



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 6th November 2020

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing and fun half term, I hope you managed to get out and enjoy some leisure time with your children.

We are very aware that following the first lockdown and now that we are in a second one, the fitness levels of our children are a priority, so Miss Green has introduced 'The Golden Mile'. This allows every child in the school to run/walk **up to** a mile a day on a marked circuit around the playground. The children have loved this additional exercise in the fresh air and it is already making great improvement to the children's levels of stamina.

You may have heard your children talking about eating bagels in school. We are part of a fully funded national project to provide every child in school with a breakfast each morning. This allows us to heat up and send a tray of freshly buttered bagels to every classroom for the children to select one to eat before lesson start, if they wish. This project will run until March 2021, when funding will be reviewed.

We are currently in discussion with the catering service to assess whether or not we can change over to offering a hot meal for school lunch times. I hope that this can start running in the very near future and I will keep you posted on this.

Your child will start bringing home a reading book and reading record. Can you please sign this record every time you hear your child read, which should be at least 3 times (this is only the minimum requirement). Book bags will now be permitted to bring this reading book to and from school and please be assured that when books are returned on Friday, they will be quarantined over the weekend before they are given out to other children on Mondays. **Children only need their book bags in school on Mondays and Fridays.**

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.

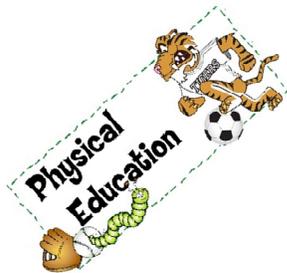
Children will bring home a unique log in today or Monday, which will allow them to access Google Classroom. Please ensure your child has their reading records in school on Monday so that the log in can be pasted in to this for safekeeping. You will have received information via email explaining how to log in to this learning platform, so please do practise this with your child. Your child's class teacher will set some homework that needs to be handed back in electronically. Mr Whiteley has made a handy video tutorial that takes you systematically through the logging on process, which you can find the link to, on the home page of our website. 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 remember to wear a mask or face covering when entering the premises for the safety of everyone.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan

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

Sport's News



Miss Green, our PE teacher has been working hard ensuring that our children still have the opportunity to compete against other schools and children in the borough, in these times of Covid restrictions. Currently all competitions are virtual and we are delighted to let you know that two of our children are the winners of one of these virtual competitions. Zubaida in Panda class and Aditi in Newts Class received skipping ropes as their prize for designing a poster to promote fitness and well-being through skipping. Well done Aditi and Zubaida!



- Monday 9th November – Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need (Non-uniform Day)
- Mon 16th-Fri 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week & Road Safety Week
- Friday 20th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 4th December – Reindeer Run
- Monday 7th December - Bikeability
- 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 93.3%. Well done Meerkats 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	87.7	Crocodiles	94.7
Mice	94.9	Penguins	97.3
Hedgehogs	80.3	Canaries	94.7
Foxes	95.2	Dolphins	98.0
Newts	91.8	Pandas	97.1
Woodpeckers	98.3	Geckos	89.3
Meerkats	98.8		

Every Day Counts!