

# SSPP School News

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# HONOUR CHRISTMAS IN YOUR HEART, AND TRY TO KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR



# SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final full week of term, was certainly an interesting one. Sadly we were knocked out of the World Cup in the quarterfinals, by France; it will not be coming home this year! The weather took a dramatic turn on Sunday, temperatures plummeted and road and pavement conditions were extremely dangerous. Although schoolwork was provided for the children on Google Classroom, I hope they managed to enjoy some fun in the snow. The school went to great lengths to inform parents of the school closure on Monday, we updated the school website at 7am, a message alert was sent out on the school Jotter App, email and text message sent to parent's listed email account and a post on Google Classroom, despite all these different methods of communication, the office received a high number of phone calls from parents asking for updates. This is not an ideal situation, as it puts extra pressure on the office, please ensure you check the school website before you phone the school for information

Unfortunately, because of the weather, the KS2 Carol Concert and Reception Nativity were postponed; they have now been rearranged for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm (Reception) and 5pm for the KS2 carol concert. All KS2 children (Y3-Y6) will need to arrive at the Church hall, in full school uniform at 4.30pm. I look forward to seeing you all.

Christmas dinner on Wednesday was a lovely occasion, complete with Christmas jumpers to add to the festivities. A big thank you Nourish, our new school meals provider. As from 9<sup>th</sup> January, we will be reverting to a preorder meal selection, please take some time to look at the menus on the school website and talk through the options with your child.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Woodhouse and Mr Smith at the end of this term. Mrs Woodhouse is moving to Ireland to begin a new adventure, we thank Mrs Woodhouse for all her dedication to SSPP and for her brilliant organisation of the clubs and sporting events and wish her every happiness in her new life. We also thank Mr Smith for his dedication and hard work with the youngest children in the school. Mr Smith moves back to Chester to be live closer to his family. We will certainly miss Mr Smith's musical talents and thank him for his hard work with the choir.

It has been a busy first term at SSPP, but wonderful to share so many events with our community after the restrictions of the previous two years. I wish you and all your families, peace and joy at Christmas time.

God bless,

Mrs S Johnson Headteacher **Headteacher** Mrs Johnson

**Deputy Headteacher** Mrs Hull

**Assistant Headteacher** Mr Roca-Mas

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Re-Arranged KS2 Carol Concert Pupils: 4:30pm @ the Parish Hall Concert Begins at 5:00pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** INSET Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January
INSET Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January
First Day of the Spring Term

#### **LINKS**

School Website:

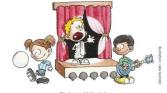
https://www.sspeterandpauls.redb

School Blogs:

https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/

# UNICEF Article 31

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities



U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 31

Jesuit Pupil Profile Virtues: Autumn 2: Faith-filled & Hopeful

#### Gospel Reflection (Matthew 1:18-24)



Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. The Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves'). In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. The Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said. "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife, for it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus — because he will save his people from their sins."

#### Prayer for the week

Loving God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of new life. We pray for all parents around the world and for their children, that they will be healthy, happy and love one another. Amen.

"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God." Pope Francis

| Star Pupil Awards |             |  |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| N                 | Ume-Kalsoom |  |
| RC                |             |  |
| RS                |             |  |
| 1A                |             |  |
| 1C                |             |  |
| 21                | Leah        |  |
| 2P                | Jay         |  |
| 3S                |             |  |
| 3W                | Riddhi      |  |
| 4B                |             |  |
| 4M                | All of 4M   |  |
| 5C                | Harleen     |  |
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| 6B                | Elizabeth   |  |
| 6R                | Moriah      |  |

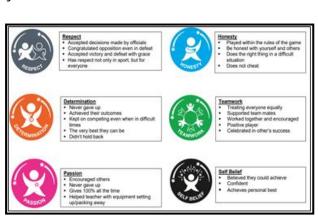
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It is important that we always have the most up-to-date contact details you can provide. Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

| Attendance w/e 16 <sup>th</sup> December 87.55% |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Class   | % (Target 95.5%)  |  |  |
| Ciuss   | Class attendance weekly percentages<br>since the 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 |  |  |
|   | Gold = Highest  |  |  |
|   | Green = Above 96%<br>Red = Below 96%  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |
| RC  | 80.10%  |  |  |
| RS  | 87.25%  |  |  |
| 1A  | 89.22%  |  |  |
| 1C  | 80.83%  |  |  |
| 21  | 94.83%  |  |  |
| <b>2</b> P                                      | 87.07%  |  |  |
| 35  | 93.50%  |  |  |
| 3W  | 75.50%  |  |  |
| 4B  | 94.23%  |  |  |
| 4M  | 98.00%  |  |  |
| 5C  | 91.96%  |  |  |
| 5\$   | 83.62%  |  |  |
| 6B  | 87.83%  |  |  |
| 6R  | 88.70%  |  |  |

# School Games Values Certificates

Look out for more certificates being issued in future newsletters.



# **Upcoming Dates**

# Monday 19th December

Re-Arranged KS2 Carol Concert

Pupils: 4:30pm @ the Parish Hall Concert Begins at 5:00pm

# Tuesday 20th December

Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish)

# Thursday/Friday 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January INSET Days

# Monday 9th January

First Day of the Spring Term



#### **House Points Totals**

We are going to pause on House Points for a week to allow us to give training to the House Captains who collect them. They will return (accurately) in the New Year.



**SCHOOL NEWS** 

## Saint of the Week: Saint Lucy of Syracuse

Today's saint is one of only eight women (Mary included) commemorated in Eucharistic Prayer I: "Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all the Saints..." It was Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590–604), familiar with the Christian traditions of Sicily through his family, who inserted the names of the Sicilian martyrs, Agatha and Lucy, into the Roman Canon.

It is likely that since Lucy was born to Christian parents, she went on pilgrimage as a child to the shrine of Saint Agatha, a fellow Sicilian, in nearby Catania. Perhaps the witness of the martyr Agatha, who perished about fifty years prior to Lucy's time, inspired little Lucy to be similarly heroic when her own hour came. One legend states that Agatha appeared to Lucy in a dream, telling her that one day she, Lucy, would be the glory of Syracuse. For over a millennium, Lucy's Feast Day of December 13 fell very close to the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. But the Gregorian calendar reform of 1582 corrected a ten day drift between the calendar and scientific reality, leaving December 13 now eight days before the Solstice. Lucy's symbolic resonance as a source of light in a dark season persists, despite the calendar correction distancing her feast day from winter's blackest hour

Saint Lucy, you died young and innocent, unfamiliar with the world save for its savagery. May your double martyrdom, to the flesh and to life itself, inspire all youth to see Christ and His promises as worth sacrificing to attain.



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

Happy Holidays!



Thank you for visiting our second edition of "Swap to Save"! It was a lovely turn out!

We will continue organising more of them if we will continue having people donating and coming in to choose some preloved items on the day! Please send us your feedback! Or say it directly to us.



On another note, please check your Google Classroom page for a brochure about Children's Rights! You can find out information about all the things your children have been telling you! (What right they have and how the adults can help meeting them).

Have a peaceful holiday and if you celebrate Christmas, A Merry Christmas indeed!

## World Cup West Ham Watch

#### Declan Rice - England

Once again it feels like a missed opportunity at this tournament with 'big names' like Brazil, Spain and Germany already out. We came up short against the current World Champions although it was in our hands to at least take the game into extra time. Declan now returns home hopefully ready for a Boxing Day date with Arsenal.

#### Alphonse Areola - France

Areola is still yet to get any minutes for France. He could well end up a World Cup winner having not played even a minute of football.

#### Nayef Aguerd - Morocco

Aguerd didn't play in Morocco's win against Portugal. It is yet to be confirmed if his injury will keep him out of the semi-final with France.

#### Lucas Paqueta - Brazil

Lucas has returned home after Brazil lost on penalties to Croatia.

West Ham return to action after the conclusion of the World Cup with an away game against Arsenal. Two friendlies in this mini-break has seen a 4-2 win against Cambridge and an impressive 3-1 win against Italian side Udinese. There is one more to play against Fulham.



#### 🌃 Top Ten

These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

| Rank | Name      | Year Group |
|------|-----------|------------|
| 1    | Angeline  | Year 5     |
| 2    | Naomi     | Year 5     |
| 3    | Moriah    | Year 6     |
| 4    | Chinualum | Year 5     |
| 5    | Bhavagnya | Year 4     |
| 6    | Jessica   | Year 5     |
| 7    | Harleen   | Year 5     |
| 8    | Navjot    | Year 6     |
| 9    | Austin    | Year 5     |
| 10   | Timothy   | Year 5     |

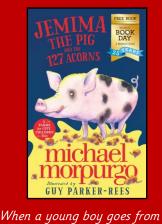
# Community News



In this final newsletter of the term, we wish all of our community a blessed and restful Christmas holiday.

Please keep the families of the children caught up in the tragedy near Solihull in your prayers at this very difficult time.

#### Recommended Read Year 2



the city to stay on the farm, he

discovers a world he never

knew existed - a world of vegetable gardens, ducks and geese, where the sheep graze in the fields, where apples and pears grow in the orchard. He also meets Jemima the pig: she smells and she slobbers, she breaks out of her pen to steal potatoes, and she's the undisputed queen of the farm. Soon, he's hiding acorns in his pockets to feed to her every time he sees her. But then, Jemima starts to feel ill. Could she have eaten too many acorns? Or does this queen of a pig have a secret...?

If you liked this then try:

- + 'The Mudpuddle Farm' Series by Michael Morpurgo
- + 'The Sheep Pig' by Dick King Smith
- + 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White



# Recent Tweets - @SSPP\_Primary



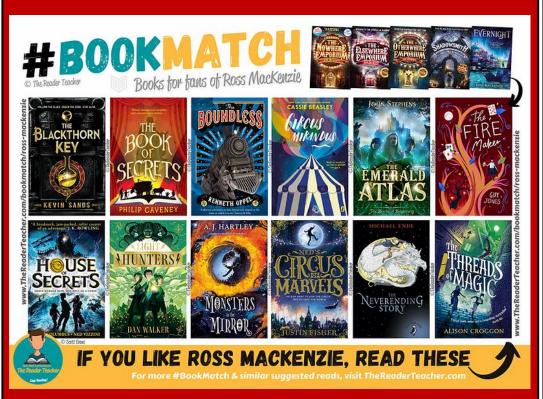
School is open today (Tuesday 13th December). The KS2 Carol Concert has been moved to Monday 19th December. On that evening, children are to be at the Parish Hall for 4:30pm ready to start the concert at 5:00pm





We are almost at the end of the Autumn Term. Remember that the rescheduled Reception Nativity will be in our school hall on Monday 19th Dec at 1:30pm and the KS2 Carol Concert will begin at 5:00pm on the same day, with the children being dropped at the Parish Hall for 4:30pm.





#### **Author Book Match**



#### Ross MacKenzie

- + The Nowhere Emporium
- + The Elsewhere Emporium
- + The Otherwhere Emporium
- + Shadowsmith
- + Evernight

#### Christmas Recommended Reads

We are once again 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 **9+** category.

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





Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

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





#### KS2 Carol Concert - New Date

As noted in various places, the KS2 Carol Concert has been moved to **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – to allow for a hopeful improvement to the weather.

Children will be required to be at the Parish Hall beside SSPP Church for **4:30pm** in full school uniform (including their school shoes) with the concert starting at **5:00pm**.

All pupils are required to attend and none can travel home alone.

## SSPP School Clubs

Keep an eye on your child's Google Classroom over the next few days for information about new after-school clubs being offered in the Spring term. Please follow the instructions in each letter in order to register your child's interest in joining. If you have any questions about after-school clubs contact Mrs Woodhouse at clubs@sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk

# Times Tables Rock Stars - Version Update

We have been contacted by Times Tables Rock Stars to say that some pupils are playing on out-of-date versions of the website or app.



It is important that they use the latest versions of the app or website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates.

#### Solution

If using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in your device's browser. Otherwise update the Times Tables Rock Stars app.

#### Phonics Books

All phonics books have been collected today; children will begin to bring new ones home again in the New Year. Children still have access to Oxford Owl's online library to read from, alongside other texts which may have been sent home.



#### Snow In School

Having returned to school with the site and surrounding roads a little safer, children were given the chance to enjoy the undisturbed snow on Tuesday. For some it was the first time out in it, and for many it was the first chance to build a snowman!















# **Spring Term**

We start the Spring Term with two INSET days on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023, so school starts again on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** for our pupils.



# Reception Nativity

The rescheduled Reception Nativity will happen at **1.30pm** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 



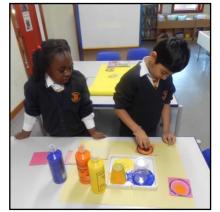
#### **Christmas Lunch**

There was a very festive feel to SSPP on Wednesday when we celebrated our Christmas Jumper Day and had our Christmas lunch.

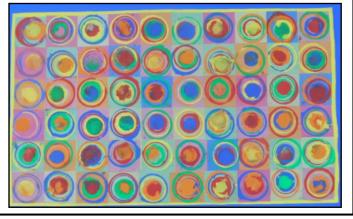


#### Year 2 - Art

Year 2 have been learning about Kandinksy in our Art unit this week. We looked at a number of his paintings and talked about how they made us feel. We also looked at different printing techniques, including how we can overlap and use contrasting colours for effect. After a practice lesson of printing with fruit, we used different circular objects to recreate one of Kandinsky's famous paintings. We are very proud of the results!







# Year 5 - Design and Technology

5S made hummus, tzatziki and flatbread this week after researching different Greek foods. They used lots of different equipment: colanders for draining chickpeas, grater for the cucumbers and rolling pins for the flatbread etc.























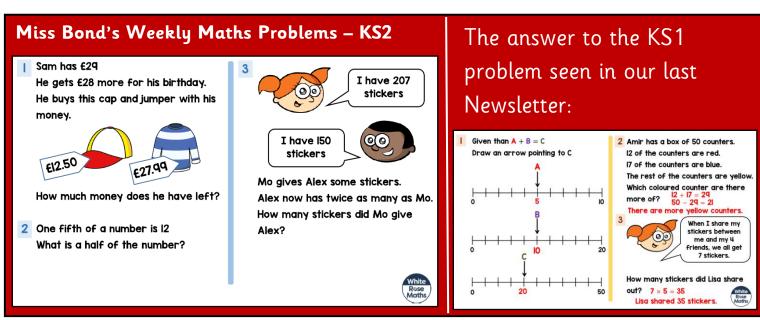






"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given." Isaiah 9:6-7





#### 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/

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as disabling in-app purchasing, take note of age ratings and watching out for imitators.





# **Christmas Colouring (For Fun)**

It is not a competition; just enjoy reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas with this colouring page.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room available for them. (Luke 2:6-7)





Working together today, Improving their tomorrows

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

Do you want your voice heard?

**Upcoming COFFEE MORNINGS** Time: 10am - 12noon

**DATE: FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023** 

VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**GUEST: WES STREETING MP** 

**DATE: MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023** 

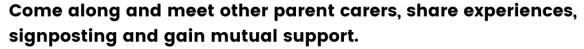
VENUE: THACKERAY DRIVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**GUEST: AUTISM SPECIALIST TEACHER** 

DATE: TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2023 VENUE: ST JOHN'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023** 

VENUE: NEWBURY HALL CHILDREN'S CENTRE



#### **FREE MEMBERSHIP**

Open to family members and carers of any child or young person with SEND up to the age of 25 years who live in or receive services from Redbridge. Associate membership is available for practitioners.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:

www.empoweringparentstogether.org.uk info@empoweringparentstogether.org.uk



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Empowering Parents Together - Redbridge

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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

#### **JOIN OUR FREE WEBINARS!**

Ultimate Parent Teacher Guide to SEND Appeals & Tribunals Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8pm

How to improve your child's Executive Functioning Skills Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 8pm

Dyspraxia (Developmental Coordination Disorder) - an Introduction Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm

Precision Teaching - Sight Words to Fluency Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7pm

Ultimate Guide to explaining Anxiety to Children with Coping Strategies Thursday 26th January 2023 at 8pm

Graphic Facilitation - using Dual Coding to support Learning Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 7pm

Please check EPT Facebook page for further details.

Please join EPT free membership and book the webinars by text or email.

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# Parenting Courses





We would like to draw your attention to some free online parenting courses, which enable parents/carers to develop parenting skills in their own time. The Solihull courses are short modules on a range of subjects from 'Understanding Pregnancy/Labour, Birth and Your Baby' right through to 'Mental Health and Well Being for Parents and Teenagers Only'. The courses are excellent, available in several different languages and FREE to Redbridge residents.

To access the range of courses go to <a href="https://inourplace.co.uk/">https://inourplace.co.uk/</a> and apply the 'access' code 'BRIDGE'.

# Cost of Living Crisis

Please see below important links providing information, which may help you with the cost of living crisis.

- Household Support Fund (HSF): <a href="https://hsf@redbridge.gov.uk">hsf@redbridge.gov.uk</a>
- https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/benefits/cost-of-living-payments Cost of Living Payments / Low-income benefits
- <a href="https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits">https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits</a> Includes eligibility, appeals, tax credits and Universal Credit
- List of food banks in Redbridge:
   <a href="https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/redbridge/fsd/files/foodsupportlocationsredbridge.pdf">https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/redbridge/fsd/files/foodsupportlocationsredbridge.pdf</a>

#### Redbridge Emotional Welling Mental Health Services



#### Anna Freud Centre Resources

- Lingo booklet: provides insight into the experiences of young people when talking to adults/professionals about their mental health <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/improving-help/resources/lingo/">https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/improving-help/resources/lingo/</a>
- Talking mental health with young people in primary school: <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school/</a>
- Talking mental health with young people in secondary school: <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-secondary-school/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-secondary-school/</a>
- Supporting children's transition into secondary school: Guidance for parents/carers: evidence-based guidance package for parents that was written with input from clinicians at the AFC and teachers. <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/</a>



#### Child Psychotherapy

Understanding childhood: contains a series of leaflets written by experienced Child and Adolescent Psychotherapists to give
parents, grandparents, carers and professionals additional insight into children's feelings and view of the world and to help
make sense of their behavior. <a href="https://childpsychotherapy.org.uk/resources-families/understanding-childhood">https://childpsychotherapy.org.uk/resources-families/understanding-childhood</a>



#### Redbridge EWMHS/CAMHS

- ADHD Resources for parents: with information on organizations that parents can refer to for extra support for their child, including support in the education section, parenting programs, and online courses for parents/carers. (attached)
- Official Redbridge EWMHS/CAMHS Resource Booklets <a href="https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/redbridge-camhs">https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/redbridge-camhs</a>



#### Young Minds

- Apart from having great resources for parents/carers regarding young people's mental health, they also have a parenting support helpline that you are able to call.
  - Offer advice to parents/carers concerned about their child's mental health up to the age of 25.
  - Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (9:30am-4pm Monday to Friday) FREE
  - Webchat service (9:30am-4pm Monday to Friday) on bottom right hand corner, click the webchat icon
  - Email service (temporarily closed)
  - o Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds

# GOV.UK

#### Gov.Uk

- UK Government website also has a section called the Education Hub where they provide lists of resources for children, students, parents, school staff that you can access for free.
- Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)

#### Google Classrooms - Help Sheet

#### 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.

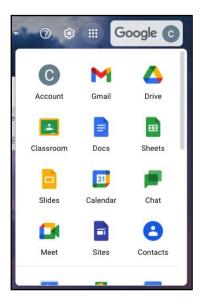
#### How do you log into a Google Classroom?

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.