



9 March 2021

Weekly letter – We're back again!

Dear parents and carers

It has been a great joy to have the children back with us in their classes.



It was good to get back to normal – or as normal as the current restrictions permit. The children adjusted very well to being back in full classes and when I looked in on the classes they seemed to be very focussed. Many enjoyed seeing friends again that they had not seen since December. A number told me that they had felt quite nervous before the return. I hope that they start to feel at home again soon.

We experienced some technical issues with our new internet connection and phone system on Monday, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the problems with the phones or our online services.

After such a long period of absence, the children may find this week quite tiring but I hope that they continue to enjoy it.



There are more photos on the [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#) and [Year 6](#) web pages.

Home COVID tests for families

Thank you to families who have already started taking the twice-weekly home COVID tests. If you have not managed to pick up test kits for the adults in your household, here are the government instructions:

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order test kits

For those who would struggle to get to a collection point, the tests can ordered online [here](#), with delivery expected to take one to two days. They come with instructions on how to take the tests and how to report results back to the NHS.

(It appears that the test centres I mentioned in my last letter will not have kits until 15th March, sorry.)

Parents evening

We plan to hold a parents and carers consultation via video link or phone on the last week of term. More details will follow later this week.

World Book Day

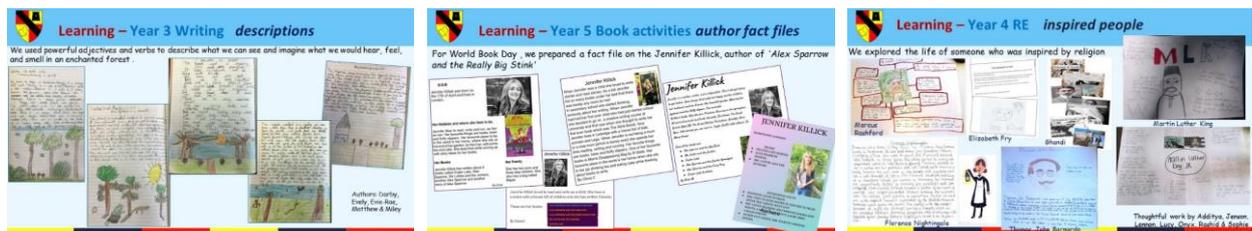
Last week the children enjoyed a remote day of activities which included 'visits' to each class by an author or a poet. They seemed to be really inspired by these visits.

If you have not seen it, the *Masked Reader* is well worth a watch! youtu.be/tKCwXROGLyE



Celebration Assembly

Last week's Assembly was the final one with lockdown learning in it. There were golden awards too: bit.ly/SJScelebration5Mar



Raising funds as a Co-op Community Partner

This year, we are raising funds to provide a safe outdoor area for children to meet and to receive pastoral support. If you shop regularly at a Co-op store, please choose us as your community partner at: membership.coop.co.uk/causes. Please also encourage local friends who shop at a COOP to do the same. This will enable you to raise funds for this project every time to buy Co-op products – at no cost to you!

Thank you to those who have already done so – you have already raised £1,200.

You can see more at our partner page: membership.coop.co.uk/causes/43438

Somerles Junior School

Spaces

We will provide a safe outdoor area for children to meet and to receive pastoral support.

Raised so far:

£1,226.79

[Sign in](#) or [become a Co-op member](#) to support this cause



I would like to thank you again for supporting the children with their learning during lockdown and I hope that you have enjoyed having a bit more time to yourselves this week.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hunt