



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter – November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

A few updates and information.

We are sorry to start our Newsletter with a list of COVID-19 related requests but we are in the middle of a pandemic and do need to minimize the risk of infection for parents, staff and the children, so we would really appreciate your support with the following actions.

- **Drop off/Pick up times**
 - Can we please ask you to adhere to the staggered drop off and pick up times. Please do not access the school site before 8.40am or 3.00pm in the afternoons. You may see that the pedestrian gate is closed in the mornings, please do not open this and enter the school site before 8.40am. Thank you to those parents/carers in Class 3 and 4 who are dropping their children off at the gate.
- **One Way System**
 - If Grandparents/friends are collecting children, can you please inform them of the one-way system around school site. Can we please ask everyone to adhere strictly to the one-way system. Children must be collected from outside *their* classrooms and not encouraged to walk 'back' along the school to a parent who is waiting for another child.
- **Social Distancing**
 - Whilst on the school site please maintain the social distance requirement of 2 metres and do not congregate on the school site or lane.

Parking in the Village

We do try our best to maintain good relations with those who live in the village. We have received some telephone calls from residents who have had their driveways blocked by parents when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Can we please ask you to be considerate when parking in the lane and through the village.

School Staff

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Cook tomorrow. She has worked for the school for over 20 years in various roles including running our After School Club for many years and working with the children in classes. She has been an amazing member of staff and we will miss her very much. We do wish her the very best for her retirement.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 12th November – School Photos

No sibling or family photos will be available. Your child will be given their proof and details how to order photos so look out for these next Thursday. All orders need to be made online.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	Charity Christmas Dress Up/Jumper day (Please do not go to the expense of buying new outfits/jumpers for this day)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December	Last Day of term – school closes at 2.00pm

We are pleased to say that we will be holding an online Nativity performance, more news will follow!

News from the Classrooms

Whole School topic

Our science topic for this half term is called 'Home Sweet Home', we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. We have begun our topic with a pet day, which was very exciting! As part of this day, we also did lots of activities about living things and their habitats, including exploring the animals which live in the Spinney. We are really excited about this topic and we already have lots of fun things planned!

Class 2

Welcome back.

We hope that you had a restful half term.

This term in Class 2 we will be basing our literacy around the book *Halibut Jackson* by David Lucas. We will be learning how to describe characters and settings while discovering this book. For maths we are continuing to look at addition and subtraction strategies as well as beginning to learn about multiplication being repeated addition.

Our topic this term is going to be focusing on Animals and their habitats. We will be looking at our local environment at what animal habitats we have around us and what makes them a good place for those animals.

We are going to be continuing to learn how to read music within our music lessons and beginning to learn how to apply this to playing the recorder – please ensure your child has a descant recorder in school on Wednesdays.

Please continue to record ALL reading in your reading records, including talking about books that you have read at home together as well as books sent home to read.

Class 3

Class 3 have all worked so incredibly hard since the start of September, so half term was definitely a very well-deserved break! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing week. This week we will be starting our new maths topic, which is all about addition and subtraction. We will be using all our place value knowledge to help us with our understanding. We will also be beginning our new literacy book – 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, an exciting and funny book all about a boy on an adventure to find his parents. We are very excited to get stuck into our new science topic!

Class 4

It is lovely to have Class 4 back after half term. They have come back rested and full of energy. This term we are excited to start our new topic called 'Home Sweet Home'. We will be learning about plants, animals and their habitats. We look forward to using the school grounds as part of our learning. In Literacy, we are starting our class book 'The Last Wild'. We have already made some links to 'Wolf Brother' and can't wait to read more. We will be creating newspaper reports,

descriptions, drama and poetry in our lessons. In Maths, we are finishing work on factors, multiples and order of operations before moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages. We are also looking at a word problem each day and using the bar model to help us solve them.