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Newsletter

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CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

You will all be aware that we are facing a rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 both nationally and in the local area and the expectation on us all is to play our part to help keep all of our families safe.

When you pick up your children this afternoon you will see we have made some adjustments to our playground and introduced a 'Yellow Box' junction where there will be **no stopping!** This should allow people to move through the one way system more smoothly whilst maintaining the appropriate social distance – **at least 2m** - from other families.

We would also like to remind parents that we ask that **only one adult** drops off or collects your children from school. This reduces the number of people on the site and allows for a greater distance to be easily maintained.

Please remember that the **rule of six** applies on the school and you must not congregate in large groups and remember that children count towards this number.

Please continue to respect the **one way system** and the barriers in place which are there to help keep everyone on the school site safe.

Please email or telephone the office if possible rather than coming in if you need to speak to us or pass a message on as we are trying to avoid having too many visitors in school.

Covid-19 Isolation Rules

Please remember that if **any** member of your household shows one of the main symptoms then **all** of you must self isolate whilst you access a test for the person with symptoms. You must **all** continue to isolate until the results of the test are known.

We have been made aware that some children are being allowed out to play whilst they should be isolating which is not allowed.

Home Learning During Isolation

If your child is required to isolate due to them or a member of your household displaying symptoms then we will provide resources for them to continue their learning at home.

Please bear with us and we will get this to you as soon as we can as we will be personalising the learning for the individual and ensuring this work links to their current learning.

Coats and Jumpers

As the colder wetter weather approaches we need every child to have a jumper and a coat in school at all times. We are keeping the classroom doors and windows open to ensure ventilation and getting the children outside as much as we can. Children will need to be able to keep warm at school and should have the appropriate clothing – which should be marked clearly with the child's name.

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Dear Parents,

The children are working hard and really seem to be enjoying their learning. We have been assessing the children to identify learning gaps and any difficulties the children may have. This has helped us match learning to the individual child.

Now we are a few weeks into term you will see your child bringing homework home on a regular basis. The expectation regarding home learning and homework is that every child will read every night at home, please record this by signing in the reading diary. Children will also have spellings to learn for a weekly spelling test and either times tables to learn for a regular times tables test or other Maths tasks to support their classroom learning. We hope that all parents will support their children with their learning.

Thank you for completing the Home Learning Survey that went out last week – we hope that we will not be in the position when we need to put our plans into action!

Please find attached a letter from the Chair of Governors with an update regarding the recruitment of a substantive headteacher.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Data collection sheets

Despite reminders we still have data collection sheets to collect from several families. We are resending the paper copies today and hope that these will be returned as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up to date information including emergency contact numbers and home time arrangements information.

Term time absence

I advised parents at the beginning of term that term time absence for holidays would not be authorised and would most likely incur a penalty fine.

I am aware that some parents are taking holidays, often without informing the school. Please know that children will always be truthful and either they, or their friends, will let us know when a week off 'sick' turns out to be a holiday. Please don't put your child in the difficult position of having to lie to their teacher.

All term time absence that has not been approved will be marked as unauthorised and parents will receive a penalty fine. Second offences will be prosecuted by the Local Authority.

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has any of the main symptoms or has tested positive the whole family must isolate for the required time.

Changes to pick-up

We know that occasionally parents need to change collection arrangements for the child at short notice. Please can you let the office know as soon as possible as it is very difficult to get messages to classrooms if the phone call comes too late.

Earrings

In line with Hampshire policy children at Knights Enham are not permitted to wear earrings when doing PE. Earrings must be removed by the child themselves or by a parent. Staff are not permitted to remove them and they cannot be taped. If your child cannot remove themselves then they need to be removed at home on PE days. If children are taking earrings out in school – a small box or container to put them in is recommended to ensure they are not lost.

Please remember only one simple stud type earring per ear is permitted in school.

Parking

Please do not park at the front of the school or drop the children off at the front gates. This is not the entrance for Junior pupils. Juniors should come onto the site either by the gate at the bottom of the field or over the bridge and through the infant school.

Headlice

The return to school has meant the return of head lice! These perennial pests are a feature of Primary School life and require the co-operation of everyone in the school community to work together to eradicate them.

- Please check your child's hair carefully on a regular basis and treat if you find them.
- Please treat the whole family if someone in the house has got headlice.
- You don't need to buy expensive treatments wet combing with a fine tooth comb and hair that is coated in conditioner is effective. You do need to do this for several nights and remember the life cycle of the headlouse is 7-10 days so if you leave even 1 nit (egg) then the cycle will start again.
- Head lice are found in clean hair so please don't be embarrassed and let us know so we can ensure everyone in the class is checked. Don't worry we won't name your child!
- Children with long hair should wear it tied up to limit the chance of head to head contact.



Celebration assembly

Following feedback from parents we will be moving the virtual celebration assembly to **2.00pm** to allow parents time to collect younger siblings.

If your child is nominated for Knight of the Week you will receive notification that includes a link to watch the assembly. The assembly is on You Tube Live and is not recorded or retained so cannot be viewed later.

Walk to School Week

Next week is walk to school week and although this is one of the best schools I have worked in for walkers I am aware there is still a sizeable group of children who are driven. Please consider leaving the car at home or parking a bit further away and walking a bit further.

There are many advantages of walking including health, economical, environmental and social.



Toys and personal possessions

We try to discourage children bringing things from home into school but during Covid times **No possessions from home or toys can be brought into school.**

Knights of the week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our 'Knights of The Week' for last week!

Lily C, Tapish, Scarlett, Lilian, Maisie, Goolap, Lola, Amelia, Lily M, Jake, Casey, Oscar-Bertie, Erin & Kane.

Time keeping

There are still a few families who are not coming to school at the correct time and we have children coming through the front door. Please ensure your child is on time for school. Remember a late mark is an unauthorised absence so please ensure your children are on time.

Year 3 – 8.40

Year 5/6 – 8.45

Year 4 – 8.50

Siblings can come in at the time of the **earliest** child.

Home Learning Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed the home learning survey last week. Your responses will be useful in helping us further refine our plans should we be in the position of having to close a bubble or the whole school in the future. We appreciate that school closure poses many difficulties for families and will do our best to support our community if that happens.