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Good morning all

We find ourselves at the end of week three. Once again the engagement across the school with Remote Learning has been over 95%. So Thank You parents for continuing to work with us and supporting your children at home.

As the concept of Remote Learning is still new to all of us we are continually evaluating how we ensure the learning for SJF children never stops.

I have some concerns about the amount of screen time children are having to undertake to meet the demands of Remote Learning.

So, I have taken to decision to introduce from Friday 29th January - a 'Challenge Fun Screen Free Friday'. What this means is from Friday 29th January, the children will complete their morning work as normal but from 1pm the children will be asked to complete 'Non-Screen' activities. There is no set number of activities the children have to complete and there will be no expectation for the children to upload their completed work (that would defeat the objective of Non-Screen activities).

The suggested activity sheet will be posted each Friday - with a clear message from your child's teacher.

This small change in our weekly learning replicates life at SJF in normal times where children get to enjoy the freedoms from academic work and are allowed just to be children.

I really think this albeit short break from academic work will be of great benefit to the wellbeing of our children and staff.

We will monitor this new approach and tweak if any concerns arise.

This week I have taken inspiration from two great leaders -

'By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man; body, mind and spirit'.
Mahatma Gandhi

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. - Nelson Mandela

Finally, this quote from Proverbs, I hope helps us to remember that each child is unique and each child has their own life journey ahead of them, we as schools are a guiding tool. The true teacher, who knows the path for each child is God and God alone - 'Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it'. Proverbs 22:6

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