**Primary 6 Homework 2020-21**

Dear Parents, homework this year will be given through google classroom. Below is some information about this app and how it works.

**What is Google Classroom?**

Google Classroom is a free Google App that aims to simplify creating, distributing and assessing learning in a paperless way. Teachers can use Google Classroom to send announcements to entire classes, share resources, lesson notes, PowerPoints, diagrams, and home learning. Pupils can use it to access work covered in class in school, at home or on the go and complete home learning. Parents can use some of the features of Google Classroom to help engage with and support pupils in their home learning. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, chromebooks, tablets or mobile phones.

**Accessing Google Classroom**

Pupils can access Google Classroom using the mobile apps (Android and iOS), or via a web browser by visiting www.classroom.google.com . They should sign in using their **@c2ken.net** logins, eg **jbloggs123@c2ken.net.** They have been earning these usernames this week in school, so hopefully will remember them. Once pupils have logged in, they will see our class Primary 6 2020/21. If it asks for them to join a class or enter class code, ours is;

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**Accessing resources**

To open the homework, click on the Open button on the appropriate post in the Stream page. You will then see the homework description and any attached documents. The simplest way to complete the home learning online is to open the attachment and complete your assignment in this document. When you are finished, click on the MARK AS DONE button. You can even add your own attachments to your submission, such as photos, audio clips, videos, etc. Once the home learning has been marked by the teacher, you can see feedback and any comments made by the teacher by opening the home learning task as before.

All pupils who use google classroom have free access to use all other google apps. This is known as google suite. This is just the collective name for all google apps that are free to use. These include google docs (Same as Word), Slides (Powerpoint), sheets (excel).

**Safety Features**

Although many safety features have been enabled by our administrators, it is still the responsibility of parents to monitor what children are accessing online at home. We will continue to teach children the importance of being responsible digital citizens and accessing age appropriate material and we appreciate parents supporting this at home with their children.

**This weekend**

Please allow pupils to try and log in to the google classroom at home. As stated earlier it works best if they can download the app and stayed signed in. The other way is to download google chrome onto your laptop/computer and sign into google using their c2ken.net usernames. This will keep them signed in. They can then access google classroom by touching the waffle icon. Here they will see a comment from myself asking them to comment that they have successfully logged in. This is all I want them to do tonight, ignore all other work set on the classroom.

Hopefully, this will be a straight forward task, please don’t panic if it doesn’t work, we will aim to iron out any problems before we start real homework next week. There are loads of help videos on YouTube if you would like to look at them.

Thanks for your continued support,

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