

Sunningwell Primary School



Newsletter – November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Term Two Newsletter

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and welcome back to the final term of this year. It is a long term but it's now only 53 days until Christmas!

A Big Thank You

We held two charity events last term and you helped to raise the following amounts for two very worthwhile charities. Thank you to all who helped support in any way.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - £201.65

MIND – Non Uniform Day £97.00

Dates for this term

Monday 5th November - Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th November - School Photos am

Tuesday 6th November - PTA Meeting 2pm in the staff room

Wednesday 7th November - Parents Evening

Friday 9th November - Class 4 Sharing Assembly 9.10am

Saturday 17th November - Spinney Dig

Tuesday 20th November - Dance Festival

Friday 30th November - Eye Tests Class 1 only.

Christmas Dates

Monday 3rd December - Choir to Stowford House

Wednesday 5th December - Choir to Beaumont Nursing Home

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Tuesday 18th December - School Nativity 5.30pm at Sunningwell Village Hall

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Party

Thursday 20th December - End of Term Christmas Service 1.30pm

PTA – We need help

Our current PTA committee have done a fabulous job organising events to raise much needed funding. They have raised funds over the last year to replace our aging and failing class laptops. Without the PTA funding we would not have been able to make this purchase as we do receive enough funding for purchases of this kind.

Our current members have all been on the committee for over 18 months and due to changing commitments need to hand over to a new members.

We know that many parents work full time and are not able to offer a huge commitment of time. However, the PTA is not just limited to parents. If there are Grandparents or other relatives that

may have time to help us, please do get in touch. The PTA is not just about raising money, it also provides much needed refreshments for our school performances and adds to the community of our school.

If you would like to find more about the PTA, come along to school for a coffee on Tuesday 6th November at 2.00pm. This is open to anyone who may be interested in getting involved. If you are unable to attend but are interested in helping with the PTA please email the Office.

Staff Update

Samantha Longmate our Kitchen Manager will be leaving us at the end of November. Whilst she works for the company that supplies our School Meals, she is considered as 'Sunningwell' staff. We wish her well in her new position in the Art Department at Matthew Arnold School and will be very sad to see her leave.

Bonfire & Fireworks

Sunningwell Parish Council is holding a Fireworks Display on the village green on Saturday 3rd December. Gates open at 6.15pm with fireworks at 7pm. A £2 contribution per person would be appreciated.

School Uniform

As the weather is turning a little colder we have limited stock of school fleeces and reversible coats
Sizes available are: Fleeces 3-4 Years, 5/6 years 11/12 years 12/13 Cost 12.50
Fleece lined reversible coats Ages 4, 5/6, 7/8/ 11/12 Cost 16.50
We also have jogging bottoms for PE available at £5 in sizes 3-4 and 4-5 years.
If you would like to purchase one could you email the School Office.

2018/19 Term Dates

If you would like a copy of the term and inset dates for next academic year, please email Pearl in the School Office. We will be sending out a school event diary dates list shortly.

Useful Links

The Oxfordshire Family Information Service provides much detail about services for children in the area.

<https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page>

The link below is the online referral link for CAMHS

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/refer/>

News from the Classes

Class 1

Our topic for this term is "Festivals and Celebrations". We will be reading stories and poems from different cultures and talking about festivals people celebrate in the UK and around the world. We would welcome any parents who would like to come in and talk to the children about a particular festival they celebrate in their family. If you would be interested in doing this, please kindly contact me and arrange for a visit.

We highly value parents' comments and observations about their children so please continue to send in your child's WOW moments.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation and I am looking forward to seeing you all next week for the parents evening.

Class 2

Welcome back. This term our topic is going to be Kenya. We are going to be comparing what it is like to live in Kenya with what it is like to live in the UK. Our literacy is going to be based around Lila and the Secret of Rain, a story based in Kenya.

In science this term we are going to be working towards the CREST Star award. The CREST awards are a national science accreditation for primary and secondary schools. We work in partnership towards this with Abingdon School Science department.

Class 3

This half term in Class 3 our topic is Ancient Egypt.

We have found out lots about how they lived and what life was like. In literacy, we have now finished reading 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Phillip Reeve, and we are about to start reading 'Mouse, bird, snake, wolf' by David Almond. We will be doing lots of talking and writing all about the book, and we will be analysing the illustrations of the graphic novel. In maths, we have now moved on from place value, and have begun learning about addition and subtraction. We have already learnt different ways to add big and small numbers, and used our understanding of addition to help us with problem solving.

Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed their learning in their first term back after the summer holidays. We have just finished reading 'Wolf Brother' which is a great adventure book where our hero has to save the forest from evil forces. He is guided by a wolf cub and has the help of his friend Renn. In maths we have been working on our numbers and understanding of place value. We have also been doing some fun investigations in our Big Maths, including unlocking codes to open suitcases and using line graphs to help us to understand data in a fun murder mystery. We have also been studying the Ancient Mayan culture, looking at their farming techniques, using ingredients in cooking (and of course sampling our efforts) and creating their patterns and drawings in art.

We have also been doing some woodwork sessions in the afternoons, creating bookstands and bird boxes. Some of our amazing art pieces, including sea shells and sea creatures were displayed at St Helen's school in their gallery and will soon be displayed around school so look out for them! We've had lots of sporting events, including cross country, football and rugby to come. We are very proud of our pupils for representing our school with a growth mindset and doing their best. We're looking forward to an even busier few weeks with lots of learning, events and trips to come.

