



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

## **Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

### **Weekly Update – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of you for the great efforts being made with home learning. This is a steep learning curve for all of us and every day we see improvements. We have had some really helpful feedback from parents. Adapting to online learning has been a challenge for our staff as well as your children and we are trying to make sure all children still participate in a balanced curriculum. Don't forget that PE and exercise are part of daily life in school so it is fine to have a break from learning for this and it helps to clear the mind for the next piece of work.

#### **INSET Day**

The INSET day scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed. Those children currently coming into school should come in as normal on that day and remote learning will be provided for children learning from home. We will confirm the revised date as soon as possible.

#### **Half Term**

The school will be **closed to all children** from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February and there will be no home learning set for this week.

#### **FSM Vouchers**

All children registered for free school meals will receive a voucher for half term week. This voucher will be issued by Wonde and will be for £20.00. We expect these to be issued towards the end of the week before half term. For those of you receiving vouchers during term time because your child is not in school, please note that the voucher is coming from a different provider. Sorry if this is a bit confusing but it is because vouchers during holidays come from the local authority rather than the Department for Education.

#### **Maths on Google Classroom**

We have had a number of queries about the online maths work. Hopefully the bullet points below will help.

- Children to watch the White Rose video and answer questions. Extra challenge is provided in Dive Deeper suggestions on weekly home learning sheets.
- Children are required to make jottings or show working out (Key Stage 2 especially) for some of their learning. Any jottings must be uploaded to Google Classroom by taking a photo. The easiest way to do this is by taking a photo on your phone and uploading that to your child's Google Classroom lesson for that day.
- Answers will be posted with the assignment for that day and children are encouraged to mark their own work. They will then notice if they have made any errors and can have another go. They should comment on how they got on in the private comments section of that assignment.
- Teachers will provide feedback to explain topics or methods that children are struggling with.

#### **Marking and Feedback on Google Classroom**

All of the teaching staff are working hard to provide feedback to children's work. This may take the form of a voice note with comments for your child to listen to or written feedback on the piece of submitted work. Please do encourage your children to view teacher feedback before they start their new work for the day. This encourages communication between the children and the teacher about their progress with a particular subject and allows children to further develop any areas where they may be less confident. Your child does not need to re-submit the piece of work unless they want their teacher to re-look at it.

#### **Lateral Flow Tests**

As you will already be aware from previous updates, all of our staff members now do a lateral flow test twice a week. If a member of staff returns a positive lateral flow test we will shut the bubble in which the staff member works until a PCR test confirms the result. We appreciate the inconvenience closing a bubble may cause but the health and safety of all staff and children remains our constant priority. We will keep you informed by text or email if we need to shut a bubble.

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