

Friday 5th June 2020

Halling Primary School Newsletter



Dear parents/ carers,

I hope that you have all had a brilliant week! It has been lovely to see some of our families this week. Although we are in very different circumstances, the children have dealt with the changes amazingly well. I have been extremely proud of all our pupils. They have worked very hard to follow our social distancing rules and their behavior has been outstanding. For the parents that have enquired about their children in years R, 1 or 6 attending in the near future, we must ensure that additional children are not added to a bubble and therefore, we can only accept other pupils once we have a sufficient number of children and staff to ensure they are fully covered - please bear with us and we will keep you updated as we are continuously reviewing the groups and additional bubbles.

Communication - As you are all aware, I very much believe in having open lines of communication from school and home to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. I am sorry to hear that some parents have received the wrong information this week from the office. We have looked into it and SchoolComms (the system we use to communicate) has been having some technical difficulties. Moving forwards, we will ensure that any important information is also shared on our Facebook page so that everyone has the same information at the same time. Thank you for your understanding.

I would like to reiterate our expectations if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19, you will be called to collect your child. Your child (along with the other children and adults in the group) will then be asked to self isolate for 14 days - even if they do not display symptoms. Likewise, if you or anyone at home has any symptoms, please ensure that you self isolate for 14 days and let us know at your earliest convenience.

Your safety, the safety of our pupils and the safety of our staff is absolutely paramount so let's work together to ensure we stay safe!

In addition to the above, I would like to make you aware that the office is strictly out of bounds. If you have any questions, or have a message for the adult leading your child's bubble, please speak with the member of staff on the gate. Alternatively, please feel free to email office@halling.medway.sch.uk or call the school as the office will be manned between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Unfortunately, I have had several complaints from parents who have noticed that some parents are congregating in school rather than following the handbook which states you must walk in through the top gate, remain 2m apart from others and leave from the bottom gate. I'm sure you will all appreciate the absolute importance of ensuring that you are always 2m apart and avoiding mass gatherings; please can we politely remind you of the importance of social distancing for all members of our learning community.

What a wonderful community video! It was fantastic to watch the "Is this the way to Amarillo?" video. I hope you too also enjoyed it. If you have any suggestions for challenges, please email them through to me. It would be lovely to hear your ideas ☺

Just a reminder of this week's challenge:
Take a look at the picture below...



Where is this setting? Who or what is lurking in the trees? What is at the end of the road? Where is the light coming from? Let your imagination flow...

Please send in your pieces of writing and your class learning via our Facebook page or via office@halling.medway.sch.uk
It always makes our day to see what you have all been up to ☺

The deadline for the challenge above is **Friday 12th May**.

Over the next couple of weeks, class teachers will call pupils that are not in school to touch base with the children and families. We look forward to speaking to you all and seeing how you are all doing. In the meantime, as always, if you have any questions, or would like to contact a member of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

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