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NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2020

Children who showed the virtue of Thankfulness

Rec – Grace
Year 1 – Elliot
Year 2 – Esabella
Year 3 – Elsie
Year 4 – Iris B
Year 5 – Lucas G
Year 6 – Whole Class

We have been talking to the children about Thankfulness. Most parents and children are Thankful to be back in school and following all our new procedures. Unfortunately, there are a **few parents being very selfish.**

Please take note of the email above. Please look again at the Quick Guide to parents on the website and please park carefully. We have had several phone calls from a resident on Crofters Lea – who has now taken photographs of cars and is/has contacted the police with photographs of dangerous parking. Many parents have very large cars – and I know that the church carpark is becoming increasingly busy – please take care. We do not want our school **in the news** after a serious accident with a child from our school or any neighbouring schools. In addition, it is illegal to leave engines running whilst parked – please think of the environment! Moreover, if you are approached for selfish parking please have the manners to acknowledge this as the resident said that she was very insulted by a parent from Ss PP who she approached about their parking. If grandparents or other relatives drop of pick up children please share this newsletter and the quick guide for them.

Mrs Todd

Here is a copy of the email reminder sent home earlier in the week.

Please refrain from standing outside school talking to other parents once children have been dropped off. It is important that the school site be cleared as soon as possible.

Please DO NOT enter the school office for any reason, please phone or email if you need assistance and staff will be happy to help.

Children need to be on time, not too early and not too late. Please could Reception children who do not have siblings come to school no earlier than 8.55am.

For those Reception children that have siblings in school, you may come through the school hall door at 8.50am from Monday.

MEDICAL AUDIT

You will have received an email via Parentmail earlier this week asking you to email the school office with any medical conditions/dietary needs that your child/ren may have. Please can you email the school office with this information as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure that all information we hold is up to date. Thank you to those that have already responded.

Parents Meetings – These are now on the Class Pages on the website. If you have not looked at the appropriate one for you, I suggest you do so. The Knowledge Organisers lay out what your child will be learning in each subject term by term, as well as other important information.

Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – This has been rebooked for April

Individual School Photographs – Thursday 24th September – no family photographs at this time.

Training Day – Friday 23rd October – school closed to children

School Re-Opens – Monday 2nd November

Head Teacher Vacancy – Closing date for applications is Monday 21st September and Interviews will take place on Friday 2nd October. Please promote this vacancy with anyone who is eligible. Further details on the Trust website [Headteacher Vacancy](#) and if you are interested please contact Mark Foster our chair of governors for an informal discussion m.foster@sppyeadon.org

PE TIMETABLE - REMINDER

As mentioned in the Risk Assessment children can come to school in PE uniform on the day they have PE.

Monday – Year 3 and Year 5, **Tuesday** -Year 1, **Wednesday** Year 2 and Year 5, **Thursday**- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. **Friday** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.

Reception will not have PE in PE kit until after the October half-term holiday.

Year 4 will be swimming on Wednesdays and we will let you know exactly when they are starting as soon as we have confirmation. The children will wear their school uniform on swimming days.

HOMEWORK

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes per day in Reception to Year 2 and 15 minutes for Years 3-6. This will be a levelled book from our reading spine. Parents of younger children are asked to record what their child has read – for example from pages 12 – 24 and how well they have read and understood. Children also have access to a library book in Reception and Year 1. Children in Years 2 to 6 will also bring home one of their class 100 books. In addition to this, we encourage children to read their own books at home.

Some year groups and individuals have access to Lexia, all pupils have access to Symphony Maths and from Year 2 upwards Times Tables Rock Stars. We have also introduced Spelling shed for Years 3 - 6 this year. The more you can support your children at home the more equipped they will be to handle work in class. I know many parents have completed lots of home learning during Lockdown and it was a pleasure to see all the work the children did. However, it is important that we begin again with renewed vigour and do not feel jaded from the previous experience but begin again to support our children in this new academic year. The computer programmes mentioned children should be able to complete on their own. I know it is hard for many working parents to find the time each evening but the value of your interest, in your child's learning, cannot be underestimated

SCHOOL LUNCH

We will be using 'Grab Bags' up until half term, from half term we will be returning to normal meals but with no jacket potato option. We have had a number of children saying they are still hungry after eating the grab bag and nutritionally they do seem very high in carbohydrates and not as 'balanced' as we would like. Those parents that have cancelled school meals can have a look at the new menu when it comes out and decide if they want to re-start. We are being flexible at this time as we realise it is very difficult for parents if children are coming home saying they are hungry. However, from January once a decision is made you need to maintain this decision (be it for the child to bring a packed lunch or have a school dinner for the full half term).

SCHOOL APP FACILITY AND PARENTMAIL– Reception Parents Please read

Most parents now use the school app and we are sure you will agree how useful it is for receiving information and general notices from school. For our new parents, please could we ask that you try to download 'School Jotter' on your mobile device following the link: <http://www.schooljotter.com/school-jotter-mobile-app/> Once you have downloaded the app, please look at the settings section and select the classes/groups you would like to receive notifications for.

Your email addresses have now been entered onto **Parentmail** too. We use Parentmail to send the majority of our letters home, rather than printing them. Please keep an eye on your inbox for notifications.

If you require any help with either of these communication methods, please call the school office and they will be happy to help.