

Letter for parents/carers of Year 4

Good morning

I am sending a separate letter to all year groups, so if you have more than one child in the school please do ensure you read each one as there will be some differences!

Following the success of the Year 5 and 6 Google Classroom trial we are now planning a trial for Year 3 and 4 next week

1. There will be a live lesson via Google Classroom on Monday with Miss Offord. Visit <https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/> and select Google Classroom. The lesson will be a Maths lesson and will take place at 10.00am. This lesson will take place in the Year 4 classroom, not their individual classroom. For details of Google Classroom, see below. Please note – we understand that not all children will be able to join as the lesson may clash with the Year 5 and 6 lessons and devices may be limited in the house – unfortunately we simply do not have enough hours in the day to avoid clashes.
2. Work will continue to be uploaded to the website on a daily basis at the direct link <https://www.pfps.havering.sch.uk/home-learning#476> Where possible we will now upload the work the night before.
3. Tasks will continue to be set daily on Purple Mash. There are guides on how to use Purple Mash on our website – the direct link is <https://www.pfps.havering.sch.uk/home-learning#512>
4. Children should continue to access Bug Club for their reading. <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> If using an iphone or ipad you may need to go to Settings, scroll down to Safari, and turn off 'Prevent Cross-Site Tracking'
5. Spellings will continue to be available on j2blast and on the school website.
6. RM Easimaths continues to be available. <https://www.rmeasimaths.com/> is a new updated website which works on ipads and android devices.
7. There is also a 'How to Guide' for all the online platforms <https://www.pfps.havering.sch.uk/siteline/modules/file-store/file-store-data.php?action=output-file&uid=5f7b1759782c6>
8. I would also encourage children to access the various other activities available across the internet and BBC, including Joe Wicks PE sessions on Youtube Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am (I am sure parents will also want to join in to these!)
9. Do regularly check <https://www.pfps.havering.sch.uk/home-learning#476> and <https://www.pfps.havering.sch.uk/events> for videos and activities including SEN and Speech & Language support.

If you are missing any login details please do email [year4@pfps.havering.sch.uk](mailto:year4@pfps.havering.sch.uk)

### **Google Classroom – Notes**

Following our Year 5 and 6 trial this week please could you ensure your children are aware of the following rules for joining the Year 4 trial:

- They need to access the Year 4 classroom rather than their own classroom.
- On the Year 4 classroom page, under the classroom title banner (Year 4 2020-21) a meet link will appear – please note this link will only appear just before the allotted lesson time.
- They should ensure they have logged out of any other google accounts on the device prior to the meeting. If it asks them for a class code, they are not logged in to the correct account.

- They use their USO logon (the same one as their j2blast login) to access the google classroom in the format [USOUsername@apps.pfps.havering.sch.uk](mailto:USOUsername@apps.pfps.havering.sch.uk) replacing USOUsername with their USO Username eg – [smith082.311@apps.pfps.havering.sch.uk](mailto:smith082.311@apps.pfps.havering.sch.uk) the password is their USO password.
- If using an ipad/iphone or android device you may find it better to download the Google Classroom and Google Meets app – these are both free to download. There is a video on youtube explaining how to access using the app and the camera, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHC0CsaLHiQ&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHC0CsaLHiQ&feature=emb_title)
- Children should mute themselves when they join the session, they can keep their camera on.
- Children should use both the chat function and the announcements function only as part of the school work taking place. They are not to be used for social chit-chat! There will be 2 teachers on most lessons to monitor the usage of the chat facility.
- Once the lesson is finished, children need to end the call by clicking on the phone icon.
- If children do not follow the guidelines set, misuse the chat/announcement facility or misbehave in the lesson parents will be subsequently informed and they risk being removed from the Google Classroom.
- If you need any assistance please do call the school and we will try our best to help out.

### **Assessments**

You may be aware that the government have announced that there will be no Multiplication Tables Check taking place this year.

### **Free School Meals**

We have not yet been informed of how the process will work for the remaining weeks of this half term. The packages handed out today are for this week and next week. When we have more information regarding subsequent weeks we will let you know.

### **Laptops**

You will have seen in the news the Education Secretary announcing the laptops being sent to schools for them to loan out to children to access remote learning. At Parsonage Farm our allocation is 30 and so far we have received none. We have 600 children in our school so clearly when/if these do arrive we will need to use strict criteria to identify the most in need. I will let you know when we have any more information. In the meantime, I sent an email yesterday regarding 4G data boosts – if you believe you are entitled please do complete the google form so I can upload your details to the DfE as it is limited.

### **Phone Calls**

Teachers will continue to call each family weekly – please do not worry! We are not checking up on you, just making sure we are there to support if required! If you need anything before you speak to the teacher please do use the year group mailboxes.

### **Finally**

Please don't feel under pressure – we recognise that working with your child at home is not easy, especially with your own pressures of working from home and dealing with the usual day to day tasks. If you can't get all the work completed with your child or it is causing added stress at home, then please do only what you and your child can do. If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.