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Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing to cope with the restraints of lockdown.

**Online Learning:**

Thank you once again, for the wonderful comments you are sending to the staff. I cannot tell you how much they appreciate them. They are all working so hard, teaching online as well as in school whilst managing their own families, so your messages of support are most welcome. This is all still so new to you as parents and to us as teachers and we are learning every day but it is wonderful that we can work so well together in the best interests of the children.

Zoom live lessons have proven to be very successful. There are a range of safeguarding measures in place to ensure the safety of all and one of these is only admitting people onto Zoom through an email address that the teacher has been aware of. Please note that teaching staff will not admit anyone from a new email address unless school has received notification of it in advance.

Work set on Seesaw is also going well. Mrs Scott and I go through all the class pages each week and we have seen some amazing work. The poetry completed by our Year 6 children this week has been particularly outstanding. Please remember that there is an expectation that the children complete their online learning. If you are struggling with this, please contact school so that we can help you. If we notice that work has not been completed, then a member of the school staff will contact you directly.

**Mr Ching's PE Lessons:**

Mr Ching and Ebony, one of our specialist PE coaches, have worked together to record PE lessons for the children. The lessons are not just based on keeping fit, but are based on the delivery of skills required in the National Curriculum. These are available on Seesaw. Who needs Joe Wicks when you have got Mr Ching?!

**SUPPORT WITH MOBILE DATA/WIRELESS ROUTERS**

Schools, academy trusts and local authorities can now request help to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home

- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Schools can also make requests for children who cannot attend school face-to-face because they are clinically extremely vulnerable or restrictions prevent them from going to school.

If increasing mobile data isn't a suitable option for some children, schools can also request 4G wireless routers.

If you fall into this category, please provide the school with the following details and we put your details forward for acceptance.

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Once you send this information to us, we will submit the request on your behalf to the appropriate team who will then contact you directly.

With continued best wishes,

*Madeine Muldoon*

Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher



Chester helping Mrs Kiefer in the office