

# Head Teacher's Message

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are safe and well and that Term 4 has started positively for you all. As always, it has been lovely looking at the learning taking place on SeeSaw - well done to all children who have continued showing enthusiasm and high levels of motivation! Keep it up!

Following the government announcement earlier this week, that all pupils are due to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, I would firstly like to thank you for all your hard work, support and wonderfully kind words during the school closure. It has been a challenging time for everyone and what is extremely apparent is that we have worked in unison to bring one another up and do the best for our pupils. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff team who have gone above and beyond to ensure all families are happy, safe and that pupils continue learning effectively during the school closure. What a brilliant community to be a part of!

I can confirm - following the government announcement - that all pupils are due to return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and from then, school attendance is compulsory. At Halling, we have a very thorough risk assessment and all members of staff adhere to strict rules that are in place. We have stringent cleaning regimes; social distancing in place throughout the school (including parents and carers); staggered drop off and pick up times; parents/carers and staff (when on the gate and in communal areas) wearing masks; year group bubbles and a very limited number of visitors. I would like to thank you for your cooperation with ensuring that you are all socially distanced on school grounds and wearing masks. We also politely request that all parents/carers contact the office via the [office@halling.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@halling.medway.sch.uk) email address or via a phone call, as we are still encouraging parents/carers not to enter the office.

We have had a suggestion from a parent, which we feel is a brilliant idea! As I'm sure you are aware, World Book Day is due to take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. However, we have decided that we are going to delay ours at Halling until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March so that both children and staff have the opportunity to celebrate and get dressed up together. Please don't hesitate to get dressed up at home on the 4<sup>th</sup> still and send some photos in, but we can't wait to see the wonderful costumes that everyone wears in school! We are ever so happy to welcome you all back; we have truly missed all of our families during the lockdown period - school has not felt the same.

Finally, I completely understand that many of you may have your own worries about the return to school so please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Stoner who would be more than happy to support. Your child's class teacher is also always on hand for any questions/queries you may have. Next week, during the final week prior to school returning, class teachers will be sharing transition activities to enable pupils to reflect on the lockdown and what they are excited about upon their return. In addition, by the end of next week, class teachers will phone all parents to see how the family is coping; offer any support and share expectations about the school return. Please use this opportunity to ask any questions should you have any.

Let's work together to ensure that the children's return to school is as smooth as can be! 😊

Take care and stay safe.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Yours sincerely

Miss Selmi  
Head Teacher

## Celebrations!

Highest number of correct answers on TTRockstars over the last 7 days  
(week commencing 22nd February):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Jack	289
3	Diamond	5,962
4	Steven	7,931
5	Sam	205
6	Kendra	1,526

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Jack (Kenya) - 782,260

KS2 Superstar Speller - Steven (Fiji) - 20,850,364

Top 3 Classes:

1<sup>st</sup> - Fiji - 20,850,364

2<sup>nd</sup> - Brazil - 13,013,257

3<sup>rd</sup> - New Zealand - 1,676,862

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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Our Core Values: Compassion, Integrity, Thankfulness, Respect and Resilience.

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