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WELCOME TO MR JON JAMES

On behalf of myself and the Governing Body, I would like to welcome Jon James, our new headteacher, to the Hurst Park Primary School community. It's taken a long time since he was appointed, but I hope he feels it was worth the wait!

We are very, very happy to have him with us, and look

forward to meeting current and future challenges, yet to come, with him.

Best wishes, Chris (Chair of Governors)



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to a new term at Hurst Park! I hope that you and all your family are healthy and safe, and remain so over this challenging lockdown period. Please be assured that we are here to help and, although most of you are at home, we are still here to support the families in our community.

I would like to start by saying a HUGE thank you to all the staff at Hurst Park. This first week of term has been like no other and they have all worked so incredibly hard to ensure that not only the remote learning is in place, but also prepare for teaching the children of Critical workers in school. A lot has been put in place, with improvements made to the remote learning offer. Please be patient as there are bound to be a few technical issues, but as we learn the system will improve. The response we have had so far from many parents has been very positive. We will of course listen to feedback from families and will take these into account as we move forwards. We will be looking into the use of 'live sessions', but we must ensure that this is done in a safe way which protects both your child and the staff. Staff will endeavour to put the daily learning template on either Tapestry or Purple Mash the night before, as we hope that this will give parents time to plan for the next day. Please also find included in this newsletter, a list of high quality (free) online resources which can be used to support any work. For those parents who are classed as Critical in the response to Covid 19, thank you for all that you are doing. We will continue to support your child at school. Spaces in school should only be for these children as the message from the Government is clear – stay at home if you can.

Keep safe and I look forward to meeting you all as soon as it is safe to do so.

Jon James

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If your financial circumstances have changed recently and you are in receipt of any kind of government funded support, it may be that your child is also entitled to Pupil Premium status. This would give you access to among other things food parcels, financial assistance with school trips (whenever such things are possible again!) and other support that the government puts in place. Please print and complete the form attached and return to school in order for us to check your family's eligibility.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Mon 15th to Fri 19th Feb: Half Term
Thurs 4th Mar: World Book Day Mufti (TBC)
Fri 19th Mar: Red Nose Day Mufti (TBC)
Mon 29th to Wed 31st Mar: Y4 Sayers Croft (TBC)
Thurs 1st Apr: End of Term
Fri 2nd to Fri 16th Apr: Easter Holidays
Mon 19th Apr: INSET Day
Mon 31st May to Fri 4th Jun: Half Term



PIECE OF THE WEEK

This week's piece of the week has been:

Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

The link to it is:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/kXBzMN5FDFGpYJ0x3PxjtZ/finlandia-by-jean-sibelius>



INSTRUMENT OF THE WEEK

This week's instrument of the week has been:
the tuba

EXTERNAL HOME LEARNING LINKS

The following websites could help supplement or support work coming from school...

Phonics Play are offering FREE access during school closures. Phonics play have lots of phonics games and ideas to explore with children at home. Username: jan21 Password: home

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Mangahigh maths games are for children age 5-11. Usually a paid subscription but free for school closures.

<https://www.mangahigh.com/en-gb/blog/2020-03-06-free-access-schools-online-maths-coronavirus>

Teach Your Monster to Read is a wonderful game made in association with leading educational experts and follows phonic phases 1, 2 and 3 in separate games. Perfect for EYFS through to KS1. Apps are available and paid for but the online website version is always free. Your child can follow their monster around and learn without realising how much they are learning to read!

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Pobble is an online writing platform. They post a free picture a day with prompts for discussion and writing.

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

BBC Bitesize is always free and has videos, lessons, and games covering the whole curriculum for EYFS/ KS1/ KS2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

EYFS: A free, daily set of activities for 3-5 year-olds linked to the English Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) educational programmes

<https://www.eyfshome.com/>

Home learning videos are shared each week day of an activity suitable for primary aged children to try at home with their family. There are now over 30 videos/activities to choose from, ranging from fun phonics and numeracy games to exciting science experiments that you can do with household ingredients!

<https://senresourcesblog.com/2020/04/01/home-schooling-videos-for-primary-aged-children/>

ONLINE SAFETY

Please see leaflet attached to the newsletter from National Online Safety, regarding 10 top tips for children on remote learning.

RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

Just a reminder that the deadline for application is Friday 15th January 2021.

Visit: surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

NURTURING PROGRAMME

Family Links will be running a 10 week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers starting Tuesday 26th January from 7am to 8.30pm via Zoom. Cost £50 per family, concessions and free places available.

To find out more please contact Michelle or Teresa:

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