



Weekly Newsletter – Friday 19th June 2020

Message from the Headteacher

We have been pleased to welcome a few more children back to school this week into our Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 6 groups (known as bubbles) and more will be joining us from Monday.

The children have settled well into the new routines and are working hard at their learning and enjoying time with the staff and their class-mates all whilst keeping themselves safe.

We are running eight bubbles – two for each of the year groups permitted to attend and two for critical worker children. We are using all available staff and space and therefore, whilst running these bubbles, do not have capacity for other year groups to return.

The Government and Kent guidance is clear regarding priority – we are required to make provision for critical worker and vulnerable children first, then Year R, 1 and 6 in that order. Whilst I very much hope this will not have to happen, were we to get to the point of exceeding capacity in the bubbles in the order as laid out above we would have to close bubbles – starting with Y6 - to accommodate the need. We are keeping a close eye on numbers and as you know attendance is by pre-booking so we do know in advance who is due to attend and can manage this accordingly.

Home Learning

With just four and a half weeks of this school year left before the long summer holiday it is important that, if your child is not at school for whatever reason, they are now completing the home learning set by the teachers. As you know this is on the school website. If you are having trouble accessing the learning then you need to email your class teacher who will work to help you. If you need another exercise book for your child to write in then you can collect from the open shed by the playground gate between 10am and 2pm any school day.

Over and above everything else the most important thing you can do to support your child is to make sure they are keeping up with their reading. Re-read books at home, order books online or download E-books from Kent Libraries. If you are not already a library member you will be given a temporary membership number which is valid for 3 months (this period may be extended depending on the national situation regarding coronavirus). Follow this link to find out more <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines-ene newspapers>

As always thank you for your ongoing support in these challenging times. Please do share your concerns and worries and I will be happy to address these to the best of my ability.

Helen Comfort





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Message from the Class Teacher

We have come to the end of our Singing Mermaid inspired activities. We had great fun learning about different sea creatures and writing our own version of the story. I have been super impressed with the children's reading in school and from reports from home. Please keep up the good work. The children are thoroughly enjoying the variety of books available on the Collins website. In school we have enjoyed carrying out art activities inspired by rainbows and the seaside. These have had a focus on fine motor skills, with the intention of strengthening and exercising our fingers and hands to support us in gaining stamina for writing. This has included using every finger when finger printing a rainbow and carefully picking up tiny sequins to create our collages. (It's trickier than you might think!) I hope you are all happy and well.

Mrs Lewis

Well Being

Some more links this week to support worries you may be having:

[FAMILY LIVES](#) – if you're finding it hard at home with your child and struggling to cope. Free, confidential advice is available: 0808 800 2222.

[NSPCC](#) – if you're concerned about the safety of another child in our community: 0808 800 5000. Call 999 if you believe a child is in immediate danger.

[INTERNET MATTERS](#) – offer advice and guidance on how to tackle online hate and trolls and how you can support your child.

[FEGANS](#) – have set up a family hub which contains articles and ideas for parents on how to manage family life during lockdown.

Useful Weblinks

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/online-learning>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 22nd June 2020

Next week will be our 'Sea Safety Week'. We will be thinking about the importance of keeping safe on the beach and in the sea.

In English we will write postcards about our experiences of the seaside, learning about and creating posters on keeping safe.

We will continue to follow the 'letters and sounds' phonics lessons and to practise our cursive handwriting.

In maths we will be thinking about number and counting.

In topic we will be looking for signs of Summer. This along with our Sea safety explorations will inspire our creative development in music, dance and art and design. We are looking forward to a great week ahead!

As some websites begin to stop allowing parents to access their resources we are needing to download them for you to use. Unfortunately, this means there will be additional documents in the Home Learning on the website for you from next week. We have endeavoured to save these so you can easily find them. Do let us know if this causes you any problems.

