



South Hiendley Primary School

"Everyone Equal, Everyone Happy"

NEWSLETTER (10.09.20)

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Dear parents

Thank you for your support and continued patience this week while we refine our coming to school and leaving procedure.

South Hiendley is uniquely challenged in that we only have one small entrance and exit point for the school. This will always mean that it is a challenge to socially distance for families arriving and leaving school; it is therefore so important that everyone takes a personal responsibility in this matter and works with the school times as requested. We are striking a fine balance here, so please continue to be patient. Your support is noted and greatly appreciated by all staff.

Thank you

I am sure all parents will join me in thanking the wonderful staff today. They have worked so hard over the holidays to prepare the school, and the learning environment is safe, attractive and stimulating for all children. Their dedication and care are second to none. Thank you to all the staff.

Pupils have also returned to school in an exemplary fashion – smart, punctual, well behaved and absolutely ready to learn! Thank you to all the families who have cared for, looked after and taught their children so well over this lockdown period. It has been hard, but things are looking brighter.

Upcoming dates this half term

These are subject to review due to the ongoing situation; however, it is useful to have notice of the intended dates as follows:

Date	Event
WC: 14.9.20	We will be electing the school council and eco team. Children will be able to apply for librarian and play leader roles as well.
WC: 5.10.20	We will be holding a focus week on Progression in Painting across the school, linking to role models within Black History Month.
12.10.20	We will be learning about world mental health day This week, we will also be arranging parent consultations, to discuss how your child is settling into school. This will be held in a way that is appropriate to the current conditions (re COVID); more details will follow.
22.10.20	Virtual Harvest Festival: The school will organise a Harvest Festival. This will most likely be streamed / filmed. Again, more details will follow.

Breakfast club

We know that many parents are anxious for this to be set up as soon as possible. We have been asked to ensure the return of pupils to school before looking at the logistics of this. Within the breakfast club, each "bubble" of children is required to be kept separate. There are therefore space issues to consider, and staffing issues, as we would need a significantly increased number of staff to work these hours. We will survey the parents to ascertain demand in a week or two.

Homework

Please see the information from Ms. Frith below setting out how we will be undertaking homework this year.

Homework in Years 1 to 6 will be set every Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday. They will also be given a list of spellings to learn. These will not necessarily be given on Thursdays; it depends what day of the week the spelling tests are in the different classes. Whatever day the spellings are given, the test will be on the same day the following week.

The homework will be set on Seesaw by the class teacher who will then respond with a simple comment.

Pupils will be given:

An English task related to one of the objectives that they are covering that week.

A Maths task relating to one of the objectives that they are covering that week.

A list of spellings.

They will also be encouraged to access Times Table Rock Stars so that they can continue in their quest to be Rock Heroes!

A reading book will also be sent home each Friday, along with their Reading Records. We would like them to read to an adult at least 3 times a week. If possible, could a photo be taken and uploaded to Seesaw showing that they have read to an adult.

First week back – new start at school!

Thank you to all the parents for the warm welcome you have shown to me this week. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in the school playground and speaking with some of you on the phone. I am delighted to be working with you here in this wonderful school; how lucky I feel! Thank you.

Thank you

Steve Walker

Headteacher

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