

JOPS News



Note from Mrs Durrant 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents,

We're halfway through the half term already! It's been great hearing of all the amazing work that the children are getting up to at home on the shoutouts each day. Teachers were buzzing after seeing all of the children's faces on the Zoom calls this week. For those who had technical difficulties or were unable to join then we hope to see you next week. Apologies to some children from 4M who were unable to get into the zoom call as the wrong code was posted onto the Google Classroom stream.

I am hearing from staff calling home that some families are struggling with the amount of work asked of the children. For those parents who are juggling working from home or have younger children or large families, please just try to prioritise the maths and English each day and do your best - that's all anyone can ask of you. If things are not going to plan then please don't spend any longer than 1 hour on any lesson and please shout if you need help. Next week we are introducing the Google Meets which will be an opportunity for your children or yourself to ask any questions about the work for that day to one of the teachers. More information will be coming out from Mrs Wagstaff today about this.

In these very challenging times we all have good days and days which are more challenging but that's perfectly normal. Every families situations are different so try to focus in on your family and what is manageable for you and remember what a good job you are doing.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the staff who are in school on the front line and the ones controlling the remote learning from home. All of these staff members have their own families that they are caring for but are continuing to do a great job for the children of our school and for that we are eternally grateful.

Have a great weekend and take care.

Kind regards

Headteacher

Mental Health Campaign

Havering Council has teamed up with Havering MIND and other local charities to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing. It comes as many residents are dealing with extra stress and anxiety because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new #BeNiceToYourNoggin campaign will highlight the range of help and support available in the borough, through a series of original cartoons created by local Hornchurch illustrator, Richard Darani. The "Noggins" are imaginative characters that want to help people open up to what can be difficult conversations about isolation, grief and bereavement, stress, depression, anxiety, along with other issues that are being made worse by the pandemic.

#BeNiceToYourNoggin will also feature a series of events for residents and businesses with the Council, local charities and mental health experts to help encourage a two-way conversation about mental wellbeing.

More information on the campaign and how to get involved can be found on the #BeNiceToYourNoggin webpage. Schools and early years settings are asked to share this information with parents/carers, and further resources and materials are also available on the webpage.

Emails

Please remember to email office@jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk If you have any queries – We are here to support you and will forward any questions on to the relevant staff. Please pick up all items wellingtons/books on date of request from office.

Keyworker/vulnerable child request wb 1st and 8th February 2021

You should have all received the email to request a place for Keyworker/Vulnerable pupils for weeks 01.02 and 08.02. You would have noticed that we sent out 2 reminders, this is simply to help with those who may have missed the first email and is sent to the whole school – if you have sent your request then please ignore these.

Change to Bank Holiday

You may be aware that the Government have changed the Spring Bank Holiday date in 2022 from the 30th May 2022 to the 2nd June 2022. They have also added an additional Bank Holiday for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 3rd June 2022. Whilst these changes do not affect the school term dates (as the changes fall within the holiday period) it may be worth you changing your calendars at home. Term dates can be found on the school website.