



Bramley Sunnyside Infant School

Newsletter 20 - 5th March 2021

Remote learning and full opening of schools – Monday 8th March 2021

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for all you have done to support your child's Remote Learning at home since January. We are looking forward to welcoming all children back into school. A letter is attached to this newsletter confirming arrangements for this.

As all children will attend school, we will no longer be emailing Remote learning every Friday. Homework will now be included on the weekly School Newsletter as before. Should your child have to self-isolate in the future for any reason, remote learning will be provided the following day.

Further Government information for parents on the re-opening of schools can be found at...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "it's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that"



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them throughout the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2021

If your child is entitled to a benefit related Free School Meal, you will receive a letter in the next couple of days explaining the arrangements for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. For the Easter holiday break, this will consist of a food box with enough food to make 5 exciting recipes at home, alongside this there will be a printed activity pack with worksheets, resources and ideas for children and families to keep active and have fun over the Easter school holiday period. Registering your interest is a simple process, but should you need any assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Reminder: Chrome Books/Laptops

All children will return to school fulltime from Monday 8th March. If you have had on loan, a Chrome book or laptop which has been used for Remote home learning, please return it back to school to the main reception when bringing your child to school on Monday 8th March. Chrome books / laptops will still be available for loan should any child without access to a device at home be required to self-isolate from school in the future due to COVID-19

Foundation Stage 2 Eye Tests

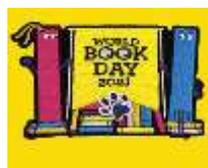
The vision screening technician will be in school on Monday 22nd March 2021. Please complete and return the consent form that will be coming home with your child **next week**. If the child's parent or guardian do not return a completed form they will be unable to test your child on the day.



Breakfast Club

As from Monday 8th March you will be able to book onto Breakfast Club up until the end of the school year using your School Money account. We would ask that parents commit to the bookings they make and do not cancel at short notice. If your child is asked to self-isolate from school due to COVID-19, the payment will be credited to your school money account by the office staff.

World Book Day - Thank You!



Thank you for celebrating World Book Day with us remotely or in school. The children and staff had a wonderful day dressed up in their cosy pyjamas or as their favourite book characters! Attached to this Newsletter are some handouts with top tips for sharing stories with your child.

British Science Week 2021



The week beginning the 8th March 2021 we will be celebrating British Science Week in school. Each year group will be learning about a famous scientist. We will be taking part in exciting activities and experiments, whilst practising our science skills. If you would like to continue to practise your science skills and

investigations at home, here are some links for some amazing science websites:

Foundation Stage

www.britishscienceweek.org – early years activity pack
<https://www.science-sparks.com/early-years-science-themed-activities/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=26&AgeGroup=1>
<https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyfs/>

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www.britishscienceweek.org
<https://pstt.org.uk>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>
<https://wowscience.co.uk/>

RMBC Road Safety Family craft competition - WINNERS

As part of a half-term craft challenge set by South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership (SYSRP), children were invited to take a break from their screens and make a mini version of someone special in the form of a 'tube person'. From NHS staff, school crossing patrols and teachers to police officers, police dogs and delivery drivers, the Safer Roads' team were delighted by the key worker tributes and craft skills on show from more than **20** schools across the county.

The five winners were chosen by Cllr Emma Hoddinott.

Congratulations to Louie and Antonia who entered the RMBC road safety family craft competition and these are their winning entries. Both Louie and Antonia received a bag of goodies including road safety resources, also everyone who took part in the competition received a pencil and badge.



Louie - FS1



Antonia – Class 9

Dates to Note

Monday 22nd March 2021 - Foundation Stage 2 Eye Tests

Friday 28th May 2021 (INSET DAY)

Monday 28th June 2021 (INSET DAY)

(School will be closed to all children on these INSET days)

Holiday Dates:

Easter - 29th March 2021 to 9th April 2021. (2 weeks)

May Day - Friday 3rd May 2021.

Spring Bank - 31st May 2021 to 4th June 2021. (1 week)

Summer - 21st July 2021 (6weeks)

Please ensure that leave in term time for holiday reasons is avoided and all holidays are taken when school is closed (see above dates and term dates for 2021-2022 below). Thank you.

Academic Year 2021/2022

1 st September 21 - Inset day (school closed to all children)	3 rd January 22 – Bank Holiday (1 day)
2 nd September 21 – Return to school	21 st February 22 – 25 th February 22 – 1 week
25 th October – 29 th October 21 – 1 week	11 th April 22– 22 nd April 22 – 2 weeks
20 th December 21 – 31 December 21– 2 weeks	2 nd May 22– Bank Holiday (1 day)
	30 th May 22 – 3 rd June – 1 week

Inset days for the academic year 2021-2022 to be advised.



FS 1 Happy Home Learning

We are looking forward to seeing you back in school on Monday. This week's happy home learning we would like you to dress and undress independently, put on your school shoes independently, have an early bedtime with a bedtime story every night.

Note to FS1 parents- Please ensure your child's clothing and shoes are all still labelled with their name and record all your child's reading in their home/school diary.

FS2 Homework

Please recap the tricky words we have learnt so far by writing them on a colourful piece of paper and hiding them around the house. See how many you can find - don't forget to read them when you find them. The red words we have focused on so far are : I, the, no, go, he, she, we, be, was, me, my, of, your.

In maths we have been thinking about seasons and time. Can you draw a picture of your favourite season in your homework book and explain why it is your favourite. This might be you playing in the snow or on the beach eating an ice cream. We can't wait to see which season you have chosen and why.

Class 9 & 10 Homework

We can't wait to welcome you back to school on Monday! We will be celebrating science week by learning about a famous scientist called Charles Macintosh. We would like you to do some research and see what you can find out about him. Once you have discovered why he is famous we would like you to do a little experiment and test how many coats in your house are waterproof. Make a tally to show us how many were waterproof and how many were not waterproof.

Common exception words – be, by, come, friend, full

Class 5, 6 & 8 Homework

Spellings of the week

Common exception words– Mr. Mrs. One once

Year 1 –shorter taller smaller harder -What other words have the suffix 'er'

Year 2 – enjoyment movement agreement excitement punishment

What other words have the suffix 'ment' ?

Maths

Use your toys from home to make groups of two, five or ten. Draw the groups and what you have put in each group and describe what you have made using these stem sentences:

'I have 3 **groups**, there are 2 in **each group**, **altogether** that makes 6'.

Ensure you count in multiples of two, fives or ten to find the total.

you can record this this...



3 groups, two in each group, altogether = 6

Science/Art

Go for a spring walk. Can you spot the signs of spring? Draw a picture depicting spring or sketch some spring flowers.