

**Newsletter – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parents,  
I do hope you are all keeping well. As we approach the Easter break, I thought I would provide an update.

**Covid-19**

The decision to shut schools due to Covid-19, apart for a minority of pupils whose parents are key workers, has been difficult for all. The weeks and months ahead will undoubtedly be testing for everyone and, as we face more uncertainty, I want to thank everyone- staff, parents and children- for their patience and commitment to combat the fight against Covid-19 during this challenging time.

**Safeguarding:**

If you are worried about the safety of a child you should contact social services. They are available on 03000 416161 or if you feel you need to contact school for anything, please e-mail [headteacher@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hunton.kent.sch.uk). This account is being checked at least once a day.

**Free School Meals:**

If you are a family who is entitled to Free School Meals and are facing financial hardship, please contact the school via [headteacher@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hunton.kent.sch.uk).

**Provision for Key-Workers**

Following the Easter break, the local church schools are going to have a co-ordinated approach to providing a child-minding service for those in our community who are essential to keeping our much needed services going at this time. Therefore, any families from Hunton

who require this service should make their way to the hosting school listed below:

Date:	Venue:	Postcode	Contact Number
<b>16/17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Yalding School	ME18 6DP	01622 814 298
<b>w.b. 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Hunton School	ME15 0SJ	01622 820 360
<b>w.b. 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St. Margaret's Collier Street School	TN12 9RR	01892 730 264
<b>w.b. 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Yalding School	ME18 6DP	01622 814 298
<b>w.b. 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Hunton School	ME15 0SJ	01622 820 360
<b>w.b. 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Margaret's Collier Street School	TN12 9RR	01892 730 264

One member of teaching staff from each school will be on site for the complete week so that there's a familiar face that the children can go to. This will operate from **8.45am – 3.15pm** and all children will need a packed lunch.

Please do not assume that schools will be shut right through to the May holiday but we thought it was better to plan ahead.

**Staff changes**

With the sad departure of Mrs Williamson, Bannerman TA, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Edwards. Mrs Edwards begins her role on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April and will be the new teaching assistant in Bannerman class when we return to school. I am sure you will help in welcoming Mrs Edwards to our Hunton family.

## **Headteacher**









As you are aware, Mr Murdoch has taken the difficult decision to leave Hunton CEP School. We would like to thank Mr Murdoch for all his efforts during his 7 years at the school, both as a class teacher and headteacher. We wish Mr Murdoch the very best of luck in the future. We would like to invite Mr Murdoch back for an assembly to say goodbye when we are back properly at school. The date of this will be confirmed in due course.

From Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Mr Paul Ryan will become the Associate Head Teacher of Hunton CEP School. Governors and staff are looking forward to working alongside Mr Ryan and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to the school.

## **Home Schooling**








I would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for the tremendous effort in home-schooling your child. We hope you found the learning packs useful and understand that more work may now need to be provided. To minimise risk, we have asked staff not to come into the school and produce additional learning packs. Alternatively, there is a wide-range of learning available online and would like to share some excellent weblinks and learning resources below:

### **Maths:**

	<b>TOP MARKS</b> Resources and Learning Games <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</a>
	<b>DRAGON BOX</b> Paid Maths Apps <a href="https://dragonbox.com/">https://dragonbox.com/</a>
	<b>TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS</b> Sequenced programme of daily times table practice <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>
	<b>PRODIGY MATHS</b> Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age. <a href="https://www.prodigygame.com">https://www.prodigygame.com</a>
	<b>WHITE ROSE MATHS</b> Maths home learning packages <a href="https://whiterosemaths.com/">https://whiterosemaths.com/</a>
	<b>PRIMARY STARS</b> Maths home learning packages for Years 1 and 2 <a href="https://primarystarseducation.co.uk/">https://primarystarseducation.co.uk/</a>
	<b>MASTER THE CURRIUCLUM</b> Subscription service but resources are now free for educators and parents. Downloadable lesson plans for Years 1-6 <a href="https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/">https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/</a>
	<b>CORBETTMATHS</b> Helping with Primary maths. <a href="https://corbettmathsprimary.com">https://corbettmathsprimary.com</a>
	<b>THE MATHS FACTOR</b> Carol Vorderman's 'Maths School' resources now free for children aged 4-11 <a href="https://www.themathsfactor.com">https://www.themathsfactor.com</a>

*Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom*

**English**

	<b>PHONICS PLAY</b> Now free for parents and teachers <a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/</a>
	<b>PHONICS BLOOM</b> Phonics games <a href="https://www.phonicsbloom.com/">https://www.phonicsbloom.com/</a>
	<b>LETTERS AND SOUNDS</b> Downloadable resources <a href="http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/">http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/</a>
	<b>TEACH YOUR MONSTER TO READ</b> Phonics games <a href="https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/blog/free-phonics-games-apps">https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/blog/free-phonics-games-apps</a>
	<b>VOOKS</b> A kid-safe, ad-free streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks. 1 month free <a href="https://www.vooks.com/">https://www.vooks.com/</a>
	<b>SCHOLASTIC</b> Books and home learning ideas <a href="https://www.scholastic.co.uk/">https://www.scholastic.co.uk/</a>
	<b>SPELLING SHED</b> Spelling resources and games <a href="https://www.spellingshed.com/">https://www.spellingshed.com/</a>
	<b>DAVID WALLIAMS AUDIO BOOKS</b> A new story released daily. <a href="https://bit.ly/AudioElevenses">https://bit.ly/AudioElevenses</a>
	<b>CREATIVE WRITING TEACHING IDEAS</b> A series of prompts to aid creative writing stimulus <a href="https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/writing-fiction/creative-writing-ideas">https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/writing-fiction/creative-writing-ideas</a> Live writing lessons at 9:45am each morning, based on animation <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/thetrainingspace">https://www.youtube.com/c/thetrainingspace</a>

**Other useful links**

<b>Twinkl</b> (using the code: CVDTWINKLHELPS) Many worksheets available across a variety of subjects and age ranges: <a href="http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer">www.twinkl.co.uk/offer</a>	<b>NEWSROUND</b> Reports and articles <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround</a>
<b>LIVE SCIENCE LESSONS</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/terrific-scientific">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/terrific-scientific</a> and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate">https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate</a> (weekdays at 11am)	<b>SMILING MIND</b> Guide to support emotional wellbeing <a href="https://www.smilingmind.com.au/">https://www.smilingmind.com.au/</a>
<b>JOE WICKS LIVE PE LESSONS</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX05HHni9Wk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX05HHni9Wk</a> (weekdays at 9am)	<b>PREMIER LEAGUE STARS</b> Activities for health & wellbeing. <a href="https://plprimarystars.com/">https://plprimarystars.com/</a>
<b>THE IMAGINATION TREE</b> Imaginative art ideas <a href="https://theimaginationtree.com">https://theimaginationtree.com</a>	<b>DK FIND OUT</b> Activities and quizzes <a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmpaxg_ZbkqudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmpaxg_ZbkqudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac</a>
<b>BEE BOT APP</b> Free programming app <a href="https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bee-bot/id500131639">https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bee-bot/id500131639</a>	<b>ICT GAMES</b> <a href="https://www.ictgames.com/">https://www.ictgames.com/</a>

Although it will be held in the most unusual circumstances, I do hope you can make the most of the Easter holiday whilst adhering to the latest government advice