



Horsell CofE Junior School



20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers:

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a restful Easter break with the family and were able to enjoy some of the lovely weather. We are now gearing up for another period of remote learning and we are looking forward to trying out some new ways of working over the coming weeks.

SEESAW

As I mentioned in my last letter, for those of you who have not been using SEESAW, QR codes will be sent out to you so that you can log on to this learning resource. We are all learning how to use this technology so please bear with us.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Teachers are once more available to respond to emails and the office phone is now being manned between 8 30am and 11 00am. Most of us are now working remotely so we are unable to print off work for you.

REMOTE LEARNING

We understand that there are many challenges for families when parents are juggling their own work commitments and the learning of their children, and we know that the amount of learning that children are able to do will vary from family to family. As I have said before, all we can do is our best and that will look very different from family to family. As always, the most important thing for your child to be doing is reading so please encourage this as much as you can. Rest assured that we are already thinking about how we are going to structure your child's learning when they do come back to school so that they are not disadvantaged in the long term.

WEBSITE

Mr Penstone has put together a compilation of messages from most of our teachers which you can view on the front page of our website, if you have not already done so. I will be starting a new series of collective worship sessions which can be found on the 'news and events' section of the site. Our new value is love and I will be encouraging the children to reflect on this over the coming days. Do also sign up to follow us on Twitter as we like to post up little messages on a regular basis.

MENTAL HEALTH

This is a very challenging time for many of us. Please email your class teacher if you have any worries about your child or contact our SENCO, Mrs Fiona Collett if you have more serious concerns (f.collett@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

I would like to apologise to all of our parents who are in receipt of free school meals. Like many schools in the country we signed up to the government free school meals voucher service. As you may have read in the press, there have been numerous problems and delays with the service – all out of our control. Our office team has been working very hard over the holidays to try and resolve this for you and we are hopeful that the vouchers should arrive with you very soon.

NEW DEPUTY HEAD : MRS BRINICOMBE

Mrs Brinicombe officially starts her new role today! As I said to the team, this will probably be the strangest induction for any new member of staff, but she is very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming months.

Kind regards and best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Celia G. Wand".

Mrs C Wand
Headteacher