



NEWSLETTER

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CURRENT NEWS

Well this week brings us to the end of remote learning and excitement for returning to school. We have been working hard to ensure the transition back to school is smooth and the children are fully supported. We have made a little welcome back video. This has been shared on google classroom but if you haven't seen it, please use the link below to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YqTJtiDWdE>

We have had such a wonderful week celebrating World Maths Day and World Book day. We hope the whole family enjoyed taking part in the activities and well done to all of the children who correctly guessed the Masked Readers! Some of them were really tricky! Next week, is Science week. Miss Allen alongside some excellent helpers, has been working hard this week to get our school garden ready so all of the children can take part in planting some flowers, vegetables and herbs. We cannot wait to see how the garden develops and look forward to giving lots more opportunities for learning outside of the classroom in the garden. The children will also be doing lots of exciting experiments, learning about key scientists and taking part in some online live workshops.

A letter went out today regarding parent consultation evenings. We look forward to speaking with you all about how your child has settled back into school and how we are supporting them in school. Please do ensure you log in to Arbor to book your preferred appointment time. These will be online again via zoom and the links for you to follow will be sent out prior to your appointment.

We are delighted to introduce our new school cook, Helen from 8th March 2021, she has a vast range of experience in primary school catering. *Helen has been working with The Contract Dining Company for many years and has worked in several primary schools. She has had great feedback from staff and pupils. Helen is looking forward to working with the Knockhall Primary School community and bringing her friendly approach and great customer service skills to all children and staff.*

Ahead of our return next week we would like to remind you of the staggered entry and exit times and update you on the days each class has PE. Until Easter, if you would prefer your child to come to school in their PE kits on the relevant days we are more than happy for you to do this. This will be reviewed before Easter and any updates will be communicated with you asap. Please see the entry and exit times and the PE days below.

Lastly, we wish you all a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

WELLBEING AWARD QUOTE OF THE WEEK



YOU'RE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE, AND STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, AND SMARTER THAN YOU THINK.
A.A. MILNE/CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

BRIGHTDROPS.COM

THINK OF THE WEEK

If we borrow every single book from a library, is it still a library?



MORE NEWS...

START AND FINISH TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

The timings for the day are going to remain staggered to allow us to reduce the numbers of people entering the school site at the same time – please see below. All pupils (accompanied by one adult if necessary) will enter via the gates by the staff car park and exit through the gate by the Nursery. There are markings on the ground for you to be able to maintain distancing whilst waiting for your child to enter the building once they have washed their hands using the nearest outdoor sink.

Entrances/ exit to the school building for pupils:

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| Nursery | Enter - 8:30 - 8:40 - through classroom fire door Exit - 3:30 |
| Reception | Enter - 8:40 - 8:50 - through classroom fire door Exit - 3:20 |
| Year 1 | Enter - 8:40 - 8:50 - through classroom fire door Exit - 3:20 |
| Year 2 | Enter 8:30 - 8:40 - through the canteen Exit - 3:10 |
| Year 3 | Enter - 8:30 - 8:40 - through classroom fire door (Patience), through the KS2 doors (Determination) Exit - 3:10 |
| Year 4 | Enter - 8:40 - 8:50 - through the KS2 doors Exit - 3:20 |
| Year 5 | Enter - 8:40 - 8:50 - through classroom fire door Exit - 3:20 |
| Year 6 | Enter - 8:30 - 8:40 - through the fire door at the bottom of the Year 6 stairs Exit - 3:10 |

HANDY TIPS!

Why not try turning the subtitles on whilst your child watches TV. The Turn on the Subtitles campaign is appealing to parents to help their child with their reading progress by taking the simple step of turning on the subtitles. We will also be doing this in school to support your child's learning.

The Turn On The Subtitles campaign is supported by a huge number of academics, scholars, education companies, celebrities and politicians. **Stephen Fry recently made us a lovely little video** explaining the key message which you can watch here www.turnonthesubtitles.org/teachers. We've drafted a message below which you can easily copy, paste and send to parents.

If you'd like to know more about the campaign and understand all the research behind this, do take a look at www.turnonthesubtitles.org

PE timetable

Day

Classes

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| Monday | Consideration, Independence, Courage, Compassion, Aspiration |
| Tuesday | Hope, Joy, Kindness, Compassion, Resilience, Courage, Inspiration |
| Wednesday | Pride, Imagination, Respect, Inspiration, Honesty, Independence |
| Thursday | Kindness, Determination, Pride, Imagination, Patience, Consideration |
| Friday | Patience, Resilience, Aspiration, Determination, Respect, Honesty |

Year 6 parents message:

To all parents of children in year 6. If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place, please follow this link to apply online as soon as possible. If you require any support with this, please contact the school office where your message will be passed on to Mrs Reid who would be happy to help!

[Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

INFORMATION ON COVID-19 TESTING

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

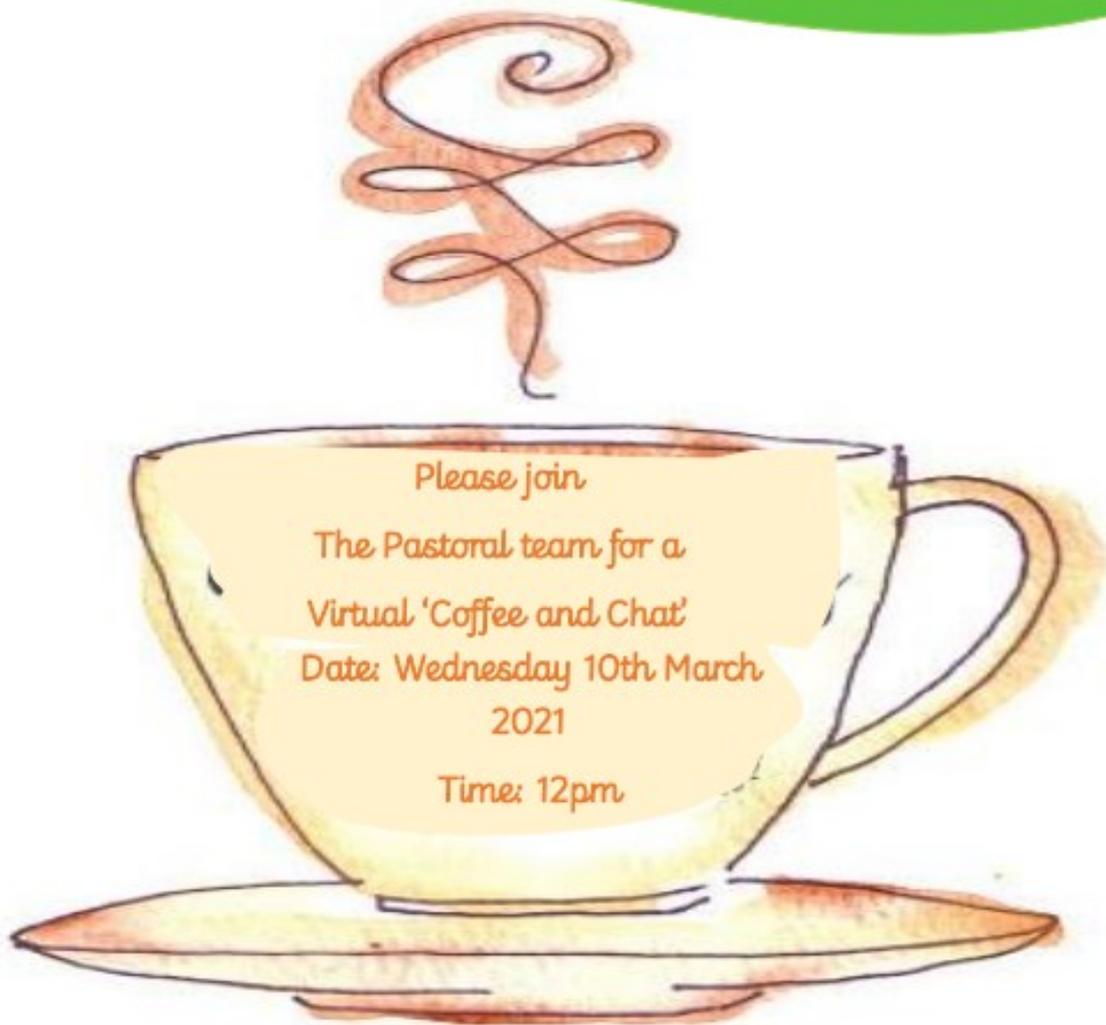
[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



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This Week we have Early Help attending to highlight their services and answer any questions on how they can support families.



Please email office@khp.kent.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.

Look forward to seeing you there!