

Head Teacher's Message

18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow - this term has flown by; I can't believe we are at the end of Term 2 already! This week has been ever so exciting, full of Christmas activities ready for the festive period!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Halling Primary School. This year has been surreal and challenging for us all but our staff have continued to support our children, ensuring they feel safe and happy while also continuing to learn and for that, I am ever so grateful. I know that the new members of staff and the rest of the team will continue this positive approach to support the community in the New Year. As well as the staff, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support. Thank you for all the wonderfully kind words throughout this year which has helped us to persevere during such challenging times. In addition, there have been several changes like Seesaw and again, thank you for bearing with us. With the changes, it naturally takes time (and unfortunately some teething problems) so thank you for your continued patience. Finally, I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all the fantastic children. Every child in the school has adjusted amazingly well throughout the year and have been an absolute pleasure to teach. I have no doubt they will return in January with the same positive attitude to learning.

We have done tremendously well to get to this point in the year without any positive cases but unfortunately, we now have 5 confirmed cases in the school. The confirmed cases - at the moment - only impact on the Reception bubble and Year 6 bubble. We will continue to keep lines of communication open and let you know if there are any changes as soon as we have been advised by Public Health and the Department of Education. I would like to reiterate that all closed bubbles are advised by Public Health England who complete a thorough risk assessment to identify who needs to self-isolate. Only once they confirm we need to close a bubble due to Covid19, we are then advised to update parents.

We will continue to look at our measures and tighten our policies and procedures where possible and as part of that, we would like to advise any children that are not in school (due to self-isolating or parental choice) not to enter school and collect any items but to wait until January to ensure that we are all safe and well.

Although we break up today, I will continue to be checking office emails in case anyone needs to email in. As many of you know, I am always on hand to respond to emails to support you all during such difficult times. If your child tests positive to Covid19 within 48 hours of being in school, then you must contact me via office@halling.medway.sch.uk as I will need to liaise with Public Health to identify close contacts and who needs to self-isolate. If you test positive after the 48 hours, I urge you to still contact so that I can again identify whether I need to alert people if they need to self-isolate but more importantly, I truly want to know how you are all doing and offer support as and where necessary. If you are not sure of what to do/ have a general query, again, please do not hesitate to email me.

We hope that you all enjoyed watching the wonderful whole school version of 'Twas the night before Christmas'. I know the staff and children LOVED putting it together and it really was fantastic to watch! If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see it, please visit the school website: <https://www.halling.medway.sch.uk/>

Or, you can watch it on the school Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/medway.sch.uk/>

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please remember that Monday 4th January is an INSET day and children will return (usual staggered times) on **Tuesday 5th January**. I look forward to seeing you all then! ☺



Take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Miss Selmi
Head Teacher

Celebrations!

Highest number of correct answers on TTRockstars over the last 7 days
(week commencing 14th December):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Harley	789
3	Lucy	1,393
4	Steven	4,656
5	Pixie	2,192
6	Catie	725

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Harley (Egypt) - 42,658,247

KS2 Superstar Speller - Isla (India) - 37,114,914

Top 3 Classes:

1st - India - 59,246,059

2nd - Egypt - 45,265,565

3rd - Kenya - 23,676,216

Keep up the hard work ☺

If children have any celebrations or achievements that they have accomplished outside of school, please email them in as we would love to hear all about them!

We will share in our newsletter, website and Facebook page.

We hope that you have enjoyed seeing children's work on Facebook and the website!

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