



Seven Fields Primary School-Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new term and new academic year. It has been a busy week for us at Seven Fields and, although pupils only came back on Thursday, the staff have been in all week completing their necessary statutory training and getting the classrooms ready for the new term. I am conscious that we have new staff, pupils and parents who have joined our community and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome.

The key message from assembly this afternoon was newness and new shoes. You know that feeling when you put on a new pair of shoes for the first time? They can be a bit stiff and uncomfortable. They are not like your old ones (that are comfy albeit a bit smelly!) Soon though we get used to the newness feelings and it becomes comfortable. I am conscious that this is how our children are feeling at the moment. New teacher, new classrooms and new equipment, new uniform and new books. Soon that feeling of uncomfortableness will go. Ask your child to remain resilient over the next couple of weeks. We all need to remain positive and look on the bright side even though there may well be times when our resilience and perseverance are tested.

Some claim it takes 43 muscles to frown and 17 to smile but actually did you know that we smile more often than we frown and those muscles are stronger! Let's spend this term generating a sense of positivity and a can do attitude at home and at school. Together we can beat any problem through hard work and resilience.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks and months.

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This year Seven Fields are relaunching Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS). This is a fantastic online way to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do calculations. Your child's teacher will set them up over the next week and weekly practice slots will be allocated within the class timetable. It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week. To make a success of this brilliant programme and ensure that your child follows it we really need your help. Without praise and your reminders, practising times tables will not feel important to your child. They can log on at home and play – please do not give them the answers as the programme works out their ability and gauges the level appropriate using an algorithm. Please try and set a few minutes aside each night and allow them to play. We would encourage them to use Garage mode the most at home and Studio. We will be running competitions and tournaments within school and rewarding improvements in rock star status within school across the year. Thank you for your support and we are sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact and help make them a Times Table Rockstar!

Miss Smith and Miss Roberts



PE kits and Swimming

We are extremely excited that this year we are able to take some year groups to The Link Centre for weekly swimming lessons. All year 4 pupils will be given the opportunity to go swimming every Thursday morning up until Christmas. After Christmas, we will then be taking year 3s swimming. Please make sure that if your child has been given a letter about going swimming, that you return it ASAP so that they don't miss out on this great opportunity. We will also inform parents of any other upcoming sports events that we may have throughout the year in advance. Finally, please can you make sure that your children still continue to **wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.**

Miss Jessop



Children from Year 6 put themselves forward for the opportunity to become House Captains and the following candidates have been successful. We would like to introduce you to them as follows:

Scafell Pike: Owen and James

Ben Nevis: Lily and Samual

Snowdon: Alaina and Harry

Slieve Donard: Laylah and Kayden



Children from Grasshopper class have got stuck into their first days back to school with sStorytime, Playtime and Snacktime. They have been very busy exploring their classroom and making new friends.





Remember!

The school gates open at the following times:

8:30am for the children to be settled in class by 8:45am

3pm for children to be collected from class at 3:05pm

Please make sure you arrive in good time for both drop off and pick up.

Thank You



Parents of children in Bumblebee, Butterflies and Caterpillar classes need to keep an eye out on for Dojo posts regarding up to date induction times and start dates.

And Finally...

Regular attendance at school is something that is vital to the educational success of any child and is taken seriously by us. As we begin the new academic year, we would like to inform parents of our new graduated approach to reduce the number of unnecessary and unexplained absences. If your child is not at school and you have not contacted us to explain why this is then you will initially receive a text message. If we do not get a response from this, you will then receive a phone call and/or Dojo message from a member of the pastoral team and, as a last resort, we will visit your home address to find out why your child is not in school and to check on their welfare. Children who are persistently absent will also receive a home visit from a member of the pastoral team as we need to ensure they are safe and well.

School Uniform:

Please be reminded that school uniform is to be worn everyday at school except for on your child's PE day which you can find out from your class teacher.



School Dinners

We would like to apologise for the confusion caused with ParentPay this week. We can confirm that everything is back to normal so please continue to order by midnight every Thursday for the following week.



