

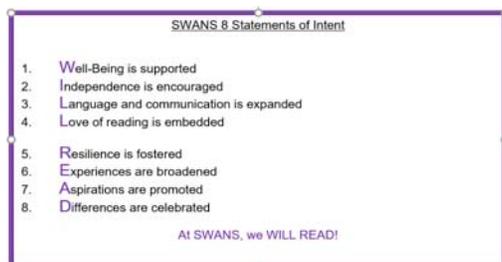


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Summer 1 Newsletter (Week Ending 27.5.21)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the first half of the Summer term. Since returning after Easter, the children have demonstrated extremely hard working, positive attitudes, conducting themselves superbly around school and in classes. Mr Smith, the CEO of Tudhoe Learning Trust came to visit us recently and he was extremely impressed with what he saw: well done everyone!

Risk assessment and Covid Guidance

Thankfully, we are now moving towards a further lifting of national lockdown measures, although this remains under constant government review. Within school we continue to follow all government Covid-19 guidance and stringent risk assessments remain in place to ensure everyone's safety is a priority in school. We ask that any contact with school is made via telephone where possible but in the event that you do need to come to the office, a face covering must be worn. Please make sure that where possible, only 1 person drops off / collects children from school and that 2m social distancing measures are followed when on site. Thank you.

Online Safety

Over the half term holiday, many children may be spending a lot more time than perhaps they normally would online. Please look at the NSPCC website for further information on how to keep your children safe online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

There are also lots of useful links on our new school website www.stephensonway.co.uk

World Book Day

Earlier this half term, we enjoyed an amazing (delayed) WBD, celebrating our love of Reading here at SWANS. Author Adam Bushnell worked with each class throughout the day with the children producing some wonderful stories based on their chosen SWANS 60 Bookflix titles. A huge thanks to all parents and carers who made such a special effort in providing wonderful book character costumes for your children! Many of the children have now ticked off a range of books they have read from the SWANS 60 Bookflix collection: let's see who will complete all 60 titles before they leave Year 6!

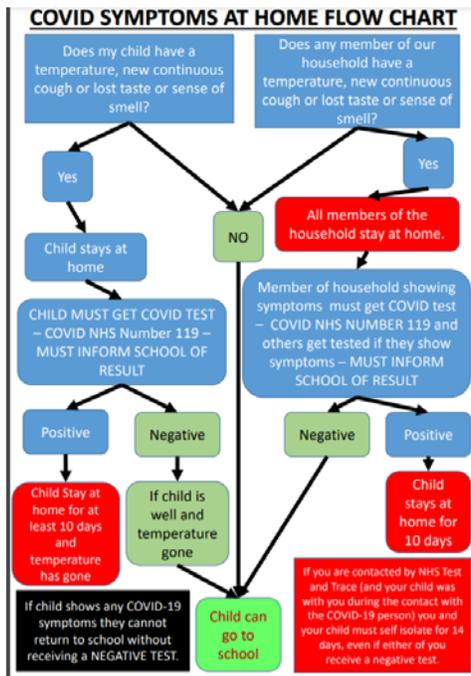
Uniform

If you need new uniform this can be ordered directly from www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk.

Attendance

We continue to be very pleased with the positive levels of attendance across the school this half term. Again, we have been very grateful not to have been affected by any bubbles closing due to Covid-19. We have also been encouraging and tracking weekly levels of punctuality per class and contacting parents of children who are showing habits of lateness. The class who has been most Perfectly Punctual this half term is Year 6, well done! Attendance for the whole school for this half term is 95.2% which is a slight dip but still keeps us in line with government guidance.





We continue to monitor attendance and lateness very carefully: lost days mean lost learning and we will contact any families where attendance is below that which is expected 95%, in line with the Local Authority Attendance procedures.

Medical evidence may be required for absences that fall below this point, letters will be sent as a reminder to any parents/carers who fall into this category

The vast majority of children attend school every day, making the best possible progress in their learning. Rewards are given during our weekly phase bubble assemblies, with the classes earning the highest attendance receiving 'eggs in the nest' and a special Purple Punctuality egg for the highest % of children being on time every day.

After School Clubs

We have been delighted to offer a wide range of after school clubs within bubbles during the summer term. These have included sewing club, Tag rugby, chess, Tri-Golf, Well-Being and Gardening to name a few! Demand for clubs is very high and to ensure fairness, we operate a draw system, (rather than 'first come, first served'). If your child did not get a place, they will be placed on the reserve list in case anyone drops out or, for the next time the club runs, to have first refusal. Please see our clubs timetable on the school website www.stephensonway.co.uk under the 'Parents' section

Change in circumstances

If you have recently changed your address, mobile phone etc. please make sure you let the office know so that we are able to contact you quickly in the event of an emergency. If you wish to change school meal arrangements (moving to packed lunch), we require 1 week's notice, please. Thank you

Term Dates 2020 - 21

Please note: school will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

- Friday 28th May 2021
- Monday 19th July 2021
- Tuesday 20th July 2021

	Break up after school on	Return to school
Summer Half Term	Thursday 27 th May 2021 <i>(NB school closed Friday 28th for staff training)</i>	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 th July 2021 <i>(NB school closed for staff training on 19th & 20th July 2021)</i>	Thursday 2 nd September

Finally, I hope you have a wonderful half-term holiday and hopefully the sun will shine! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 7th June.**

Mrs Page ☺
Head Teacher