

Knights Enham Junior School



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Dear Parents,

As we move into another week with no clear information about when the current situation will end and what the next steps will look like the staff and I share your frustration. As soon as I have any news I will share it with you!

Like many of you, the school staff are continuing to work as much as they are able whilst also trying to home-school their own children and care for vulnerable relatives and neighbours; we know its not easy. The school remains open with a skeleton staff for a very few children offering childcare not education. The teachers in line with other key workers are working hard whilst trying to ensure they are not putting themselves at risk of Covid-19. We need everyone to remain healthy for when schools do return.

I am concerned that maybe not as many parents as we might hope are receiving the newsletter, judging by the engagement and responses we receive to requests for interaction and feedback. Thank you to those families who have sent photos and communications we do like to hear your news.

I am also aware that for many families the online learning we have been promoting is not an easy option. I am afraid it is just not possible for the school to send out paper based packs with enough activities to keep the children busy all the time.

The best learning is learning that is done in practical and real situations or through play. There is a lot of maths in board games. Cooking is maths and science as well as the reading of the recipe, craft activities can also include maths as well as DT skills as you measure, cut and stick things. Keeping a journal, writing a story or poem about the current situation is good writing practice as well as living history. Reading can be any sort of book, it does not have to be a 'reading book' and reading aloud to a sibling is good practice at reading for an audience. Talking about things and making up and telling stories is a good way of developing vocabulary and language skills. Make use of the wonderful nature and history programmes on the television. Please also look at the topic based learning that is attached to this weeks newsletter, maybe the whole family can engage with a project?

Sally Harvey – Interim Headteacher

Free School Meals

We know that the government voucher scheme for families eligible for free school meals is still causing problems for some families. We are very sorry and continue to chase the company – often in the middle of the night as this seems the easiest time to get hold of them! Please be assured that we are doing all we can from our end to get these issued and any issues resolved. If you need support with these, please contact the school admin team via email at admin@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk

Children's Page



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

https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/FIRSTNEWS_724.pdf

Why not try writing your own 'newspaper' style report – maybe something funny happened at home this week that you could write about?

Are you an aspiring author?

Hampshire Libraries are offering free online tips and challenges in daily videos. Visit the Hampshire Libraries Facebook page

If you're a fan of the David Walliams books or like something funny. Chichester Festival Theatre has released an musical version of The Midnight Gang.

Find it here

<https://www.cft.org.uk/the-midnight-gang-broadcast>

You could write a review of the show after you have watched it.

Football Fan?

If football is more your interest, then check out FIFA and UEFA are streaming classic matches on their YouTube channels and relive some great footballing moments!

What are you up to at home? Don't forget to send photographs to show us. Check out the website to see if you can spot your friends.

Mr Britt's Reading Challenge



Thank you for the entries we have received we will be looking to judge these shortly. Look out on the website for some of the entries.

You have the rest of the day to send us a photo if you have been wanting to enter.

This week's topic learning pack, attached to this newsletter is called **All around us** and it has a science feel with some interesting experiments to try. There is also a history theme for the end of the week. Remember the age ranges are a guide and you can try things from other year groups.