



Senacre Wood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 – 4th September 2020

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Curiosity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank the whole school community for adapting to our new start and finish times. The staggered starts and finishes have been really successful and have enabled the children to be dropped and picked up safely from school. All the staff have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back Year 1-6 this week. We are so proud of how the children have come into school and how well they have settled into their new classes.

Risk Assessment

In order for the whole school to return safely, a comprehensive risk assessment had to be undertaken. This document can be found on our school website under 'Parents' and then under the tab 'Risk assessment.'

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of key areas:

Coronavirus symptoms

- If anyone in school develops a new and persistent cough or a high temperature or a change in their normal sense of smell and taste, they must be sent home. They should self isolate for 10 days and should arrange a test to see if they have coronavirus.
- Other members of the household (including siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- Pupils must get tested if they have symptoms and report the outcome to the HT/DHT.
- If the test is negative, the child can return to school, as long as they do not have a temperature.

Local outbreaks

- If a local area sees a spike in infection rates, appropriate authorities will decide which measure to implement to help contain the spread. Health protection teams will advise the next steps.
- In the event of a local outbreak, the PHE protection team or local authority may advise a school or a number of schools to close temporarily to help control transmission. This may involve a return to only remaining open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers and providing remote education for all other pupils.

Remote education

- Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate or if there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, the school will offer remote education.
- The learning would be via our online platform Seesaw and the children would have at least a Maths and English lesson to complete every day.

Reading

Due to current COVID-19 guidance, we have chosen to keep our reading scheme online. Children will continue to read their 1:1 reading books in school with a member of staff throughout the week but will be expected to access Bug Club alongside this. We also understand that children will read books and magazines you have purchased for them at home and we will talk to children about this too. This week we will be reading with all children to assess their reading fluency. When the new class Seesaw goes live, homework, reading and any spellings will be logged on each child's account, as no reading records will be used this term. As always, thank you so much for your support during our online learning phase, all teachers and SLT were able to see the overview of who was reading online and the Seesaw posts of children reading books at home really made us smile.

Homework

Homework will now be set on Seesaw. Children will be given new log in details this week so they can access their new class accounts. Their first piece of homework for Years 1-6 will be set on Friday 11th September.

Parent Meetings

Due to the current government guidelines, we are unable to hold face to face parent meetings. Next week, you will be text a link which will take you to a Powerpoint which will detail all the information about your child's new class. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of SLT on the gate in the mornings or after school. Or please feel free to email: office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk.

Parent's evenings will also take a different format this year but more information about these will come out in the next couple of weeks.

Dates and reminders

- A reminder that on Tuesday and Thursdays the children need to come to school in sporty clothes.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR
Tues 8 Sept	Year 1 Forest School Starts	All Day	1
Mon 14 Sept	Year 5 Ancient Greek Theme Day (Optional dress up)	All Day	5
Thurs 15 Oct	Kent Test	All Day	6 (If applied for)
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Last day of Term 1	All Day	R-6
Fri 23 rd Oct	INSET day (School closed)	All Day	R-6

Thank you for your continued support and hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sweeney