## Saltwood Church of England Primary School



### PARENT AND CARER FORUM UPDATE

#### 25.2.19

### Communication between home and school

We are pleased to confirm that the school have chosen Parent Mail. This will be up and running for term 6 (from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019). Further information can be found at:

https://www.parentmail.co.uk

#### Homework

Following reports of inconsistency between classes, the senior leadership scheme have scheduled to monitor homework across the school regularly.

Following a request for Homework Club, the school offer a wide range of clubs but a homework club will not be offered at present.

As our policy states, homework is a very important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development and education. Children benefit greatly from the natural support of parents / carers and teachers in encouraging them to learn both at home and at school. Homework is also an important way of establishing a successful dialogue between teachers and parents. One of the aims of our school is for children to develop as independent learners and we believe that homework is one way in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning.

Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst homework is important, is should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out of school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many children.

## <u>Curriculum Development</u>

We are continuing to update and develop our curriculum. Further updates will follow.

Mrs Westacottt suggested Headstart programme and Mind resources. Our PSHE subject leaders will be attending the launch of a new NHS programme

called Fantastic Fred. We will then compare the programmes and implement the most useful resources.

# AOB

- One parent has suggested a meeting time of 7.00pm.
- Any parent or carer with concerns regarding Caterlink is welcome to join us for a school lunch to experience the food first-hand.
- Mrs Nash is investigating the cost of a defibrillator and is waiting to hear back from NHS supplies (recommended by the British Heart Foundation for a competitive price).