



Sunningwell Primary School

SUMMER TERM 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you enjoyed the half term holiday. We are very pleased to have the children back at school. We do hope that we will have a good amount of sunshine this term so please ensure your child has sunscreen applied each morning and has a sun hat and bottle of water every day.

COVID -19 Update

Thank you for adhering to the drop off and pick up routines each day, it is very much appreciated. We would encourage that children are dropped off at the school gate in the morning. Reception children may be accompanied.

Dates for the Diary – June/July

Wednesday 30 th June	Charity Clothing Collection Ice Breaker Day – Sunningwell children only
Friday 2 nd July	Sports Day (sadly no spectators allowed)
Monday 5 th July	Class 1 – Online Parent consultations
Tuesday 6 th July	Class 2/3/4 Online Parent consultations
Wed 7 th July	NHS Big Tea Fundraiser
Friday 9 th July	School Trip to Blenheim Palace
Tuesday 13 th	Open evening – Celebration of work Class 1 and 4
Wednesday 14 th July	Leavers Service – Parents of Year 6 children only.
Tuesday 20 th	Open evening – Celebration of work Class 2 and 3
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term – 2.00pm

At this current time, it is envisaged that we will not be able to allow spectators for our Sports Day. We know this is disappointing for all. We will try and upload the Year 6 race and the medal ceremony onto Google Classrooms so that they can be viewed.

The open evenings will be outside due to COVID-19 requirements for schools. If it rains, then we will contact Class groups to advise on the situation.

School Reports will be sent out on 25th June. Details on Parent Consultations will be sent out with school reports.

Birthday Treats

We all enjoy birthday treats. We would kindly ask, however, that sweet treats are not brought to school or distributed on the school field or gate after school. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, a donation of a book would be appreciated.

Parking in the Lane and Village

We have received several complaints from residents in the lane and the village about parking. Most schools have difficulty with parking, and we are not unique in the respect. However, our situation is rare in that the school is on a private lane.

Dealing with parking issues is not pleasant for anyone (including school staff) and we certainly do not wish for anyone to be involved in altercations about parking.

Can we please ask you to be courteous about where you park and remember that residents need space to drive in and out of their driveways.

Optical Tests

Many children missed out on having sight tests done at school during lockdown. We would really encourage parents to arrange regular optician appointments for their children, especially for children in Reception and Year 1 who missed out the sight tests carried out in school.

Child Pedestrian Safety Survey

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety team would like you to have your say to help improve the advice and guidance they provide to parents in relation to child pedestrian safety.

Your feedback will enable them to further improve the information they offer to parents and carers to help keep children safer on our roads.

For more information and to complete the short survey please visit here.

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

News from the Classrooms

Class 1

Welcome back!

In Reception we are going to continue with our topic "Around the world" and we will focus on narratives from Africa, Asia, and Europe. We will learn about different customs, traditions, music, and dance from other countries and talk about similarities and differences between cultures.

Hopefully, this will trigger the children's curiosity to find out more about the amazing places on Earth. We will use the world map to locate different countries and understand what the different colours on the map represent.

We will read both fiction and non-fiction books and find out about the way people live in other countries, the types of animals you might find in a particular part of the world as well as modes of travel and transport (past and present).

In maths we will learn to double and share different amounts, look at odd and even numbers (1-20), numerical patterns and spatial reasoning.

We are going to continue having weekly 'mystery readers' in Class 1, who will read to the children one of their favourite stories. We welcome everyone's involvement, so please get in touch with the school office if you have a favourite story to share and ten minutes to spare.

Please continue to read to and with your child at home and write a short comment in your child's reading record.

Thank you for all your support!

Class 2

Welcome back to Class 2.

We are looking forward to this busy term at Sunningwell and hope you are too.

Our text in literacy this term is *The Adventures of the Egg Box Dragon*. We will be getting creative during this block of work by creating our own dragons out of junk modelling as well as writing our own poems and stories about dragons.

In maths we are learning to tell the time, please ask us at different points in the day what the time is and we will try to tell you. This practise will really help. We will also be learning about other types of measurement, including length, height, weight, and mass.

Our topic this term is 'Everything Matters' where we will be looking at lots of different materials, their properties and suitability. This will be strongly linked with our literacy text. We will also be learning about recycling too.

Please remember to keep reading and record all reading in your reading records. The more you read the most house points you could earn for your house! In addition, do not forget the weekly spelling tests on Fridays.

Mrs Barnett and Mrs Knowland.

Class 3

Hasn't time flown... I can't believe we've already made it to the last half term of this year!

We have had a fantastic first week back and we have enjoyed making the most of the beautiful weather.

Our new science topic is all about materials, rocks, and states of matter. We have already learnt about different types of rock, and we have loved learning about how fossils are formed using jelly and sweets.

We have also enjoyed reading our new literacy book which is called 'The Stone Mouse' by Jenny Nimmo and we have shared lots of brilliant ideas about the characters and their feelings.

In maths, we have been learning about angles and 2D shapes and we have noticed that angles are everywhere!

Lots of the children have been struggling with the heat and have been getting a little bit cranky! Please make sure your child has a hat, sun cream on and lots of water in school every day.

We have got lots of fun things planned for the last few weeks of this academic year and I am certainly going to be making the most of my remaining time in Class 3.

Class 4

We have a busy Summer Term ahead for Class 4.

In literacy we are studying a picture book called 'Wild'. We are enjoying doing lots of art, class discussions and drama to help us with our writing.

In maths we are finishing our work on pie charts and finding averages. We are moving on to working with time. We really enjoy our active maths and exploring maths in investigation mornings.

Our topic this term is about materials called 'Everything Matters'. We will be conducting science experiments and using our recent maths learning on data and graphs to present our scientific findings.

We also have lots of sporting events this term. 12 pupils in Class 4 have already represented Sunningwell Sport at a fantastic archery competition. We can't wait for upcoming tournaments in tennis, cricket, girl's football and tag rugby.

Year 6 are busy taking part in cycling proficiency and learning how to cycle safely on the roads.

It is our Year 6's last term at Sunningwell and we are filling the diary with lots of fun events for them to celebrate their time here.

There are also transition sessions as we prepare them for their secondary school. The class also have a creative art week coming up and a school trip.