

# Sunningwell Primary School



## Newsletter – June 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and I hope you all had a very pleasant break and enjoyed the lovely warm weather. This is a very short term, however, and the children have a very busy few weeks ahead of them.

### **Fundraising**

We were able to raise a massive £215.00 on our non uniform day for the Defibrillator Fund. Thank you to you all for supporting this fundraising and for the larger donations that were given for the fund.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Please see the separate Dates for you Diary for updated dates for the remainder of the school year.

### **Warmer Weather**

We are hoping that we will enjoy some sunshine this term, so can you please ensure your child has a sun hat and water in school. Please also apply sunscreen every day before they come to school.

### **School Lunches – Parent Mail**

The system is now live and you can check your child's balance of school meals (KS2 only). Lunches taken each week will be updated each Friday. If you pay by ParentMail for school lunches the amount you pay will automatically be applied to your account and we would really encourage all payments for school meals are made via ParentMail. If you pay by cheque the balance will be applied on the Friday after you hand in your cheque at school.

### **Absences/Holidays and late arrivals**

We strongly recommend that children are not taken out of school for holidays in school time and we may have to refer parents to the County Attendance team or issue a penalty notice if frequent requests are made. Sunningwell has always maintained a high level of attendance and this reflects in the learning outcomes of our children.

Please also ensure that your child is here for school on time and does not need to leave during the school day other than for medical reasons. When children arrive late or need to leave their lessons early, it has a disruptive effect on the learning of the child and for the remainder of the children in the class.

### **Crisp Packet Recycling**

We are working in partnership with Pre-school with a scheme to recycle crisp packets. These can be collected and used for a scheme towards equipment for school with the benefit of reducing landfill waste. Packets can simply be emptied of all crisps and then simply placed in the plastic box

in the Lobby by School Reception. The outer packaging for multi-packs of crisps can also be recycled.

### **Nut Allergy**

We have two children with nut allergies in school. Please try to avoid any nut butters or any products containing nuts. We sometimes see in packed lunches that children have products containing Nutella, for the children with a nut allergy, touching a trace of these products can be life threatening.

## **News from the Classes**

### **Class 1**

Our topic for the summer term is "Around the world in twelve stories". We will read stories from different parts of the world, learn about their customs, traditions, music and expressive arts. The children will look at similarities and differences between different cultures and hopefully this will trigger their curiosity to find out more about the amazing places on Earth.

As we wish to emphasise the importance of reading and storytelling from early years, we've started having a 'mystery reader' once a week who visits our class and reads a story to the children. So far, we have had students from other classes, a local resident, somebody's grandmother and a policeman. The element of surprise makes the whole story telling experience extremely exciting. We welcome everyone to get involved, so please get in touch with the school office if you have a favourite story to share and ten minutes to spare.

We love to hear about your child's learning experiences outside school and welcome your comments. Please take a few moments and fill out some 'wow moments' templates.

Please try to read with your child on a daily basis and send the book bag to school each day.

Thank you for all your support!

### **Class 2**

Welcome back!

This term we are continuing with our topic of the 'Carnival of the Animals'. In topic and science we will be learning about different types of animals, how to classify them, life cycles and the range of habitats. We will also be learning about Camille Saint-Saens, the composer of the 'Carnival of the Animals, as well as the orchestra used to play this beautiful piece of music.

For our literacy this term we are focussing on the book '10 things to change my world'. We will be thinking about how we can make changes to the way we live to make the world a better place for us, and for animals.

Our focus for maths this term is problem solving. We will be using all of the maths we have been learning over the whole year to help us solve a wide range of maths problems.

### Class 3

We are looking forward to an enjoyable last term in Class, we have lots of exciting and fun things planned!

We are continuing our topic of 'The History of British Clothing', which has included lots of opportunities for D&T. Towards the end of the term, there will be a gallery after school for parents and family to come and see everything we have done and made as part of this topic.

We are about to start our next topic in Maths – time. At home, we would encourage lots of discussion about time, including questions such as; What time is it? What will the time be in 10 minutes? How long is it until 10 o'clock?

In Literacy, our new focus text is 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. The picture book has already provided prompted lots of interesting discussions about the illustrations and we will go on to learn more about grammar using the rich and varied language.

I would like to thank Class 3 for everything they have done this year. They are an incredibly happy, entertaining and hardworking group of children; it has been an absolute pleasure to teach them.

### Class 4

Class 4 had a fantastic time at Youlbury Residential and, after the half term, have fully recovered and caught up on sleep! We were so lucky with the weather which meant we could spend so much time outside. They are busy writing their script ready to share their experiences and stories in our Sharing Assembly on Friday morning.

It is a very busy half term and Class 4 has lots of fun in store. We are continuing with 'The Adventures of Odysseus' class book which the children are really enjoying. They are currently writing balanced arguments and debating key questions. Their new Maths topic is position and direction and they have started looking at one to four quadrants to plot co-ordinates and solve word problems using their maths skills.

In Topic pupils are continuing with their David Attenborough nature lessons looking at a range of creatures. It is great we are able to use our school grounds to explore learning in our local environment.

We are really proud of our Year 6s and how they approached the SATs week. They had a great growth mind-set and all did their best. They are now working hard to pass their cycling proficiency lessons. They will also have several treats over the next few weeks to celebrate their hard work and great learning attitudes.

There are a number of sporting events this term that Class 4 will represent the school in, including Quick Cricket, Quad Kids and Wimbledon Tennis matches.

### Sport

We have got a very busy half term ahead with sports!

Children from Key stage 1 and 2 will be taking part in Quad Kids, which includes vortex throwing, standing long jump, sprint and long distance running.

This is the first time in several years, we have entered two teams in cricket competitions.

We look forward to seeing the amazing Year 3 and 4 team in the tennis county finals at the beginning of July, their performance so far has been outstanding.

Yours

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