



Seven Fields Primary School-Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Now that we have managed to get through one of the wettest October's on record, inevitably we have started to see the weather turn much colder and this week we also notice the darker evenings. It doesn't quite seem fair.

Fairness is the value we are highlighting for children at the moment. If we think about it, fairness links with a lot of what the world is going through currently. As I write this, the presidential election in the United States of America dominates the media headlines and fairness or unfairness is being raised as a reason for dispute between both parties.

Democracy is a fundamental British value. The right to vote and to elect our members of parliament is a privilege that was hard earned by our ancestors during the world wars which we remember on Sunday. Without standing up for democracy we may well be leading very different lives.

I am conscious though that, during this Covid-19 pandemic, life may seem really unfair. We are asked to keep to guidelines for the good of our families and communities. This is not dictated to us but, during this second national lock down, restrictions have been put in place and we are asked to adhere to them. As this second national lockdown begins, schools have been issued with new guidance that come into force from Monday. Although schools, colleges and universities remain open, other restrictions have been put in place.

Unfortunately, we have been advised to cancel our after-school clubs but, because our breakfast club helps those who are in work, it is remaining open. Those staff members who are clinically extremely vulnerable will be working from home wherever possible and of course the likelihood of us having to close a 'bubble' and encourage you and the children to self-isolate and complete on-line working is increasingly likely. Teachers are continuing to prepare for this situation and my advice to parents is to get ready for the possibility of supporting your child with online learning in such circumstances.

This Covid-19 pandemic has already impacted on many schools including ours but we must remain vigilant with social distancing. **To this affect, from, Monday we are asking parents to wear a mask when they drop off and pick up their child on the school site.** By the school site, we mean as soon as you walk through the gates. It would be best practice to wear one from and to home so as to avoid any 'accidental' adult congregations. Staff may well be wearing a mask when they interface with parents in the morning but not when they are teaching their lessons. Please allow staff to dismiss the whole class before asking them any questions. Please let us know if you will be late picking up your child/children.

PUPILS DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A MASK. Some may choose to wear one on the way to and from school but in lessons adults will not be wearing them. Please follow the guidance on the notices around the building.

Rest assured school is still a welcoming place and your child will be looked after emotionally when on site. We are monitoring attendance closely and please expect a phone call from us and/or Swindon Borough Council if we haven't heard from you about your child's absence. We are obliged to report daily attendance to the DFE.

I wish you a safe weekend. Let's hope that everyone does their bit to stop the spread of the virus by following the message : Hands, Face, Space.



Reception Parents Phonics Meetings

On Thursday 12th of November we will have a phonics parents meeting. It will be live on youtube at 10 o'clock. The live chat will be open and Miss Mitchell and Mrs Wood will be online to answer any questions. If you have a child in reception, year 1 or 2 please make sure you watch this so you can know how to help to learn to read. Keep an eye on dojo for more information.

Thank you

Miss Mitchell



Dojos gained this week

Class	Class	Total Dojos	Class Winner	Attendance
Miss Mitchell	Bumblebees	991	Joey	90.1%
Mrs Still	Fireflies	1207	Freddie H	81.3%
Miss Goss	Robins	940	Destiny	92.5%
Miss Bickle	Sparrows	2002	Levi	98.4%
Mrs Crane & Mr Hanks	Wrens	1530	George	91.9%
Miss Smith & Miss Roberts	Puffins	1619	Annalise	92.3%
Miss Jessop	Kingfishers	2571	Ava	92.4%
Mrs Keye	Hummingbirds	488	Phoebe	85.0%
Miss Peapell	Falcons	375	Aaliyah	85.7%
Mr Donnelly	Eagles	296	Alfie	90.1%

Certificates

The children nominated for a hot chocolate surprise for working hard this week are..... Lola M, Krystal-Rose B, Jayden B, Archie L, Eli W, Scarlett R, Georgia G, Dylan P, Preston P-N, Kaiden B, Leo P, Thomas B, Daisy W, Emily S, Michael H, Darcy S, Esmee C, Max B, Chelsea H, Leon C.

This week the behaviour cup will be awarded to
 Renesmee A and Chester H in Puffins class for great
 behaviour and excellent choices all week



Follow us on twitter @sevenfieldsprim

PE KIT REMINDER

Please remember our PE kit is blue or black shorts or joggers/leggings with white plain t-shirts and daps or trainers.



