

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and understanding as we approach the end of the first half term. Covid-19 has thrown lots of new challenges at us and the children and staff have managed all of them superbly. Seeing the children so happy to be back at school has been a joy to observe and we are all looking forward to another successful half term leading up to Christmas.

Next week sees everyone getting a well-deserved break where I do hope everyone manages to get some rest. A reminder that the school breaks up for half-term on Friday 23 October and we return on Monday 2 November.

As you will all be aware there has been a significant increase in the amount of positive cases seen in the local area with many schools and colleges having to close bubbles. We have been incredibly fortunate as we have not had to do this and I hope that this continues. It does however make us all aware that we need to remain safe and extra vigilant. It is very important that everyone continues to follow the systems we have put into place and I ask for your full support in this.

Can I please ask that we all continue to socially distance and inform the school of any child needing to self-isolate so we can ensure that everyone in our community remains safe and prevent the risk of infection spreading. Pick up and drop off times are especially important as these are key times social distancing is at its hardest. Please ensure that you remain 2 metres away from people who are outside of your social bubble.

In the event of a Covid-19 case at school what will happen next?

Should we be made aware that someone in our school has tested positive the following steps will be taken:

- If a single child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19 we will inform all parents and give clear advice on what you need to do next. All communication will be based on the advice we receive from Public Health England.
- It may be likely that a small number of children and staff will be asked to remain at home for 14 days if they have been in direct contact for a prolonged period of time with a confirmed case. We will contact you directly if this is the case.
- I would kindly ask that if you are in any doubt about whether your child should be attending school that you contact the school office for clarification.
- The school will remain open for all other children not asked to self-isolate and they should only stop attending school if they become unwell.

How will my child be educated in the event of a positive test result, bubble or whole school closure?

As before during lockdown we will share home learning via the school website. Please access the Home Learning tab and follow the instructions on your child's class page.

For the first two days the children will be provided with two days of learning whilst the teachers prepare the remainder of the isolation period. Teacher interactive learning will begin from day 3.

In the event of a closure we plan to provide a mixture of learning activities that may include video links, powerpoints with a class teacher voice over, live lessons using Google Classroom and links to other teaching online, for example, online Oak National Lessons.

All of the children have had a G Suite account set up and the details of their log on will be provided via scopay after the half term holiday. Please be aware that this is a work in progress and staff are working incredibly hard at the moment getting prepared for a more interactive form of remote learning whilst also delivering the day to day curriculum at school.



During the first week back at school the children will have opportunities in their classrooms to use Google Classroom so they become familiarised with how it works.

We are also in the process of producing a 'how to guide' for parents. Please look out for this as it will be sent out shortly.

Google Classroom will enable us to continue teaching the children from their current learning points and will ensure that the children have contact with their teachers.

Please do be patient with us whilst we get this up and running and hopefully (fingers crossed) it will all go to plan.

A zoom virtual parent workshop is planned for Wednesday 4th November at 6pm to demonstrate how to use this facility. An invite will be sent to you on the afternoon of the meeting via scopay.

What happens if there is a confirmed case during half term?

Should anyone in your household have a confirmed case of Covid-19 during the half term break please inform me via email. I will be checking this frequently over the holiday.

h.morris@burley.hants.sch.uk or h.morris@sopley.hants.sch.uk

Parents' Consultations

Due to not being able to hold face to face parent consultations we will be holding virtual meetings via zoom. You will need to book in the usual way via scopay. Zoom log on details will be issued on the day for online safety reasons. All appointments will last for 10 minutes. You will need to start your meetings promptly as we will not be able to run over. If for example, you join 2 minutes after your slot is due to start you will only then have 8 minutes left of your time.

We hope that this will work effectively and that it will provide you with an opportunity to hear how your child is settling back in to school and what their current learning strengths and areas for development are.

Parent consultation meetings are;

Tuesday 10th November between 4pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 12th November between 5pm and 7pm

Ant-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

As part of ant-bullying week we will be holding an Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. This is an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We ask that all children come in to school wearing odd socks and adults will be talking to the children over the course of the week about anti-bullying.



Virtual Parents Meeting

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our first virtual parents talk at the beginning of October. I hope you all found it helpful and left the meeting with a clearer insight of how we are working at school especially in relation to Reading and Phonics. Our next virtual meeting will be on Google Classroom and an invite will be sent nearer the time. I hope you can all join us.

Outdoor Learning Day

All of the children had such an amazing day enjoying a wide range of different activities outdoors linked to our half term value theme of KINDNESS. The children had a fantastic day and we were so proud of how all of the children engaged with the day. There were so many happy and smiling faces.



Each class has produced a newsletter which you will receive today that has lots of lovely photographs giving you just a small taster of the activities the children enjoyed.

We are so fortunate to have such beautiful grounds and the resources to learn outside.

Prompts and reminders

Please use the link to find the latest Government Covid-19 information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

Outdoor Shoes

If possible please could you send your child/children into school with a pair of outdoor shoes to remain in school for use on the playground and field at play times. We would like the children to learn outside as much as possible and due to the weather the school carpets are becoming rather muddy! If your child is in lower school and already has wellies in school then they will not need to bring a change of shoes in.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Value Certificates

The following children have received certificates for demonstrating our school values

Grace
Rowan
Jensen
Isabella
Sigrid
Johnny
Teddy
Oscar
Olivia
Kimberley
William
Lillierose
Lily H
Alicja

WOW Work

The following children's work has been on display because their work has demonstrated enthusiasm and ambition towards their learning

Emily A
Sarah
Orlaith
Jensen
Jamie
Eva
Oscar
Harvey
Zach
Sofia R
Riley
Mya
Ethan T
Emily R

The winning house this half term was Horse Chestnut. Well done to all the children for working so hard to earn dojos!

