



Newsletter 15 – 15th January 2021

TO ALL OUR PARENTS & CHILDREN DOING HOME LEARNING



YOU'RE ALL DOING A GREAT JOB!



Do what you can, when you can.  
Offer your child support but also encourage independence.

Together we will get through this.

From the whole of the Nursling Staffing Team

#### Supporting our families

You may have been aware of the news this week regarding the content of hampers for the Free School Meals families. Quite rightly, it certainly is a hot topic of conversation!

As a Hampshire school, we do not use the company that has been in the news but as a school, realise that what is often put into a hamper is not necessarily a direct comparison in value as to what can be purchased in a store. This is due to factors such as contractual costs and distribution. Don't get me wrong, I am not condoning that this is acceptable just being informative.



I have had many conversations with lots of people this week; families who were dissatisfied with their hampers, some terrified that they really do not know where the next meal is coming from, and with the people who put the hampers together. I am hoping to see changes and an improvement to the content but as I can't rely on the changes coming in quickly enough for our families and nobody knows what the changes may look like yet, I have been to the shops to purchase food to subsidise our families hampers for this week.

This got me thinking. Wouldn't it be great to get a Nursling Food Bank started!



Since the first lockdown back in March 2020, the families that now need support has more than doubled. This is nothing to be ashamed of, it is a horrible, negative impact of this pandemic. So, I am putting out a plea that if you are okay and managing well to put food on the table and can spare the odd packet of pasta or box of cereal, (any non-perishable items will be gratefully accepted) then please drop it into the airlock. We will then distribute it out to the Nursling families who we know are really struggling.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jearrad

### Critical Care

Worryingly, in a week where we have had an outbreak of coronavirus at the school, we have had more requests for critical care. The concern is, the more families that come into school, the more likely we are to have a positive case that will inevitably close a critical care bubble.

The latest government advice to help reduce the spread of coronavirus is that **where a child can stay at home they should**. In light of this, the Department of Education has updated its advice to parents and carers and states that:

*"Your child's school or college will speak to you to identify whether your child needs to attend. **You should keep your child at home if you can**. They may ask to see simple evidence to check whether you are a critical worker such as your work ID badge or a pay slip."*

As a school, we have prioritised families where both parents are key workers. Further requests will need to be submitted along with a letter from your employer stating that your role is critical to the government's response.

### Teacher contact

As we have now settled into home learning for this lockdown, teachers will continue to be available during the school day for Google Meet and responding to children's work queries.

As from Monday 18th January, anything that comes in after 4pm will be responded to the following day. This ensures teachers get the time to support their own families. Please ensure any parent contact is made through the school office so we can ensure it goes through to the right person. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Hampshire School Games Daily Challenges

The Hampshire School Games Daily Challenges are back! Each week 5 new challenges are set, one for each school day. Keep your eyes peeled on Monday morning for your weekly video from Mr Allen on your Google Classroom page. Please let your teacher know which activities you like best! And remember to like or follow Hampshire School Games on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates on the challenges and ideas of how children can burn off their energy at home.



### Google Classroom Update

Almost everyone is logging in and completing work, we are all so proud of you! It's been great being able to see everyone each day for live lessons and year 1 and 6 even had a Google meet with the Fire Service!

Just a few reminders:

- Each child has their own unique log in and you should use this to log in (accounts shouldn't be shared).
- If you log in as the parent you will be denied access and will have to request access to see the activities and work so it's easier for your child to log in.
- Please remind the children that they should not be using the chat bar unless asked to do so by a teacher, we have had a few inappropriate comments in KS2 this week.
- Wherever possible we ask that the children do not tune into Google meet from their bedroom to keep everyone safe. However, if this is an issue due to lack of space, we ask that parents are in the bedroom with their child at all times during live lessons.

We so enjoy seeing your work and all your faces. It isn't how we love to teach but the children have been absolutely amazing. Thank you for all your kind words and encouragement, it's not easy for anyone.

Stay Safe 😊



Google Classroom

Thank you for all the kind and positive comments and conversations we have had with parents this week. We know how tough times are at the moment and it is really important that you know that you are doing a great job.

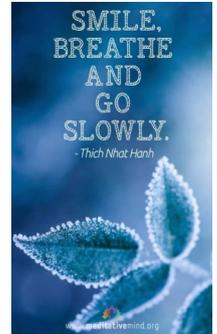
All schools have to provide a certain amount of work for home learning as per guidance. Many of you are finding this a daunting prospect. Some think this is too much work, others would like more work. The clear message out to all of you is to do what you can, when you can. Everyone's circumstances are different and what one child is doing may not be the same as what another child is doing in the same class.

We understand it seems harder this time. The cold, wet weather is not helping. You are feeling that the expectation is greater.

Breathe... we appreciate everything you are doing to support your child.

All our children are going through the same thing. All our children will have gaps that we will work to support and fill when back in school.

For now... just breathe. You are doing a great job!



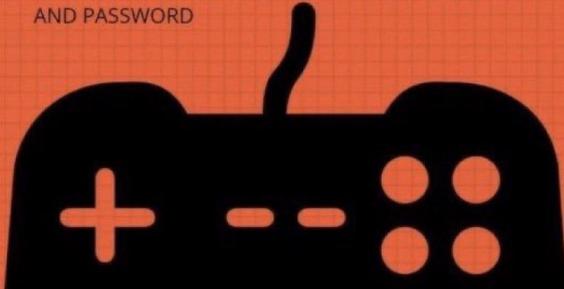
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**GOOGLE CLASSROOM**  
ON XBOX AND PLAYSTATION

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USE MICROSOFT EDGE TO OPEN THE BROWSER. TYPE IN CLASSROOM.GOOGLE.COM. SIGN IN USING YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL AND PASSWORD

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**BBC**  
Bitesize

**Lockdown Learning**  
Mon 11 - Fri 15 Jan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Primary Learning on CBBC</b>				
09:00 <b>BBC Bitesize Daily</b> 5-7 years <b>Maths &amp; History</b>	09:00 <b>BBC Bitesize Daily</b> 5-7 years <b>English</b>	09:00 <b>BBC Bitesize Daily</b> 5-7 years <b>Science</b>	09:00 <b>BBC Bitesize Daily</b> 5-7 years <b>Maths &amp; French</b>	09:00 <b>BBC Bitesize Daily</b> 5-7 years <b>English &amp; Wellbeing</b>
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10:05 <b>Celebrity Supply Teacher</b> Maths with Mark Labbett	10:05 <b>Celebrity Supply Teacher</b> English with Geri Horner	10:05 <b>Celebrity Supply Teacher</b> PE with Marcus Rashford	10:05 <b>Celebrity Supply Teacher</b> Gardening with Jeff Hordley & Zoe Henry	10:05 <b>Celebrity Supply Teacher</b> Food Science with Heston Blumenthal
10:15 <b>Horrible Histories</b>	10:15 <b>Horrible Histories</b>	10:15 <b>Horrible Histories</b>	10:15 <b>Horrible Histories</b>	10:15 <b>Horrible Histories</b>
10:45 <b>Our School</b>	10:45 <b>Our School</b>	10:40 <b>Our School</b>	10:45 <b>Our School</b>	10:45 <b>Our School</b>
11:05 <b>Art Ninja</b>	11:05 <b>Art Ninja</b>	11:05 <b>Art Ninja</b>	11:05 <b>Art Ninja</b>	11:05 <b>Art Ninja</b>
11:35 <b>Operation Ouch!</b>	11:35 <b>Operation Ouch!</b>	11:30 <b>Operation Ouch!</b>	11:35 <b>Operation Ouch!</b>	11:35 <b>Operation Ouch!</b>

**BBC**  
**TWO**

**Secondary Learning on BBC Two**

- Science Week -

13:00  
**BBC Bitesize Daily Secondary**  
11-14 years

14:00  
**Brian Cox's**  
**The Planets**

Continue your learning at [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize)  
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