

Head Teacher's Message

8th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! What a surreal way to start 2021, however; as I'm sure we all agree, we must do everything we can to ensure that we remain safe during these unprecedented times. Also, a huge welcome to all of our new members of staff that have definitely hit the ground running and have settled in beautifully already!

I have been **SO** impressed with how well everyone has adapted this week. Thank you to all the staff that have had to change their usual routines and move to online learning, without any hesitation to support everyone in our community. Thank you also to all the parents at home that have been VERY supportive and trying their very best to ensure that learning continues. We are seeing the same quality of work being produced that is expected in school from the majority of children, as expectations for learning are still high. Finally, a MASSIVE thank you to the children (both in school and at home) that have shown resilience during these uncertain times. We are all very proud of you and we have no doubt that this wonderful work ethic will continue ☺

SeeSaw is a brilliant online learning platform to ensure that teaching and learning remains of a very high quality. We are all finding our feet with it at the moment, but thank you to everyone for persevering. I feel that we have a much better understanding of it now and it has been working very successfully! We have a student teacher called Miss Donaldson starting with us next week in Year 3 who is completing her final placement. We wanted to make you aware as she will kindly be posting a welcome video on Seesaw to introduce herself and may be responding to learning so please look out for that.

Following the feedback from last year's full lockdown, staff have been very prevalent and responding to children at home, while also sending voice recordings so that we keep in contact with all members of our learning community. I have attached a questionnaire to the newsletter and would be ever so grateful if you could complete and respond by **Thursday 14th January**. As we will be completing remote learning until half term, we want to ensure that the online learning we provide is as accessible as possible for all families.

We hope that you all enjoyed watching Halling's wonderful Christmas video. If you are yet to see it, please check our Facebook page. To continue with the momentum and community spirit, we would like to organise a challenge for children to participate in. The challenge will be in addition to the home learning on SeeSaw and IS NOT compulsory. Our challenge for this week is to write a letter, poster, story, video message or any other form decided by yourselves to a family member/ staff in school or classmates to let them know how much you are missing them during these challenging times. Once you have completed your challenge, please send it in to office@halling.medway.sch.uk and we will collate them to produce a book of all your wonderful work.

As always, please ensure that you have a strong network around you to support during these very uncertain times. At school, we are always on hand to support as and when necessary. If you have any queries/ concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to support. Have a lovely weekend and for those of you we will be seeing on Monday, I look forward to seeing you on the gate and for those of you working from home, I look forward to seeing your brilliant learning.



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 4th January):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Jack	344
3	Diamond	2,692
4	Steven	8,159
5	Megan	205
6	Kendra	2,051

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Elivia (Kenya) - 10,551,166

KS2 Superstar Speller - Olivia (Brazil) - 28,109,762

Top 3 Classes:

1st - Brazil - 29,769,982

2nd - Kenya - 16,404,226

3rd - Fiji - 14,978,370

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.

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