



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter – September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are so pleased to have all the children back into school and that they have settled so well back into school. We welcome many new children into our school.

Dates for this term

Sadly, it will not be possible to have our usual MacMillan Coffee Morning this year. We would, however, like to support this charity again so we will hold a non-school uniform day on Friday Sept 25th. Please be generous in donating at least a pound per child. A small cake will be provided for each child by the school.

Harvest festival. We will be celebrating this in the week commencing 19th October and would welcome the donations of food (pasta, soups, rice, tinned food etc) for the Abingdon Food Bank (<https://abingdon.foodbank.org.uk/>) during that week.

October 20th Flu Vaccinations administered by School Nurses.

Term Dates are available on the school website.

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 behaviour. Please let your child's class teacher or the school office know if you feel that any circumstances may affect their learning and well-being in school.

Fundraising – PTA

Whilst we are limited in event we can hold at the moment, we do need people who would be happy to organise some fundraising. We would like to raise funds to buy some new playground equipment and Chromebooks this year.

We receive many idea's on how we can do fund-raising but we need people who are happy to take on projects.

We are hoping to hold our Christmas Hamper Raffle it could be the biggest yet – but we need your help.

Photography

Do we have anyone that is a budding photographer? If so Pearl in the School Office would be very pleased to receive an email from you.

Please don't feed the staff

We have been overwhelmed with the kind words and gifts of chocolates and cakes over the past few months. It has been very much appreciated.

However, we want to model to the children healthy eating habits and so we would kindly ask that if you would like to bring in treats for the staff room, they are healthy snacks such as fruit or fruit based energy bars (very much needed some days)

After School Club

ASC is a vital facility for some parents. It is, however, a charity and cannot be supported by general school funding. We need to strike a balance, therefore, between keeping numbers around fifteen (for safety during COVID) and ensuring that it is financially viable. Whilst places are limited, they do need to be filled.

Parents Evenings

We have had many questions about Parents Evenings this year and they will be carried out online. They will take place shortly after October half term when the teachers will have had chance to get to know new pupils and give feedback on progress. More details will follow this term.

Christmas Activities

It looks highly likely that we will not be able to have our Nativity service this year. However, we are planning to hold something that will enable parents/carers to celebrate Christmas together – watch this space.

We will also plan Christmas activities for the children. Will still have a Christmas lunch and party and trying to work out how Santa can visit us this year!

Our end of term service will not take place at church on December 17th, however we will finish school at 2pm on that day. Children should be collected from school at this time.

Whole School

Each class has begun this year by learning about our amazing brains. Next week, the children will find out our whole school topic for this half term. We will be following a treasure hunt around Sunningwell, looking for clues to help us work out what our new topic is!

Details to follow.