



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 23rd October 2020

It has been a very strange and different start to the new academic and I thank you all for your patience and understanding with all the changes and new measures we have put in place in response to the Covid pandemic. We have reached the end of the first half term and I am pleased to say that the children have coped so well with all the changes and how they have just got back in the routines of school so happily and enthusiastically. They have been an absolute pleasure and they are a credit to you.

The teachers have continued to plan exciting and stimulating lessons and experiences for the children despite the constraints of our covid safety measures. It has been fantastic to see the EYFS children making the most of our great outdoors, looking for and collecting signs of nature in their immediate environment, and the children in KS2 making a range of artefacts and art pieces that support their knowledge and understanding of their topic work on continents. It was an absolute pleasure to watch the awe and wonder on the faces of the children in Year 2 as they experienced a range of familiar and less familiar animals first hand. Thank you to the adults in the school who brought in their pets, such as a snake, a tortoise, a chicken and dog to share with the children and explain how these animals behave and how to care for them. The children learned so much and asked sensible questions to extend their knowledge.

Year 6 parents, please ensure you have completed your child's secondary school application. This **has** to be received by School Admissions by 30th October 2020, in order to secure a school place for September next year. This is an online application system; if you experience difficulties with this, please email the school office and we will do what we can to support you with this.

Please ensure you send back your child's flu vaccination letter fully completed with a signature when we return after the half term please if you have not done so yet. If you have lost the letter please email the office and we will send another one home with your child.

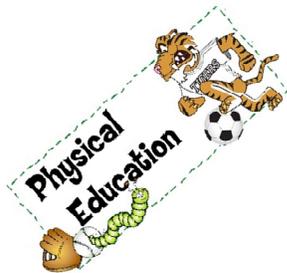
We have been working really hard to get our online learning platform ready to support our home learning offer in the event of class bubble or whole school closure due to the Covid pandemic.

Children will bring home a unique log in after half term, which will allow them to access Google Classroom, and with further teaching in class they will then be able to show you how they access Google Classroom from home. We would like to know from you, if home learning is a problem for you due to the lack of technology and devices available to your children at home. If this is an issue for you, please email your child's year group mailbox and we may be able to overcome this through the loaning of suitable equipment.

Our drop off and collection times are working really well and I thank you for adhering to our one-way systems at both gates. If you do not wish to follow this rule when dropping off, remember you can let your child walk into school by themselves, there are always members of staff who will ensure they get to their classrooms safely. The gates open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am.

Please wear a face covering when on the school premises. This is to ensure the safety of everyone and whilst we cannot enforce this we appreciate your cooperation.

We still ask that you send your child in on their PE day dressed in their PE kit (see below for your child's PE day) not normal uniform. Please ensure that as the weather becomes colder they wear black joggers, bottle green sweatshirt and dark trainers, as they will continue to do PE outside, unless it is wet. Please do not drop their kit off at the office if they have forgotten to come dressed in sportswear, the office staff cannot cross bubbles to deliver it to your child's class.



	Year Group PE	
	Year 2	Year 4
WEDS	Year 3	Year 5
THURS	N//R/Y1	Year 6

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their autumn term Parents' Evenings just after half term. Please ensure we have an up to date telephone number for you so that we can contact you to discuss how your child is settling in to their new year group both academically and socially. Please email the office if you have recently changed your telephone number so we can update our system.



Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd November - Parents Consultation Evening for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2

Tuesday 3rd November – Individual School Photographs

Monday 9th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4th December – Reindeer Run

Monday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Attendance is very important in ensuring that children maximise their learning and prevent gaps in their knowledge from happening. Our whole school attendance this week is 83.6%. Well done Woodpecker Class for achieving the highest attendance this week



Red Zone = below 90%
Amber Zone = below 95%
Green Zone = above 95%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Squirrels	78.4	Crocodiles	73.2
Mice	87.7	Penguins	88.8
Hedgehogs	78.3	Canaries	82.2
Foxes	88.0	Dolphins	85.7
Newts	83.2	Pandas	86.5
Woodpeckers	90.4	Geckos	83.1
Meerkats	82.6		

Every Day Counts!