Knights Enham Junior School



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Dear Parents,

Throughout the school closure period we have tried to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. I am aware that there are still parents who are not receiving the newsletter. We are slowly updating our contact list and amending email addresses. In the meantime please remind other families of children at the school that you are friendly with that there is a weekly newsletter which can be read on the website if they don't receive it directly.

After a half term, that I am sure you thought like us, did not feel like a half term, the school is at last ready to open for a group of Year 6 pupils. We currently have an every increasing number of key worker children who have priority places in school in addition to the Year 6 children. These children, less than a quarter of our school population, fills our school with all classrooms and teachers allocated a small group of 9 children. (We cannot get the 15 recommended by the Government in our classrooms with the required distancing allowed for.) School feels very strange with one way systems around the building and areas that are cordoned off but it is nice to have most of the staff back in and the feel that school might just be beginning to start again. We are missing the children and parents and the normality of school life as I know many of you are too.

For the children who are still working from home we are hoping to offer some new home learning ideas as we have become aware that many children do not have access to the internet so cannot access some of the opportunities we have signposted. We know that some parents have done a wonderful job of being their child's teacher, but are maybe getting stuck now on ways to motivate their child or ideas on how to help them if they are stuck. We know that home learning is not as easy as some people think. We will be letting you know about this very soon.

Please see the children's page for some home learning ideas and think about ways the children can let us know what they are doing.

In the meantime keep safe and keep in touch.

Sally Harvey – Interim Headteacher

Children's Page



Don't forget you can read First News at home each week. The link for this week's edition is below.

<u>https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-</u> content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/FIRSTNE <u>WS_727.pdf</u>

Now that we are allowed to go outside a little more and a little bit further afield... You could draw a map of your route, sketch the places you see along the way, identify the different wildlife... This week's topic learning pack, attached to this newsletter is called **Get Moving** and it has a Science and DT focus. Remember the age ranges are a guide and you can try things from other year groups. Did you enjoy the poem that the staff performed? We had great fun doing it and were pleased with the result. Well done to Mrs Webster and Miss Gill for their clever writing. If you haven't seen it yet please check it out and **let us know what you think!!** <u>https://youtu.be/rOqDAIzUIGE</u>

Be Active!

Every day try and complete... 10 x star jumps... 10 x sit ups.. Running on the spot for 30 seconds... 10 x bunny hops Start with just one set and then add an extra set in every day or after lunch. You'll be amazed how much fitter you'll feel!

We haven't had any picture recently of what you have been doing at home. We do like to know what you have been up to and love to see your smiling faces. Check out the school website to see if you can spot your friends.