

Head Teacher's Message

5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Only one more week until half term! How has this term flown by so quickly? Although we have had many challenges in the last few weeks, we have all tried our very best and I could not be prouder of everyone's efforts - from staff, to pupils, to parents and to governors. Everybody involved in making our school so special has gone over and beyond which is fantastic! I would like to reiterate that as soon as we hear anything in regards to schools reopening, we will of course share the information in a timely manner.

Thank you to those who are only sending their child/ren in on days where it is not possible for them to complete learning from home. The number of children in school is continuing to rise so this is very helpful in reducing risk. Just a reminder that if your child is not attending full-time, then they are still required to complete their work on SeeSaw on the days that they are not in school. We would be grateful if everyone could continue to book their children in to school via School Gateway with as much notice as possible. Similarly, with Breakfast and After School Club, Mrs Kendall requires 24 hours' notice to ensure safeguarding and fire safety can be planned for.

Following the email that was sent last week in regards to bird watching/ wildlife, we have continued to receive so many wonderful pictures. As we were so impressed, we decided to continue sharing photos - please see the next page. If you have any more photographs that you would like to share, please do not hesitate to send through via the office@halling.medway.sch.uk email address or the Facebook page. We would be delighted to see more!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is National Storytelling Week. Teachers have LOVED seeing the fantastic reading taking place. In Reception, Sophia read beautifully; in Year 1, Darcy read fluently using their phonics knowledge; in Year 2, Jesse and Leonardo read with super expression; in Year 3, Millie and Lila read with flair; in Year 4, Havana read with passion; in Year 5 Blake and Ruby read with enthusiasm and in Year 6, Emma read clearly and joyfully. Reading is a core skill which helps in all areas of the curriculum. We would be delighted if children continue to read and share either an audio message or video of them reading at least once a week to SeeSaw - we look forward to seeing your excellent reading! 😊

As well as National Storytelling Week, it is also Children's Mental Health Week. Mental health is paramount to all at Halling and we put a very strong emphasis on ensuring that every member of our learning community is happy, safe and thriving. We pride ourselves on our forward-thinking culture of well-being. During school closure, we will continue with our mental health/well-being Friday which we feel is very beneficial to all. As it has been so successful, this will continue when the children return.

One more week to go - let's make it an extremely positive and successful one.

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! 😊

Take care and stay safe!

Have a brilliant weekend.

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 1st February):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Joseph	1,733
3	Jack	2,249
4	Steven	9,634
5	Megan	2,068
6	Mason	4,683

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Lacie (Egypt) - 19,640,484

KS2 Superstar Speller - Steven (Fiji) - 17,229,656

Top 3 Classes:

1st - Egypt - 19,894,320

2nd - Fiji - 19,704,533

3rd - Kenya - 13,664,268

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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