

28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

A warm greeting to all of you.

This month's newsletter comes to you from our homes, as the entire staff and faculty of Smart Wonders School is working from home **determined to keep connected with our parent and student community**. We trust that you and your family are well and taking all necessary precautions to stay safe.

Today as we are going through this difficult time, I am reminded of a story I read in a magazine that has a very interesting & strong message. This story is the story of a King who instructed his wise men to inscribe a ring for him with words that would bring him comfort in all times to come be it happy or sad, easy or tough. After many weeks of deliberations and thought the wise men presented the King with a ring. Inscribed on the ring were the words, **"THIS TOO SHALL PASS"**. These words remind me of something we easily forget in the midst of crisis; that all circumstances, positive or negative, are temporary and they will pass. The sun will rise on a brighter day and a way forward will emerge!

According to the Government orders the country is under a lockdown till 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Following the instructions, we have **postponed the Induction Program** that was scheduled for the new students of UKG-Class I on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March **as well as the Parent Orientation** on 28<sup>th</sup> March. We will inform you of the dates subsequently.

This time period is the perfect opportunity to **unleash the optimistic side of our personalities** and make effective use of the time we have at our hand to spend it with our children and other family members. We as parents have a very crucial role to play currently in supporting our children to manage their time, balancing fun screen time with physical exercise and academic activities.

The following tips maybe helpful:

1. Create a timetable with your child and set aside clear time for reading, writing, vocabulary building activities etc. Be open to negotiating the time, ensure that the child is engaged in hands-on activities as well as on screen activities.
2. Be sure to include physical activity in this timetable. Yoga, aerobics and mediation as a family are all good options. Closing one's eyes and taking 5 deep long breaths is one of the effective medication exercises for young children.
3. Plan time for video calling with your child's friends and family members living in other cities. This will help you all stay connected and ensure that your child stays connected with his/her peers. This will a crucial method to wade away the boredom blues from the lives of the children during this period.
4. Art, craft work and music are great options to be included in the timetable for the children to keep them engaged and creative.

Across the world many IT companies have stepped up to the requirement of sharing academic content online for the students of all age groups. These include Amazon, Scholastic, Byjus, Coolmath etc. CBSE has also shared a circular with the schools sharing details of the its website links to be shared with the parents. All this content is being shared free of cost, the only requirement is internet and email. We have collated a list of these websites for all of you. Please make use of these to keep your children engaged and learning.

The list is as follows:

S. No	Name of the company	Website address	What it offers?
1.	CBSE- Diksha App	<a href="https://diksha.gov.in">https://diksha.gov.in</a> or <a href="https://seshagun.gov.in/shagun">https://seshagun.gov.in/shagun</a>	Provides e-textbooks from NCER for all subjects from Class 1 to 10  Provides online student practice exercise
2.	CBSE	<a href="http://epathshala.nic.in">http://epathshala.nic.in</a> or <a href="http://epathshala.gov.in">http://epathshala.gov.in</a>	
3.	National Repository of Open Educational Resources - NROER	<a href="http://nroer.gov.in/welcome">http://nroer.gov.in/welcome</a>	National Repository of Open Educational Resources is an e-portal that has a total of 14527 files including 401 collections, 2779 documents, 1345 interactive, 1664 audios, 2586 images and 6153 videos on different languages for the students
4.	Amazon	<a href="https://stories.audible.com/start-listen">https://stories.audible.com/start-listen</a>	Audible stories
5.	Scholastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholastic Litpro Library (Grade KG and above)  Website: <a href="http://emea.scholastic.com/en/literacy-pro-library">http://emea.scholastic.com/en/literacy-pro-library</a></li> <li>BookFlix (Class KG to 3)  Website: <a href="http://emea.scholastic.com/en/bookflix">http://emea.scholastic.com/en/bookflix</a></li> <li>Learn at Home Virtual Learning Hub ( KG to Class 6)  Website: <a href="http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome">www.scholastic.com/learnathome</a></li> <li>Scholastic Classroom Magazines (KG and above)</li> </ul>	Literacy program, e-story books, e-Magazine, watch & learn videos, etc

		<p>Website: <a href="http://www.scholastic.com/coronavirus">www.scholastic.com/coronavirus</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch &amp; Learn Library (Nursery to Class 3)</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/watchandlearn?ucn=642726498">https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/watchandlearn?ucn=642726498</a></p> <p>Username: Learning20</p> <p>Password: Clifford</p>	
6.	Coolmath Games	<a href="http://www.coolmathgames.com">www.coolmathgames.com</a>	Math, Science & Geography games for the students of Class KG to 8
7.	BYJU's	BYJU's the learning app	Learning videos and content for the subject Math & Science for the students of Class 1 to 10
8.	Vedantu	Vedantu App	App that can be downloaded for free content for Math, Science & English for Class 1 to 10
9.	Khan Academy	<a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a>	Math, English teaching videos for Class 1 to 10
10.	National Geographic	<a href="http://kids.nationalgeographic.com">kids.nationalgeographic.com</a>	Science videos for students Class 1 to 10
11.	Virtual tours of 17 museums in Europe	<a href="https://www.demotivateur.fr/article/visiter-des-musees-sans-bouger-de-son-canape-le-plan-parfait-pendant-la-quarantaine-19057">https://www.demotivateur.fr/article/visiter-des-musees-sans-bouger-de-son-canape-le-plan-parfait-pendant-la-quarantaine-19057</a>	A virtual tour of the 17 museums in Europe free for the time of the quarantine
12.	Cambridge Publishing UK	<a href="https://www.cambridge.org/core/what-we-publish/textbooks#">https://www.cambridge.org/core/what-we-publish/textbooks#</a>	All the books published by the UK based company Cambridge

We assure you that we at Smart Wonders School are working around the clock to experiment with the use of different online tools available to make sure that we connect with our students very soon and begin the core academic teaching processes. We will be writing to you shortly to share with you detailed instructions about the same.

The news of Covid-19 virus caught us all by surprise. Our dedicated team of SWS, has risen to the occasion and have been **putting in extra working hours since the lockdown to learn** new tools, to connect with other members of the academic community, to ensure that all backhand data is up-to-date, to research and share all possibilities for our students. **We appreciate the efforts made by each one of them.** The success of our experiments with online classes will be the reward for each one's efforts and dedication to the goal of ensuring learning for our students. Our parent community is our partner in each of our endeavours including this one. As our partners we will request all our



parents to take up their responsibility of depositing the fee for the First Quarter on time. The online channels are open for the same.

We will reach out to you very soon with more details about the teaching learning processes. Till then remember:

- Exercise and stay positive
- Keep yourself and your children engaged and smiling
- Trust the Facilities (God, Government, Doctors)

**Once you choose hope, anything's possible.**

**Christopher Reeve**

**We at SWS are choosing hope!**

Warm Regards

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