



# Newsletter January 2021

## Happy New Year!

Firstly, can we say Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to a new term. When we broke up in December, none of us were expecting our return to school to be like this I'm sure. Whatever the circumstances, it is lovely to have the children back and ready to learn.

## Wellbeing

Our newsletter looks a little different this time. As well as some school news, our main focus will be Wellbeing. There is no doubt that another lockdown, which again includes Home Learning, will at times be difficult for you, your children, and even the teachers and support staff in school! As always everyone is doing an amazing job, despite the challenging circumstances. Our aim is to share some helpful information and links to further support you during this time.

## ELSA Support

We are endeavouring to continue to provide ELSA support, even though the circumstances have changed. All of us could benefit from the resources available, and so we wanted to point you in the direction of the ELSA website, which has many free resources to download. In particular, the 'Coronavirus Home Challenge 4' which you will find at the bottom of the home page. Visit [elsa-support.co.uk](http://elsa-support.co.uk).



## Children's Mental Health Week

A nationwide event is taking place February 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, which we are excited about getting involved in. We will be able to join a national virtual assembly hosted by well known childrens TV presenters, and a 'Dress to Express' day. We will provide additional details nearer the time.

## Family and Community Learning

A reminder that Wiltshire Council's Family and Community Learning offer a number of free on-line courses that you may want to explore. Upcoming courses include 'Helping My Child to Learn Maths Online' 'Terrific Times Tables' and 'Family Wellbeing'. To see a full list of courses and to enrol, visit [workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning](http://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning).

## Class Dojo

This is really proving to be an invaluable tool in learning. Thank you to everyone for sending in all of your work. Our latest update report says that we have shared 295 messages, 1,310 photos and videos, and 100% positive feedback. Well done!

## St.George's Joke Book

Something light hearted to get involved in! We would love all of the children to contribute. If they can submit their entries, neatly written, along with their name and age, then we can collate these to produce our book. Send via class dojo or email to [senco@st-georges-semington.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@st-georges-semington.wilts.sch.uk). Can't wait to read what comes in!

## And finally.....

Thank you all for your continued support. We know that many of you are juggling children of different ages, multiple on-line lessons, as well as working yourselves. It has been amazing to have our 'virtual classrooms' full, every day, of children engaged in their learning. Please remember that while you might at times feel overwhelmed and isolated with learning at home, we are here to guide and support you where we can.

We can't wait to have everyone back in school, but until then, stay safe, look after each other and keep in touch.

### Dates for Your Diary

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week  
More information to follow.....