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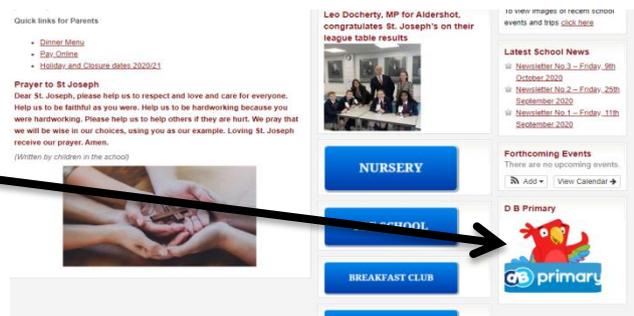
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce the launch of our school's new learning platform, 'DB Primary'. It can be accessed from any device connected to the internet meaning that both you and our children can access the platform anywhere.

This week in school, all children will have at least one session with their class teacher looking at how to access DB Primary and log on to their individual account. They may have also had some time to explore the different features and attempt a variety of activities.

DB Primary will allow us, as a school, to set work and activities online. Children will be able to complete the tasks and receive feedback, when necessary, all without having to print any material or return anything to school.

At St Joseph's, we want to ensure that children are accessing quality learning and teaching at home and in school, therefore the work uploaded on DB Primary by the class teacher will align to the curriculum being taught in school and may take many forms such as a PowerPoint, personalised voice recording/ video from their teacher, web-links or activities from the DB online activties to support the lesson. Also, DB primary allows children to submit their work to their class teacher in many different formats e.g. submit a picture of their work by taking a picture of it, upload a document or use one of DB primary built in systems such as their word or paint.

In order to log on to DB Primary children must go onto the school website and scroll down the homepage until they see the icon DB Primary.

Your child has been issued with a username and password which will be in your child's reading record. From this screen they will be able to enter their username and password and it should take them to their own personal page, which will be linked to their year group page.

More information on how to login and use some of the features on the online learning platform will be sent via parentmail.

When will work be submitted to your child's DB Primary?

- **If your child tests positive for COVID-19/ someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or if the school tells your child to self-isolate.**
  Your class teacher will set three tasks (Maths, English and Foundation) for your child to complete daily which will appear in your child's 'things to do'. Teachers will monitor tasks and provide feedback when deemed appropriate. If your child or someone in your household does test positive, please contact the school office and work will be available for your child to complete the next day.

- **Local or National closure of school**
  Your class teacher will set all learning activities for the week. These will be displayed on your child's year homepage under individual subject pages. Your teacher will also set three tasks for your child to complete and submit each week which will appear in your child's 'things to do'. Teachers will provide feedback each week on these three tasks.

In order for the children, teachers and yourselves to become more familiar with DB Primary, the following year groups will be trialling submitting homework via the online platform:

- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Science Homework
- Year 3 and 4 Maths, English and Spelling Homework

E-safety

Each child in the school has been given their own username and individual password to access their homepage and the parts of the platform they have permission for. Teachers have access to all children's activity when online using DB Primary. School teachers oversee all content within DB Primary and will take any action where any element of our school e- safety policy is considered to be breached. We feel it is important for our children at St Joseph's to use the Internet safely at school and at home. Please could you spend some time looking at these Internet Safety websites (as well as our e-safety page on the parent portal on the school website) and read our home-school agreement document which is the responsibilities that you and your child are agreeing to when using the programme:

- Think you know
  http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
- KidSMART
  http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/
- CBBC staysafe
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe

We are looking forward to all the opportunities this will open from using our online learning platform at St Joseph's and we look forward to hearing your feedback as we start this new venture together.