

Head Teacher's Message

29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a productive week at Halling! In Reception, children have been busy practicing their sounds during phonics; in year 1, children have been looking at addition and subtraction; in year 2, children have been exploring instruction writing; in year 3, children have been studying the digestive system; in year 4, children have been exploring Viking ships; in year 5, children have been exploring 2D and 3D artwork and finally, in year 6, children have continued with daily arithmetic sessions. The children in school and at home have continued to impress us with their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm - keep up the amazing work and high levels of engagement! 😊

On Wednesday, Boris Johnson announced that schools will not be reopening until at least Monday 8th March. I completely understand this statement would have come with mixed emotions for many of you, but I would like to reassure you that we will continue using SeeSaw, making regular calls home and sending updates/newsletters weekly. As I regularly say, you have all been fantastic at adapting to home schooling and should be so proud of keeping yourselves and your family going. Together, we can continue that little longer to ensure we are all safe and well.

Following the email that was sent earlier this week, I have been ever so grateful for the photographs being sent in from home in regards to bird watching/wildlife. The children in school have also participated in the activity - please see the next page for photographs from school and home. If you have any more you would like to send in, please feel free to do so via the office@halling.medway.sch.uk email address or the Facebook page - we would be delighted to see more!

Next week is 'National Storytelling Week 2021.' Storytelling involves creativity, speaking and listening - all vital skills for children. I would very much like us all to participate in 'National Storytelling Week 2021' and would LOVE to see pupils across the school upload an audio/video message via SeeSaw of themselves or a family member telling a story. Class teachers will also be telling a story in one of their daily messages next week which I'm sure will be ever so gripping and you will enjoy! I look forward to hearing/seeing all the wonderful stories across the school and I will be naming specific individuals in next week's newsletter when I have a look at your great work on SeeSaw.

As well as National Storytelling Week, next week will be Children's Mental Health Week. As you are all fully aware, mental health and well-being is paramount to all at Halling. Miss Stoner - our Pastoral Lead - will be producing daily activities/a weekly overview that will be sent on Monday for you to participate in should you wish to do so.

As always, please ensure that you have a strong network around you to support during these very uncertain times. Remember, be kind to yourself and one another - you are all doing a great job! If you have any queries/concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to support.

Take care and stay safe!



Yours sincerely

Miss Selmi
Head Teacher

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Celebrations!

Highest number of correct answers on TTRockstars over the last 7 days
(week commencing 25th January):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Jack	385
3	Diamond	2,369
4	Steven	9,282
5	Oliver C	983
6	Kendra	3,337

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Lacie (Egypt) - 16,333,242

KS2 Superstar Speller - Olivia (Brazil) - 17,610,345

Top 3 Classes:

1st - Brazil - 23,794,679

2nd - Kenya - 16,960,586

3rd - Fiji - 16,822,900

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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