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Christopher Dale - Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, another week of home learning has flown by and we have seen a vast array of super activities being completed by the children. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to you all for your continued support during these uncertain times.

All **Zoom** meetings are now posted on your child's class page on DoJo, with the link and password available to parents. Please don't share this information with anyone and make sure your family name is available for teachers to welcome you to the meeting.

With regards to the Prime Minister's announcement last night. As I said in my message to parents via 'DoJo,' we now wait for further details from the government as to when & how the return to school will take place.

The return will require considerable planning, unless we're told a normal classroom set up is proven to be safe, we will have to split a class over two classrooms. If we have R, 1 & 6 in school and halve them, that's 12 groups of children in our school as we have 2 classes per year group! This means I will have to use all available classroom space. When I also consider the support required for Key Workers and vulnerable families as well that means I will have no additional space within the school. While many of Year 6 will be able to walk to school, all the YR & Y1 will have an adult dropping off and collecting. I need to consider how we can utilise space & staff to spread the children as safely as possible.

I will be working to develop a strategy to liaise with parents and at some point find out those of you who are parents of children in Year 6, 1 & R who will be returning to work, to see how many children we are likely to be taking. I am sure there will be many who will make the choice not to send their child to school.

I will of course keep you up to date with how things progress but as you can see, there are more questions than I have answers at present.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Contact Details;

To ensure there is consistent communication between school and home during this unprecedented time, it is extremely important that parents notify school of any changes to their contact details. If your email address or contact number has changed, you can notify us by emailing:

enquiries@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

Free School Meals.

We will distribute vouchers for Free School Meals families on **THURSDAY 14th MAY** from 10.30am until 3.00pm, from St Nicholas Academy main office reception.

I would like to thank Clair Seiver at this time for all the hard work she has done to make the voucher system work so smoothly.

Pupil Paper packs will be available on the same day. Please note that these copies are only for non-internet families; we cannot provide paper packs for all of our families.

VE Day Celebrations in Pictures

We hope you all had a restful bank holiday weekend, and enjoyed taking part in some of the suggested VE Day activities. We have made a compilation of some of those items shared or sent in to us via Class Dojo. Well Done to George for all his baking & delivering!



Links for Families

All the links below are for children to keep up with their Maths, phonics & reading skills – they are things we use regularly at school and the children know them.

Speedy Green Words - KS1

Speedy Green Word slideshows are a great way to help with children's reading fluency.

Eight slideshows, covering all Read Write Inc. levels, are now available on Oxford Owl for Home:
<https://bit.ly/2VPW9Ze>

Reading Plus - For Years 4 – 6.

Children should all know their passwords to access this site. This is an online Reading programme to improve children's reading skills & comprehension.

<https://login.readingplus.com/>

Read Write Inc – KS1 & Year 3

From Monday there will be Phonics & Spelling, for children to watch every weekday on [YouTube](#).

Each lesson is fifteen minutes long
& available for 24 hours.

Set 1

- Set 1 Speed Sounds 9.30am
- Set 1 Word Time 9.45 am
- Set 1 Spelling 10.00 am

Set 2

- Set 2 Speed Sounds and Word Time 10.00 am
- Set 2 Spelling 10.15 am

Set 3

- Set 3 Speed Sounds and word Time 10.30 am
- Set 3 Spelling 10.45 am

The Maths Factor Whole School

Maths with Carole Vorderman – Free access to her Maths website, with age appropriate learning – sign up for free.

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

What if I'm worried about my child or another child?

*If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call **Family Lives** for free, confidential advice on **0808 800 2222**.*

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call Kent County Council Children's safeguarding services. Call 03000 41 11 11 or email social.services@kent.gov.uk If you need to contact someone outside of normal office hours, for example during the night, call 03000 41 91 91, or alternatively call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

If you think a child is in immediate danger call the police on 999.