



Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 13th October – individual school photos
- Friday 23 Oct – Term 1 ends
- Monday 2nd November – Term 2 starts
- Monday 23 – Thursday 26 November – Parent consultations
- Friday 18th December Term 2 ends



Baby News!

I know you will all want to join me in sending huge congratulations to Mr Israel and his wife on the safe arrival of their daughter.



COVID

Thank you so much to everyone for engaging with us to ensure a safe and successful return to school this term. As time passes and we become more used to being together it is easy for these good habits to drift.

Please can we ask you all to remember the following :

- Only one adult per family to accompany children on site
- Gates are open in the mornings 8.40-8.50 - there is no expectation for anyone to arrive before 8.40 – arriving any time during this time slot is fine
- Children should not use the play equipment before or after school
- Try to maintain 2 metres social distancing at all times – step back and wait for others around ‘pinch points’ e.g. entry / exit gates
- Many parents and carers are now choosing to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting children – this is something we actively support as a school.
- Please leave the site immediately after dropping off or collecting
- Please keep children by your side whilst on site
- Please check your child’s temperature and wash their hands before leaving for school in the morning
- No extra items, eg. Pencil cases, toys, keyrings etc. to be brought into school from home. Please leave large school bags at home
- Leave the site quickly once you have dropped off or collected – avoid hanging round to ‘catch up with others’
- Report any suspected or confirmed cases to the office immediately via phone or email.

We are aware that the path from the main entrance up to the top playground does get very congested at drop off times – we have been in touch with the relevant departments to see if it is possible to have the path widened – we hope to hear if this is possible shortly.

Cases of COVID

We know that at some point COVID will find its way into our school - this is inevitable. We will do everything we can to keep COVID out for as long as possible and staff discuss our safety measures regularly to ensure that these are maintained. However, every school in the land is likely to experience some COVID disruption so we have to be ready for when this happens

At some point it is likely we will have to close a class bubble because a case of COVID has been found in that class. If we find out about this during the school day, parents will be notified by a text and an email to collect their child from that class and take them home to isolate for 14 days (siblings in other classes don't need to isolate and can keep coming to school unless their isolating brother or sister develops symptoms). If we discover a child or adult in the class has tested positive during the evening or weekend (please email manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk if this is the case) then parents will be texted and emailed to ask them not to send their child in the next school day.

Teachers have already created plans for work for the children to complete if a bubble should need to close. These plans will be shared if the situation should ever arise. Hopefully these plans will never be needed and we will carry on as normal with this hope in mind.

If your child needs to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case or suspected case we also have home learning that we will send out to you via email.

We sincerely hope we do not need to ever close a bubble, but if this should happen we are well prepared to manage closing a bubble whilst keeping the rest of the school open as usual.

COVID Tests

We have been given a **very limited** stock of home test kits. We have been informed that these should only be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. If the parent or carer has access to the internet at home, it would be expected that they would book a test through the online portal in the first instance please. Please get in touch with the office if you think you need a test and you are unable to get one to see if you are eligible for one of the small number that we have in school.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Learning Consultations

Our learning consultations will take place during the week beginning Monday 23 November. They will be slightly different this year as sadly we are still unable to invite families into school, in line with our Covid-19 risk assessment. The consultations will be held via Microsoft Teams. We will send out further details about how appointments will be booked and how to access your meeting.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Individual school photos will take place on Tuesday 13th October. Unfortunately, sibling photos are unable to happen this year due to the COVID restrictions. Please make sure that children are ready with their hair brushed and clean shirts! No PE will be taking place on this day so no PE kit to be worn please.

Antarctica



Reception pupils have settled into school so well now that they are in full time and the teachers are so proud of them. They are making new friends, negotiating the use of space and resources and are becoming a fabulous part of the school community.

We have been sharing the book 'Rainbow Fish' which has a theme about sharing and we tried to think about times when we have shared something with our friends in the classroom. We have also been busy learning some sounds and have started to blend them to read simple words (the class are loving Teach your monsters to read games on the computer). Using scissors to make scales for our class fish has been quite tricky for some of us but we have been using Emerald power to persevere!

Finally, we have been playing lots of games with dice to make sure we can recognise the dots without counting and next week we are going to move on to games with different dot arrangements ...

Mrs Kelly and Mrs Sell

Australia



Australia class have had a fabulous start to Year 1. The children have been working hard writing about different traditional tales and this week, they have been adding using part whole models in Maths. Our 'London's Burning' topic has also been a great success so far and the children have enjoyed learning all

about The Great Fire of London. Please remember to bring in a named cereal box by Friday 16th October for our topic work.

We have also been learning about online safety using Purple Mash. I have set some 2do's on Purple Mash which the children may wish to have a go at, at home. Logins have been sent home but please email me if you have any questions.

A final reminder that although we cannot take in reading records at this time, we would still like children to read at home 5 times a week. Once the books have been read, they can be brought into school to be quarantined and new ones will be sent home.

Mrs Gray



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Miss Beech and Mrs Barnett



Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their learning this year. They have all written brilliant comedic tales and have demonstrated some great mathematic ability. Please can we ensure all children are accessing their TTrackstars and Spelling shed to practise their spellings and timestables. If you need any help with logins, please do not hesitate to contact me through our class email; europeclass@sgmail.org.uk

Miss Hawkins

Asia



Year 4 have just finished writing a Conquering the Monster Tale which took inspiration from our class story Krindlekrax. The children enjoyed immersing themselves in the topic through making their very own crocodile eyes and exploring using chilling similes to create fear and tension. Now, we are moving into writing newspaper reports on how the mysterious monuments of Maya became. Within Science, the children have been busy exploring our digestive system. We created our very own digestive system in the classroom using food, sandwich bags and tights to represent the different organs involved in our digestion process. Just a quick reminder that the children should be reading at least 5 times a week and be recorded in the Reading Diaries. While we cannot take the diaries in on a weekly basis, I look forward to seeing them at the end of term alongside their Home Learning booklets. The children should continue to practise times tables on Time Tables Rock Stars and access Purple Mash for online learning.

Miss Spencer

North America



Year 5 have been enjoying writing comedy stories and are currently in the 'Invent' stage of their writing where they can really let their imaginations go. The children are enjoying the Roman topic and produced some beautiful mosaic tiles during an art day. Just a quick reminder that the children should be reading at least 5 times a week and be recorded in the Reading Diaries. While we cannot take the diaries in on a weekly basis, I look forward to seeing them at the end of term. The children should continue to practise times tables on Time Tables Rock Stars and access Purple Mash for online learning.

Miss Coult

South America



Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the term and have enjoyed learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain. Some interesting aspects of history have been explored and a huge variety of fantastic art work has been produced. From amazing mosaics to fantastic watercolour pictures to fearsome Roman soldiers. We also enjoyed exploring the theme of vision during National Poetry Day on 1st October and looking at the world from another point of view. Well done Year 6!

We are all finding our energies dipping in the afternoons at the moment, especially as the nights begin to draw in, so please remember the importance of a good night's sleep for all learners - Mrs Sweet has been having quite a few early nights over the last week to ensure she can keep focused all day.

The children were reminded in class last week so hopefully came home and mentioned this to you - but it is so important that we keep up with our regular reading and Times Tables Rockstars practise. The children have told us that they all have a book at home that they are reading and this should be happening a minimum of 5 times a week. Please take the time to share their books with them - you are

never too old for reading with Mum and Dad! It is the most important thing that can be done at home and has such a massive impact on their success across the whole curriculum. If you need some book ideas, let us know and we would be happy to recommend something. They all had a recap of Times Tables Rockstars on Friday and have been reminded of their passwords so need to be practising this regularly. An instant recall of these facts has a huge influence on the ease with which they pick up other maths concepts in school.

Mrs Sweet