

# Knights Enham Junior School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The Easter Holidays are over and the Summer term officially started yesterday. It is all very strange as it does not feel like the start of a new term here in school and I am sure to all of you the past two weeks did not feel like the usual Easter break. I do hope that families did manage to enjoy the beautiful weather and not too much chocolate was consumed!

You will know that recent Government advice and guidance is that the current lockdown continues and schools will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Further information can be found at Q/A for parents and carers on school closures.

We are all very sad that we cannot have the children back in school and understand that is disappointing for them. We know that many families are finding the current situation very difficult, it is hard for everyone to be together all the time and trying to work from home and entertain the children is hard.

Remember that we suggested having a routine that everyone sticks to and ensuring that children get up in the morning and go to bed at similar times to when they are at school helps this. It will also help for when the children do go back to school as bad habits will not have to be undone.

We know many of the children will have completed the pack of school work we gave them at the beginning of the school closure period and we are sorry we can't replicate this. We have signposted parents to websites that might be helpful as well as the learning platform Purple Mash for which every child has a password.

Included in this weeks newsletter are some more structured ideas for home learning which have come from Hampshire Inspection and Advisory service who support schools with teaching and learning. They have produced some excellent topic based learning across the curriculum that you can use at home with all age ranges and abilities. It will work well when you have children of different ages in the house.

We would also recommend the new online learning from the BBC, and have included some information about that too.

I do hope that you are all keeping well and I look forward to being able to see everyone again. In the meantime remember to stay at home and keep safe.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

## **BBC Bitesize**

The BBC have put together daily English and Maths lessons which are arranged by Year group.

These are very easy to access and even work well on a phone. No paper and pencil needed, unless you want to do the optional extension activities.

We have put links to this on our website – the class pages section but you can just go to the BBC website and look for ‘Bitesize’.

If your child is struggling with the activities for their year group then try the year group below. The age ranges set up by the BBC are aimed at children across the UK where teachers will be teaching different aspects at different times. Remember children all learn at different paces and your child may just not have been taught that aspect yet.

## **Free School Meals**

The Government has now set up an online platform for the issuing of vouchers for Free School Meals. Voucher codes will be sent direct to parents from the company Edenred. We have contacted parents of children who are eligible and given them the information including a document of FAQ from the government about the scheme.

Unfortunately the scheme has been beset by problems as the company tries to cope with the volume of applications. There is very little that we can do to move the process along but if you do have any concerns please do ring the school and we will see if we can help. I am really sorry for the difficulties this has caused some families.

## **Topic based learning activities at home.**

Please find attached to this email, a document explaining the topic themed learning which Hampshire Inspector and Advisory service (HIAS) has put together. This week's topic is The Great Indoors and Outdoors and has a Science and DT theme.

The way the learning has been set up means the whole family can work on the same topic and do many of the same activities, there will just be different outcomes for children of different ages and abilities. This should make home learning easier for parents with several children at home as they will not need to set up lots of different activities and the whole family can follow the same learning programme together.

We would recommend that parents use the topic learning with some of the BBC Bitesize sessions for the basic English and Maths. We hope this will help parents to keep their children busy and active during the time that schools are closed.

# Children's Page



At school you may read the First News children's newspaper in the library sometimes. We are now able to get it online so you can read it at home. Get a grown up to show you how to use the link below so you can catch up on the

[https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/FIRSTNEWS\\_722.pdf](https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/FIRSTNEWS_722.pdf)

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.

## Saving goals and saving the NHS!

Frey Bartholomew in Arundel Class has been using his time at home to raise money for the NHS.

A keen goalkeeper who is unable to train with his team during the lockdown, Frey has set himself a 3 week challenge to save as many goals as he can during daily practice sessions at home.

If you want to donate this link will take you to his page

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Freybartholomewgoalie?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_transactional%7C%7C\\_donation\\_received%7C%7C\\_nth\\_donation&utm\\_content=41b19181-ab38-4618-8dba-602562057352&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1587408515638](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Freybartholomewgoalie?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional%7C%7C_donation_received%7C%7C_nth_donation&utm_content=41b19181-ab38-4618-8dba-602562057352&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1587408515638)

Well done Frey  
we are very proud  
of you!



## Mr Britt's Reading Challenge



We have not had any responses to Mr Britt's reading challenge so we are extending the time and adding a prize!

Your challenge is to find the most creative, unusual and interesting place to be photographed reading in your home or garden.

Think about places where you might not normally read a book. Make props, dress as one of the characters or get the whole family involved and recreate a scene from one of your favourite stories.

Send your images to [adminoffice@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk) and we will share them on the website.

The competition will close in two weeks on 5<sup>th</sup> May.