



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter – March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that the children are settled into this term and we hope that over the next few weeks we will see signs of Spring and that the stormy weather may be moving on.

Dates for this term

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
Class 2 Sharing Assembly - Friday 6th March
Sport Relief Fundraising Day – 13th March
Parents' Evening – Monday 16th March
Class Photos – Wednesday 18th March
Parents' Evening Thursday 19th March
Roots to Food Day – Tuesday 24th March
Reception sight tests – Tuesday 31st March
End of Term Easter Service – Friday 3rd April

Home Circumstances

Some of our children experience a change of circumstances when a parent or carer may be working away from home or in the case of the military, deployment overseas or training. Changes within the household such as a family bereavement, pregnancy or a change of address can all have an impact on a child's wellbeing and ability to learn. It would be helpful to let your child's class teacher, or the school office know if there are any circumstances may affect your child's emotional stability.

Transport to and from School

The wearing of seat belts is a legal requirement and it would be our duty to notify the Police if we see children travelling without wearing a seat belt. Please only carry as many passengers as you have seat belts and ensure that children have the appropriate car seat for their age/weight.

After School Club

Can we please remind you that After School Club bookings are accepted only on the basis that payment for all bookings are made at the same time.

Our After School Club is run as a separate organisation to the school and as such it is important that payments are made promptly. In some cases the club will have to recoup any outstanding debts through the small claims court.

Fundraising and Events

Thank you for your support for our recent Fundraising. We raised over £90.00 for the British Heart Foundation on Wear Red Day. Sponsorship money for the Pancake races is still being handed in and we will let you know the final amount in due course.

We do plan to hold a Friends of Sunningwell School meeting on Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm. If you would like to come and be part of the group organising events and fundraising for the school, please do come along. We really do need your help!

Classroom News

Class 1

Our topic for this term is “The Hidden World in my Garden”. We will be reading stories and poems about plants and mini beasts, planting different seeds in our outdoor garden and observing how plants grow and change. It would be great if you could talk about different plants you spot when you go for a walk with your child. We welcome any home learning projects. You may like to encourage your child to plant different types of seeds and take photos of their plants.

Inspired by one of our school values, friendship, and part of a global learning project our school will start a friendship link with the International Maarif School of Bucharest, Romania.

During the current academic year, the children from the Reception class at Sunningwell School and the children from the Reception class at International Maarif School of Bucharest will begin a cultural exchange project and find out about similarities and differences within cultures through storytelling, drama, music and art.

As always, we highly value parents’ comments and observations about their children, so please continue to send in your child’s WOW moments.

Thank you!

Class 2

Welcome back to Class 2.

This term we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We are learning about why it started and was such a big fire. We have been busy looking at what the houses looked like in 1666 and made some models of these houses. In a few weeks’ time we are hoping to have our own Great Fire of London, when we will burn our houses to see how the fire spread.

Our text for this term is The Fox and the Star. We are looking forward to finding out about this new book and have opportunities to do some creative writing.

We are continuing with looking at measures and shape this term in Maths. If there are any opportunities at home to do any measuring please have a go, this could be measuring how wide a room is to measuring ingredients for baking.

Please continue to read at home with your children and record this in your reading journals.

Class 3

In Class 3 this term, we are moving on from our rainforest topic to learn all about plants.

We will also be learning all about different types of poetry, as we read 'Performance Poetry' by Julia Donaldson.

As we come to the end of our multiplication and division topic, we will be learning about length, perimeter and area, however we will still be carrying on with regular Times Table Rock Stars.

Class 4

Just a few lines from us all here in Class 4!

As I write we are celebrating 'Kindness Week' this week and so we are all looking at ways both to show kindness and to celebrate our friends who go the 'extra mile' to make sure our class is a great place to be.

There is a lovely working feel in the class right now friends - our literacy work, based on our new book, 'Way Home' by Libby Haythorn is presenting us with some challenging ideas about friendship, homelessness and the concept of 'belonging'.

Our work in maths continues with emphasis on decimals, place value, percentages, and ratio.

In a couple of weeks' time we have a science session booked at the Abingdon School Science Department where we will be looking through microscopes at cells and learning about the importance of DNA. Finally,

I just commend our Year 6s to you for their dedication and work as they approach their SATS In May. Business as usual in Class 4!

Mrs. Goodenough, our student teacher, Miss Charles and I send our best wishes home.