

# CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Message from Mrs Knight

Dear Parents & Carers,

I find myself writing to you in very strange times, but I thought it would be good to share with you where we are with some of the key things that are happening.

### Coronavirus

The school is continuing to make plans for how we could support your child's learning should we be told to close due to the Coronavirus. We have no information about school closures beyond what is being shared through the media, but we will keep you fully informed if the situation changes. The message to us at the moment from the DfE and PHE is business as usual, so we will continue to run swimming, trips and the full curriculum until we are told otherwise. We are directing the children to wash their hands before they eat and Mr Phillips has stepped up the cleaning of the school to include a regular disinfect of door handles etc. Any child taken ill at school will be kept separate from the others and sent home as soon as possible. We would ask that you ensure the school has up to date contact information for your child and that you include a local contact who could collect your child promptly if you are not in a position to get to the school quickly. A reminder that any child who appears unwell should remain at home for seven days.

### School Hall

Unfortunately, our hall remains out of action as we wait for the slow wheels of insurance companies to turn. We are all so proud of the way the children have coped with the disturbance and I am grateful to our kitchen team and the staff who are working hard to deal with the different arrangements at lunchtime.

We are missing our regular assemblies and the chance for the whole school to come together, so St Pauls have offered us the opportunity to use the church for an assembly this **Friday 20th March**. We will walk down to the church for an assembly at 11:30am and then walk back for lunch. I stress that this is an assembly, not a church service. If, however, you would prefer your child not to attend, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

### Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Linda Wilson back to the Graitney Team; I know that the children are very glad to have her back. We have also welcomed Mrs Bajar-Heath and Mrs Athwal to the staff team. I hope that they will enjoy their time at Crawley Ridge.

## PTA

We were very sorry that the hall being out of action meant that the PTA movie night had to be cancelled. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Chess Club

The school is very lucky to have a chess club led by Mr Paul Welling. The club has just finished the Delancey chess challenge and we would like to congratulate our school champion Joshua Seery.

The following players have qualified for the next stage of the chess challenge, "The Megafinals" where they will have the chance to play children from other schools in a chess competition with clocks format.

Joshua Seery  
Arthur Voinescu  
Alexander Voinescu  
Finlay Davie  
Ophelia Scott - Wilson  
Scarlett Grey  
Kehar Badesha  
Louis Washington

Well done to these children and to all those who participated. It was a great success.

## Parent Questionnaire

A big thank you to those of you who have already returned the parents' questionnaire. I look forward to reading them and sharing their results with you in the near future. The closing date for returning questionnaires is this Friday, 20th March.

Kind regards,

Sue Knight

Head Teacher