

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are continuing to stay well and safe.

After another highly productive week in CM2, we just have some notices to share with you.

Google Hangouts:

We have spoken to the students today to remind them that, although the Google Suite gives them access to a whole range of applications, we are only using the ones of educational value. The applications we are using for school are: Gmail, Google Classroom, Meets, Docs and Slides. We are not using Google Hangouts and we don't expect the students to be. We understand that staying in touch with others is important, and we want to foster a strong sense of community, but we will do this through our Meets not through Hangout. We have suggested that they discuss with you which alternative platform they can use to chat with their friends.

Holiday Maintenance:

For necessary school admin work on the Google Drive and Classroom to take place, we will be freezing the students' accounts over the holidays (from after school on Friday 17th April until Monday 4th May). All Google-based applications that the students use (including Gmail, Google Classroom, Google Docs and Meets) will be unavailable for the 2 weeks of the holidays. We think, in any case, that it is important for the children to have a complete break from school. All other educational sites such as Epic and Education City will remain open for anyone who wishes to access these over the holiday period (but we hope that they have lots of non-screen time too!).

We hope that you have a restful weekend,

Mrs Joannes and Miss Higgs