

Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our first ever "virtual" Term 5. I hope you had something of an Easter break, the weather certainly did its best for us. We obviously couldn't get out and about but sunshine lifts my spirits whether I'm inside or out and I hope it did yours too.

Google Classrooms has got off to a flying start. I can see that children are logging on and getting the tasks they have been set done and they are sending messages to their teachers. Thank you for bearing with us if you are having any technical issues. Mrs Hitchmough is saving the day as quickly as she can (here is her email address <u>jhitchmough@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk</u>)

Remember you can email your child's class teacher if you have any questions related to the tasks. Don't forget these email addresses are for your use and not the children's. Teachers will aim to respond in 24 hours.

I do want to take this opportunity to reassure you that there are no expectations from school regarding the home learning we have put in place. Every household has a unique position during this unprecedented time. We fully understand (being in this position ourselves) that working from home with young children around is hard in itself, let alone having to help them access and complete their learning tasks too. Whatever you can do with them will be good enough and we will support you in any way that we can.

If you need to contact the school the normal routes still apply. The school office is manned during the working week between 9am-3pm, the best time to phone is before 12, but you can leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you. Or you can email the school on <u>manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk</u>. We are asking parents to avoid coming into the school unless we have requested that you do so, this is just to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We are missing you all.

Warm wishes,

Annie Knoupe Headteacher

