



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 - Number 8

Thursday, 5th November 2020

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you had a lovely half term, despite the weather!



As you are aware, we have headed in to a second lockdown period today. The DfE has updated its guidance for schools in light of this and this was published after school yesterday. Much of the existing guidance remains the same and, operationally, there will be no differences for our school in terms of classes working in bubbles. We are unable to hold whole school events, such as assemblies and so will continue to do these virtually. Handwashing remains very important and is a regular and well-practised part of our routine now. We continue to teach PE and Music in a safe way by adapting the curriculum so that PE will take place outside where possible and within the guidance when we are in the hall. Sadly, we are unable to run after school clubs this term and are not allowed to arrange sports fixtures with other schools during this time. Also sadly, we cannot sing together but we have again found a way to have 'non singing' time in class - just ask your children!

As a Primary school, pupils will not be expected to wear masks. Staff will not wear masks when teaching but there may be occasions where staff members wear them in the corridors or communal areas or at drop off and pick up times. As currently, please can only one person come to collect your child(ren) when possible and please always maintain social distancing. We appreciate that it will take longer to dismiss the children and thank you for supporting us with this. Face masks should be worn by parents and carers if you are unable to socially distance or you come inside the school building.

I am very relieved that our school remains open and fully appreciate our role in this challenging time. I know that a second period of lockdown, for some of our community, brings extra anxieties and personal upset. As always, we are here to help and support in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to email or call if you would like to talk.

Jennifer Bayne



St Sampson's Stars!



A big well done to all our stars of the week ☺

Kingfishers - Samuel & Grayson

Puffins - Chase & Alfie

Woodpeckers - Izzy & Edith-Jean

2/3C - Alfie & Tayah

2/3L - Viola & Connor

2/3S - Kiahola & Jamie

4/5O - Lucy & Amelia

4/5R - Oliver & Willow

4/5W - Ted & Lara

6B - Tom & Fadila

6J - Harry & Imogen



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

Children in Need - Friday, 13th November

We are once again supporting this year's Children in Need. We invite children and adults to swap their normal school uniform for the day and either wear something spotty, fancy dress, pyjamas or anything else that you might like, in exchange for a donation if you feel able to.

(Please can I also remind you that whilst wild and whacky is allowed and is great fun, Heelys shoes are not suitable or safe to be worn in school.)

If your child normally has PE on a Friday, the teacher will adjust the lesson accordingly, so there is no need to wear PE kit on that day.



Poppy Appeal

As per the ParentMail earlier this week, we are selling poppies and a range of other goodies in school. These are being passed around the classrooms in a safe way, rather than selling them in the playground.



Notice from Smartzone

If your child is not in school for any reason but due to attend Smartzone, please can you ensure that you inform them of their absence. In addition, if your child is self-isolating, please can you make sure that Smartzone are aware of this as well as us. Thank you.

Cycle Helmets



Just a reminder that if your child is cycling to school, please can you make sure that they are wearing a helmet.

Thames Pre-School - polite request

Please can parents waiting for the bottom playground gates to be opened at the end of the day be mindful of parents wanting to get to Thames Pre-school to pick up.

Hot Dinners and 5 star winners!

A massive well done to Kerry and her team in the kitchen who have started cooking and serving a hot meal menu across the school again this week. The food, as always, has been delicious and much appreciated in the colder weather. Roast chicken yesterday was a particular highlight!

We are serving hot dinners in both halls so that we can keep our class bubbles apart but the system is working well and we are still able to ensure that every child has their dinner between 12-1, which is great. Thank you to our superb team of MDSAs who have worked hard to make this happen too.

As if the logistics of a new menu and hot dinners for all at this time wasn't enough, Kerry and her team had a visit from the Food Standards Agency earlier this week and once again they were awarded 5 star food hygiene rating. Well done and thank you 😊

