

19th October 2020

Dear Parents Carers,

Harvest Assembly

Mrs Harwood and her drama classes have been working hard to make our Harvest Assembly video. All our students will be watching it in their last lesson on Friday. We will email out the link to the video on Friday for you to watch as well. This year students wanted to raise the issue of the damage plastics are doing to our oceans. If you would like to give to plastic oceans you can follow the link.

<https://plasticoceans.org/> . We will also be collecting tinned and dried foods to take to the York Road Project for homeless people. Students can bring donations in on Friday and they will be collected in tutor time.

Google Classroom

As a school we have been working hard this half term to move our online learning from our website to Google Classroom. This is to provide learning at home for students who are having to isolate and in the event of partial or full lockdowns across the Autumn and Winter. Google Classroom is the platform that all WMAT schools are using. It is a secure internet-based learning space where work is set, completed by the student and marked by subject teachers.

To ensure that your children and yourselves are ready for this, we will be doing the following this week:

1. Your child will bring or have brought home their username and password to log on to Google Classroom in their diaries
2. In some lessons they will practise logging on and navigating their way around the site
3. Homework will be set on Google Classroom so that students and teachers get use to this new way of working.

We need you to tell us if you have issues with any of the following:

- You are unable to log on
- You do not have a device (laptop/chrome book) at home that your child can use to complete their learning online
- You do not have the internet in your home for your child to connect to Google Classroom
- Any other issues you feel that will prevent your child from accessing their learning online

Please respond to this by either contacting the school office or by placing a note in your child's diary. It is extremely important that you let us know in advance if you think you may experience difficulties so that we can support you.

Here is a link that will guide you through how to use Google Classroom:

https://www.google.com/search?q=how+to+use+google+classroom+student+guide&rlz=1C1GCEA_en_GB906GB907&oq=how+to+use+google+classroom+student+guide&aqs=chrome..69i57.10902j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#kpvb= nGWFX6vKCMXqxpPPIpgoDw18

Your Sincerely,



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