



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter Update -18th September

Dear Parents/Carers

The weather has been a real blessing over the last week and it has, as ever, been a joy to witness your children working and playing together. Life is not back to normal by any means and you will be aware that there are rumblings in government about disruption later in the term. We want to keep Sunningwell Primary open so some sacrifices will need to be made by all of us. Please read the following in that spirit.

Social Distancing

Can we please ask adults to maintain social distancing when you are on the school premises to collect/drop off children. We have received notifications from local residents about gatherings of parents on the cricket pitch after pick up. The latest Government requirement is that groups should only gather outside in groups of six and this includes children. There are confirmed cases of COVID-19 at local schools and we may only be able to keep it at bay if we follow the guidance.

Dates for this week

MacMillan Coffee Morning. Sadly, we cannot have a coffee morning for obvious reasons, but we would like to hold a fund-raising (for MacMillan) 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.

Please put donations in an envelope (we cannot accept money not in an envelope) or make donations via ParentMail. Thank you

Active Lives Survey

We will be sending out a survey next week and we would appreciate your time in completing it.

Please FEED the staff

We sent a message last week requesting that you kindly refrain from sending in all the lovely treats of cakes and chocolates that we receive. Oh dear! Some staff members were rather upset!

We are trying to model healthy eating but we would still like to have the occasional treat. Please, therefore, resume sending in whatever scrumptious treats that you would like to!

We do like cake and chocolate and healthy stuff too! Thank you.

Classroom News

Class I

It has been lovely getting to know the children in Class 1 over the past few days. They have settled in well and have already started to build friendships.

This term in Reception we will be focusing on getting to know each other and finding out what makes us special and unique. We will discuss emotions and learn to recognise and define how we feel. We will talk about ourselves and our families, about our homes and the place where we live. As part of this, we would kindly ask you to email a photo of your home to the school's email address, so that the children can identify their own home and talk about it. We would also like you to share stories with your children about some of your experiences growing up. There is no need to record these in any way, we just wish to encourage these conversations.

At Sunningwell C of E Primary School we value parents' comments and observations about their children. Each child in Class 1 has his/her own individual learning journal where we record their development and progress. To help us gain an understanding of your child's learning journey, we would like you to record your child's WOW moments that happen outside school time. It may be that they did something that they may have found previously difficult, for example wrote their name, made a cake, put on a play for you, learnt some impressive historical facts or played really well with their sibling or cousin ... it could be anything! We also welcome photographs, writing or any evidence to support the contents of the WOW comments (please see the attached template on which you can record your comments).

Thank you for your support and cooperation

Class 2

Welcome to Class 2!

Our book for this term is called 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. Within this book we are going to be doing many different types of writing including a Guidebook to Earth and different types poetry.

In Maths we will begin by looking at place value and then moving onto addition and subtraction in a few weeks, we will be using lots of different pieces of equipment within our maths lessons to help us to understand number.

Please remember to record all types of reading in reading records.

Class 3

Welcome back! It has been truly lovely to have a full Class 3 again after so long.

I was delighted to see how happy the children were to come back to school, they have settled back into school life incredibly well. I am very proud of the resilience they have shown over the past six months.

During our literacy lessons so far, we have enjoyed looking at Oliver Jeffers' book 'Here we are, which has prompted thoughtful and emotional conversations about being back at school, and will also provide us with lots of writing opportunities. In Maths, we have begun our topic of 'Place Value, which we will be focussing on for the duration of this half term.

Class 4

Welcome back to a new academic year – it is so lovely having all the children back, ready and eager to learn.

This term we are spending our first full week looking at how our brain works, the different ways we all learn, how to improve our memory and how we can look after our brain. We have already made our own brain hats and neurons. In literacy, we are starting our new class text 'Wolf Brother' which has the class gripped already. Lots of pupils are wanting to buy their own copy of the book so they can read along in class! In maths we are starting with place value, which is so important to the foundations of understanding number. We will be getting active in our maths too, as we use different fun approaches to our learning.

Organisation is key in Class 4 in preparation for secondary school.

Each pupil has their own planner to help them keep organised. Home learning tasks are written into the planners and the children are encouraged to highlight a completed task when it is handed in. Pupils are also encouraged to record their reading in their planners, as it is important they read frequently and read a book through to the end.

Thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have come back with such a positive mindset, particularly after such a difficult few months. We are so lucky to have such enthusiastic, resilient and caring children. It's lovely to be back and teaching such a fab class!