



Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery

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Dear Families,

May I start by thanking you all for your patience, understanding and support during this challenging start to Term 3. It has been a privilege to get to know the staff and pupils here at Herne Bay Infant School this week and I hope to get to know more of you over the coming term, albeit in different circumstances.

Home Learning

Your home learning for next week will be put onto the website on Monday morning as well as being emailed to you. We have spent this week developing more home learning resources for you. For the coming week, teachers have provided you with the usual online learning grid, but with additional information which may be of use to you about how to teach the activities. These are merely a useful guide to explain how we teach some of the concepts in school.

Teachers have also produced a support pack of paper-based materials to accompany the learning grid should you wish to use them. We understand that these may be difficult to access for some families. If you require a paper copy of any of our support packs, please contact your child's teacher via the year group email.

Every class teacher has filmed a story session for you to share with your child. We hope they enjoy seeing them again. Leanne is currently not in school, but Amy has recorded a story session for Kingfishers' class in her absence.

Contact with our families

We are all missing the contact that we normally have with our families. Your child's class teacher will phone you over the coming week to discuss your child's home learning and find out how you are all progressing. For those of us who are new to the school, it will provide an ideal opportunity to introduce ourselves. Camilla, our new teacher for Parrots, has been enjoying getting to know the children in Year 1. She will be contacting those of you at home over the coming week. Jacqueline is also enjoying getting to know the children in Ladybirds. Teachers are still available to respond to the year group emails. We really enjoy seeing the photographs you send us of your child's achievements. Please keep emailing them to your child's class teacher so that the children's efforts can be celebrated.

School provision for vulnerable children and those of critical workers

We are currently operating as year group pods in school. We are utilising the classrooms that adjoin each other to give the children space and minimise the risk of infection. Our usual systems of regular hand washing and sanitising of furniture remains in place.

Drop off and pick up

As of Monday, we will be opening our gates at 8:50 – 9:00. You may drop off your children between these times at the corresponding gates where they will be met by staff.

Year R – Gate 6 (Arkely Road)

Year 1 – Gate 2 (Stanley Road)

Year 2 – Gate 4 (Stanley Road)

Please continue to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child and try to maintain social distancing as much as possible.

All children will finish school at 3:00pm where they can be collected from the same gate as where they were dropped off. We ask that parents form an orderly queue and be patient whilst staff ensure that children are collected safely.

The Drop off and pick up for Seashells Nursery remains as it is currently operating.

I hope that you remain safe and well during these uncertain times. Should you wish to contact me, please don't hesitate to do so via the school office.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Heath', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jo Heath

Head of School