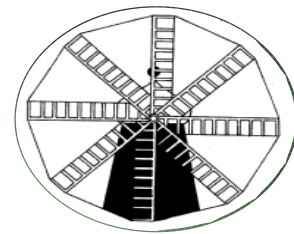


Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



2nd April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe that a week has passed already since the last newsletter! I hope this finds you and your families well, after what has now been our second week away from school and the many 'norms' we usually take for granted but find so comforting.

Coming home tonight via Parent Hub (there is also a copy on the Letters Page of our Website) is a letter outlining how we will be continuing to provide home learning opportunities for your child after Easter. It is important that you can access Seesaw (Year 1 to 6) as this will be the platform that we will moving forward; if you have any problems accessing Seesaw, please do contact us as soon as possible so we can help you resolve this.

On the school front, I couldn't be prouder of Team Heckington – children, staff and families alike!! We've received some wonderful Seesaw posts from pupils sharing news from their days; the staff have been working brilliantly both on the frontline preparing and delivering awesome days for our children that are still joining us and those who are at home are planning exciting home learning opportunities for after Easter, communicating with pupils via Seesaw/Tapestry and making exciting plans ready for our return; and ALL of our families have been super supportive – THANK YOU everyone!! I am also in regular contact with Governors to keep them fully up to date with what is happening in school.

I have some staffing news to share with you regarding changes that will be happening in September. Miss Jennings will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to pursue other interests. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her exciting next steps. We are currently finalising a new appointment for September and I will update you regarding this early next term.

Please do remember that we are here to support you in any way we can; not just with your child's home learning but we are here to help with any worries or concerns you may have. I understand that this is a very challenging time we are living through and please don't ever feel you are alone. If you just need someone to listen or talk to, then please feel free to get in touch and someone will happily give you a call back. Alternatively, if you wish to discuss something confidentially with me then please drop me an email at headsoffice@heckington.lincs.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely

Judith Bentley

Staying Safe Online

ThinkuKnow will be making weekly resources available for parents. The link below will take you to a guide for parents on how to support your children at home, with the weekly activities being accessible down the right hand side of the page:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/support-your-child-at-home/>





Share and Shine!



Something that has been keeping all the staff going is receiving updates from pupils in their class. We appreciate it's not something that everyone can do via email, but if you can send us something (maybe even make a walk past school part of your essential keep fit time and post us a picture or letter or anything else you can think of) we'd love to hear from you.

Any pictures you do send in, if they include a picture of your family, please let us know if we're ok to add it to our Newsletter and Website.

And remember, everything seen here is our chance to celebrate what you are all managing to do in these uncertain and difficult times and should raise a smile NOT leave you worrying about what you're not doing, SO just enjoy!

And when this is all over
We'll knock on our friends' doors
And go to every party
And say "I love you" more.

And when this is all over
Through bad, we will see the good
Because whenever we are together
We'll appreciate it, as we should.

And when this is all over
And we are no longer in this pain
We'll know to never take for granted
Those little things again.

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If you are not already a member of the library you can join online at <http://bit.ly/LincslibsJoin> and get a temporary membership number and PIN that will give you access to all their fabulous resources. You can also follow them @Lincslibraries on Facebook and Twitter and join in with activities such as a virtual Lego Club, Craft Club and weekly story times.



And finally... to keep things interesting, how about a **Headteacher Challenge**? This week's challenge is inspired by the children in Y5 who have been teasing Mrs Ruffy with their culinary skills. So my challenge to **ALL** of you, including staff, is to **WRITE A RECIPE!** Send them in and we'll make a **HECKINGTON COOKBOOK!!** Happy cooking or baking and remember to keep in touch and send us what you've been up to.

