



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Welcome back to Term 4! This time next week will be World Book Day and also our last day of remote learning. Friday, 5th March will be a TD day and we are really, really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday, 8th March.

I will be writing to you next week with a copy of our plan, set out against the newly published guidance for the wider opening of schools. However, operationally, we will be working in the same way as we were from September, with each class remaining in its' own 'bubble'. This will be reviewed after 4 weeks, at Easter.

In this newsletter, I have included information about how you can please help with the transition back to school in terms of sorting lunch and how we can return books and borrowed devices. In addition to this, please can you ensure that you speak with your child about how much we are looking forward to seeing them and how we will have everything in place as we did before to keep them safe. The only difference that they might notice is that staff will be wearing face coverings as they move between areas of the school (not in their own classrooms), in line with updated guidance.

As always, if you have any queries once you have seen the plan, please contact us. **Jennifer Bayne**

Our value that we are exploring this term is 'Humility'.

World Book Day - Thursday, 4th March

This year, we will be having World Book Day online.

However, do not worry; your teachers have lots of fun ideas to share with you on the day.

Despite not being in School, if you would like to, you can still get dressed up as your favourite book characters to attend your Zoom lessons. Take a photo and send it to your teachers who will put it on Class Dojo.

You will receive your £1 book token upon return to school and there are some great books that you can spend these on. See Class Dojo next week for the details of what is available.

Watch out on Class Dojo next Thursday where there will be details of books and a whole school story to listen to.

In addition, at the start of next week, there is an optional challenge to join in with where children and families can create a book character using a potato! Class teachers will sharing this with their class on Class Dojo or Zoom.

Mrs Wood



Class Dojo and Home Learning



I am very aware of the phenomenal effort with home learning and the associated challenges. It is really important that we keep the momentum going at the end of this week and next so that we can move from remote learning to class-based learning as seamlessly as possible. Thank you, as always, for all your support with this.

Friday, 5th March – TD Day – Your help required please

We would be really grateful if all resources and books can be returned to school between 9am and 3pm on this TD day please.

In the same way that we were able to get resources home at the start of lockdown, we are asking that all resources are returned to school on Friday, 5th March so that they have time to quarantine before we need them the following Monday and so that we can prepare the classrooms. In addition, the children won't have to bring so much with them to following week.

At the entrance that your child used last term to come in to school:

- Please put all your child's books and resources in a named bag on the trolley / table
- Please place any finished reading books / maths minutes cards / communal resources in the class box for us to sort
- (We were rather short of reading books after last lockdown – please have a good check)!*
- PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A PARENTS' EVENING SLOT (see below)

In addition

- Please return any borrowed laptops to the main office where they can be signed in

Please ensure that you maintain social distancing and wear a face covering. Thank you for your help ☺

Parents' Evenings – Week beginning 22nd & 29th March

Class teachers will be running parents' evenings during the last two weeks of term. These will take place over Zoom as they did before. Teachers and parents will be able to have a real two-way dialogue about the childrens' learning and targets going forward after the period of remote learning.

Please sign up for an appointment time, (with your own pen), on Friday, 5th March, when you bring back your child's books. If you have more than one child, please do not sign up for consecutive appointments as there will be different log ins for each class.

Each appointment will be 5 minutes long. The teachers will make sure that there is a gap between each meeting. You will be sent a Zoom login / dial in for your class. Please join your meeting promptly at your appointment time. The class teacher will then admit you from the 'waiting room'. It is your choice as to whether you wish to use the video feature or not.

School Lunches

If you would like your child to have a hot dinner, please can you ensure that you order online a s a p so that the kitchen can order for the week beginning 8th March.

Anyone not ordering a hot dinner should bring in a packed lunch. Thank you