

# Knights Enham Junior School



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Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well and managing to adapt to the new situation we all find ourselves in. I know that it all feels very different and very strange with the limitations to everyday life for everyone in the family.

I hope that you are managing to establish a routine which allows you to work from home, if you are able, and entertain the children as well. There are some more suggestions for activities included with this newsletter.

At school we have a very few staff looking after a handful of children of critical workers with either Mr Britt or myself in school to oversee the day to day running. Other staff are working from home and trying to keep the business aspects of the school running in the background. School feels very empty without the children and we are missing them.

Mr Britt and myself are making plans for September and the new school year as well as having some thoughts concerning possible activities for the end of this school year if we are lucky enough to be able to return before the end of July. We will keep you posted as we make progress with this.

Remember the last page of the newsletter is for the children so please share it with them and don't forget to keep up to date by checking the school website which will continue to be developed over the next few weeks. We have also written a special letter for them this week so please show it to them and read it to them if they can't

In the meantime please keep safe and take care.

Sally Harvey – Interim Headteacher

## Home learning

All children should have received their home learning packs by now. We posted them to the children who were not in school on the day we closed.

We will not be in a position to repeat this exercise and will, going forward, give suggestions of ways you can support your child's learning at home as well as other activities to keep them busy and engaged. Remember that a regular routine is one of the best ways to make life easier at home although this does not mean it needs to be structured like a school day.

There are a wealth of activities and advice available online and it can be overwhelming deciding on where to go and what to choose.

We suggest that trying to do some English and Maths along with something else is a great place to start. These don't need to be long tasks, but something to keep the brain working!

## Free School Meals vouchers

I hope that all families entitled to Free School Meals received their vouchers in the post. I am sorry this took a few days to organise but there was no advice from the Government and Mrs Beazley from the Infant School and I decided to take matters into our own hands and sort the situation from our school budgets.

Remember we need the receipts for our audit trail so please keep them safely for when we return to school.

Going forward we are planning on accessing the Government Voucher Scheme and are looking into how to do this. We will be contacting those parents who are eligible as soon as we know more.

## English

Keep a diary – something to remember this unusual time in future.

Keep reading – Hampshire libraries online provide free access to many resources. (Link on our website – class pages)

## Maths

White Rose Maths are providing a daily task supported by an online video tutorial for all year groups. The links are on the school website – class pages. You can go up or down a year group to suit your child's skills.

## Get Creative!

Pinterest is great for adults to look for craft and creative activities.

Dear Children,

What a strange and funny time we are having. We know things must seem very topsy turvy and upside-down right now. The grown-ups feel like that too!

You all know that there are lots of horrible bugs and germs around at the moment and the government and scientists have decided that it is best that everyone stays at home for a while to stop people mixing together and spreading the virus. It is the job of the Government to make sure that everyone in the country is safe and happy, just like the job of the Headteacher at school! Staying home with your family is the safest place for everyone to be.

Don't be frightened. You may hear some things that might worry you. These worries are for grown-ups not you. If you are worried tell someone you trust about your worry and let them look after it for you.

Our School at the moment feels very strange at the moment, it is very quiet and very tidy! Mr Britt and I missing you all and just because we can't see or hear you doesn't mean that we are not thinking about you every day! We will be sending you a newsletter every week and putting information on the school website [www.kejs.org](http://www.kejs.org) so keep checking to see what it new. It would be good if you could send us news and pictures of things you have been doing to the school email address. [admin@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Most of you will be learning at home and your grown-ups will be your new teachers. Make sure that you listen carefully like you do at school. These grown ups are not new to teaching, they have actually been your teachers since the day you were born and have been teaching you amazing things since that day.

You have all had a package of activities that you can do at home but I know that some of you will already of finished these already. We will be including ideas of other things you can do at home. But remember that even when you are playing you are learning and practising different important skills.

Remember that being at home all the time is hard for everyone so make sure you continue to follow the Knights Code at home and try really hard to be helpful and kind.

Keep washing your hands and stay at home to keep safe and well.

From Mrs Harvey and Mr Britt



# Children's Page

We have enjoyed spotting the rainbows in the windows of the homes as we drive to school. If you haven't made one yet, give it a go and display for people to see. When you are out for a walk with people from your home, be sure to spot the ones on the school fence!

We have added some links to some short Maths tasks and videos on the school website. These are great to do each day and will help you to remember the skills you have learnt whilst you are at home.

If you have Scrabble, Boggle or other word games at home, you could organise a competition between all the people in your home. You could even challenge friends, cousins or other family members over Skype, WhatsApp or FaceTime.



THANK YOU to those people who have sent photos of what they have been up to at home. We have started to add these to the website and will add more as they arrive. Please ask your adults to email them to school if you are happy to share.

Why not write a review of your favourite book? If you can type them and send them in, we can add these to our website. You might see a review of something you would like to try!



Year 3 – Keep watering those sunflowers. We look forward to seeing just how tall they get over the few weeks and months!

TT Rockstars is great for keeping your times tables fresh in your mind. If you have trouble with your password, ask an adult to email school and we will get it back to you.