



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 - Number 1

Thursday, 3rd September 2020

Dear Parents,

A warm and happy welcome back to school and our new school year! It is simply wonderful to see the children again and both staff and children haven't stopped smiling yet! On the same note, I am so excited to be welcoming our new children in to our Reception, initially for a transition visit this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon and then beginning next week for mornings. I have truly never been so pleased to be back. 😊

I hope that, despite the circumstances, you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some quality family time. Thank you for all your help ensuring that all the children have come back looking very smart and prepared for the additional measures that we have in place, according to our plan, to keep the children safe. This is particularly important at drop off and collection times when there are more people on site.

We are delighted to welcome 3 new members of staff to our team. Miss Smith, who many of you know, is working alongside Miss Cox in 2/3C. In addition we have 2 new members of our MDSA team (Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant), Mrs Arnold and Mrs McKenzie-Connon. It is also a great pleasure to welcome 42 FS2 children, 18 new children in other year groups, and all their parents to our school community.

I have included a staff list at the end of this newsletter so you can see where everyone is working this year.

I will do my best to try to keep you up to date in my weekly newsletters which I will send out every Thursday. There will also be information on our website. Key dates for events throughout the year are already on the school calendar on the website. In addition, do follow our Twitter feed to find out what we have been up to! This also appears on our website and only children who have permission from you will have their photograph on this feed.

Finally, we have made a really good start to the year in terms of attendance and punctuality. We had absolutely no late arrivals yesterday which was fantastic! I don't need to remind everyone just how important both of these are and the negative impact on learning that there can be if either slip. Please let's keep it up!

Here's to a fantastic year! 😊

Jennifer Bayne

Our value that we are exploring this term is 'Wisdom'

Parent Information Session and PE days

We are unable to offer our normal face to face information sessions this year. However, your child's class teacher and year group team will be sending out all the information that you would receive at this meeting. In addition, you will receive information about when your child has PE lessons. Please remember, that as part of our plan, the children will need to wear school PE kit to school on these days to avoid kit and changing in school. I have attached an up to date uniform list to this newsletter.

The Year 6 parent information session usually includes extra information from me about Secondary School applications, Year 6 SATs and our proposed residential trip to the Isle of Wight in the summer term. I will shortly write to all year 6 parents and offer small, socially distanced sessions after school for those who would like to come to these. I fully appreciate that many of you already know this information and so this would just be for those who wish to come.

Parentmail, Text Messages and the Weekly Newsletter

You will have received this newsletter via email. Please note that we are unable to update your contact details on Parentmail.pmx so you need to log on and update your mobile number and email address, if these details change, in order to receive text messages and emails.

I will send out a weekly newsletter every Thursday. If your child has something that we can celebrate, such as an achievement in sport or music outside of school, please do let me know (by the end of the school day on Wednesday as I write the newsletter on a Wednesday evening), and I will add it to the newsletter so we can share their success!

Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday, 18th September**, children are allowed to wear denim (or their own clothes) rather than uniform in exchange for a donation for this charity.



Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Children in Reception - Year 2 will be entitled to free fruit as part of the government scheme for all children in Key Stage 1 to receive a healthy snack. This scheme has been on hold but will start up again with a delivery early next week and free fruit available to the children in these year groups from Tuesday.

Unfortunately, this scheme does not extend to Years 3-6 and we are not currently operating our School Council Healthy Tuckshop. Your child is very welcome to bring in a healthy snack, preferably fruit, for playtime. **Please note that we are a nut free school.**

Returning all books to school

Thank you to everyone who has returned all their child's books and other resources that were sent home at the start of lockdown. If you still have some school resources at home or some of your child's books that the teachers haven't sorted through yet, please can you send them in as soon as possible. We are not checking up on the work that was done at home - we simply need to get as many of our resources back and we will continue using some of the subject exercise books this year. Thank you.

Staff

We are fortunate to have a fantastic team of staff in our school! We look forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout the year.

As I have already said, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of us if you have a query.

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants (Please note that some TAs also run interventions across the school).

Kingfishers	Mrs Ayres	Mrs Hayward-Browne Mrs Alford
Puffins	Miss Baker	Mrs Chivers
Woodpeckers	Mrs Turner (Maths Subject Leader)	Miss Hargreaves
2/3S	Mr Sexton (Lower School Leader)	Mrs Brennan Mrs Kuipers
2/3L	Mr Lossin	Mr Meacock Mrs Craig
2/3C	Miss Smith & Miss Cox	Mrs Alford Mrs Otter Mrs Batten
4/5O	Mrs Ollerenshaw	Miss Smith Mr Meacock
4/5W	Mrs Wood (English Subject Leader)	Mrs Young Mrs Brennan
4/5R	Mrs Read	Mrs Dixon Mrs Sawford
6J	Mrs James	Mrs Kirk Mrs Otter
6B	Mr Ball	Mrs Taylor-Hoad Mrs Bray
PPA Cover PPA Cover Specialist PE Teacher Specialist Music Teacher		Mrs Dye Mr Hill / Miss Johnson Mr Smith Mrs Lee

Other Staff:

Headteacher: Mrs Bayne	Deputy Headteacher & SENCo: Miss Johnson & Mr Hill
ELSA: Mrs Batten	Site Manager: Mr Moulton
Admin Team: Mrs Morrison Mrs Frank (School Business Manager) Mrs Macdonald	MDSAs: Miss Smith Mrs Blanthorn Mrs Finch Mrs Simpkins Miss Brookes Mrs Dodson Mrs Arnold Mrs Hayward-Browne Mrs McKenzie-Connon
Cleaners: Mrs Le Cras Ms Atkinson Mrs Dodson Miss Chandler	