



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



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May 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see the children in school enjoying learning both in class and using the outside learning environment for many different aspects and topics. The new all weather track is in use daily at break times, PE lessons and for learning breaks. The teachers and children are using the Tipi for many lessons including Design and Technology, science, PSHE and art, as well as other areas of the school grounds such as the meadow and our cabin and sensory garden, which is continuing to evolve!

Louise Gasser, Headteacher

- ◆ **FACE MASKS**—Inline with the lifting of Government restrictions, from Monday 17th May, parents do not need to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting children from the school playground unless they still wish to. There were very few other changes in the guidance for schools, so we will continue with the usual routines of staggered drop off and pick ups, hand washing, classroom layouts etc. until advised of changes by the DfE.
- ◆ **SCHOOL and PE UNIFORM**—Going back to our usual expectations and policy, after half term, from Monday 7th June, children will be required to wear their school uniform every day. Pupils will need to bring in their PE kit on Monday and leave it in school until Friday as we continue to use the outside environment as much as possible. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and PE kit. Unfortunately we have seen many pupils in a variety of t-shirts and jumpers over the past few months. The PE kit consists of either a plain white t-shirt or school logo t-shirt and navy shorts/tracksuit. Thank you for your support.
- ◆ **YEAR GROUPS**—We are hoping to increase the time children spend together in their year groups. We have already reintroduced year group assemblies with Mrs Gasser and would like to extend this to other opportunities particular with outdoor events, such as playtimes, PE lessons and outdoor learning.
- ◆ **TRANSITION**—We will be holding our transition day for our pupils on Wednesday 7th July so they are able to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant. Further information will be provided after half term. The new Year 3 pupils (current Year 2) have been invited to spend some time with us for a few sessions after half term, we look forward to welcoming them to our school.
- ◆ **OUTDOOR LEARNING**—Miss Lowrey would like to thank parents who donated wooden pallets. The children (and

adults) are looking forward to using them to create some epic dens and hideouts this term! Please do keep bringing your old pallets in, the children's designs are ambitious so we could do with a few more. We are also trying to source some large tractor style tyres for climbing and obstacle courses—please speak to Miss Lowrey if you can help!

- ◆ **SUMMER WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING**— Our Summer Term 2 whole school learning focus is 'What does it mean to belong?' This will have a historical focus linked to the census and a PSHE focus on community, both local and further afield. Each year group will have a focus question. Look out for the class learning letters after half term.
- ◆ **WILDLIFE GARDEN SURVEY** - A wildlife garden survey form has been sent home with this Satellite. Please complete and return to the school office if more convenient for you. Thank you

ESafety Focus - BBC Own It!

There are a number of articles and videos on the BBC website all aimed at encouraging children to find solutions to things which are bothering them. They look great and would be good to look at alongside your child to open up discussion.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/need-answers>

◆ DIARY DATES

As lockdown eases and restrictions are lifted by the DfE, we will add further events and trips to our diary dates. Thank you.

Fri 14th May	Hawk Class Tuppenny Barn
Thurs 27th May	PTA Book Character Trail Maps available to buy from the school office
Mon 31st May	Half Term
	PTA Book Character Trail
Mon 7th June	Children return to school
Fri 11th June	Non School Uniform Day—Raffle donation
Mon 14th June	Year 6 First Aid workshop
Fri 25th June	PTA 'Be Yourself Day' Summer Raffle Draw
Mon 28th June	Y6 IOW Residential
Mon 5th July	Sports Week
Wed 7th July	Transition Day
Fri 9th July	Year 5 and 6 Area Sports event
Fri 23rd July	INSET Day End of term

2021/2022 INSET Days:

2nd September 2021, 3rd September 2021, 1st November 2021, 18th February 2022, 22nd July 2022

