged in using the username and password you have access to email, classroom and Google drive (a storage system that uses the Google version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

When you log in look for the 'waffle' (the nine dots).



You will then see these options and you select 'Classroom'



Each class is private to the people the teacher has personally invited, including the students enrolled in that class and other teachers. Once your child has accessed a class, they can use all the features the teacher has enabled for that class, including class schedules, assignments and announcements.

Can you use Google Classroom at home?

Children can access Google Classroom from anywhere, including from their phones or tablets, when they download the Google Classroom app.

How does my child find out about new stuff posted in Google Classroom?

Your child will receive an email when the teacher posts an announcement. These emails come through your child's email account, not solely in the Classroom. Classrooms do not alert you when an assignment is due; to keep track of deadlines, kids need to check the class calendar.