



Newsletter

11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



First of all, a massive WELCOME BACK! to all of our children and their families. It has been absolutely fantastic seeing you all after such a long period of time and very gratifying to see all the wonderful smiles on the children's faces as I see them around the school. I think that we were all ready to come back after seeing what it would be like if there was no school...! I am pleased to confirm that we have had about 95% attendance this week, which is a phenomenal achievement – well done to all concerned!

Safety Measures

The children have adapted really well to all of the measures that we have put in place in order to keep ourselves safe and we are all getting used to the differences to the day that these measures have made. Systems at drop-off and pick-up are becoming well established and running smoothly. Please keep an eye out for any evolutions to these systems – I will let you know if we need to change anything.

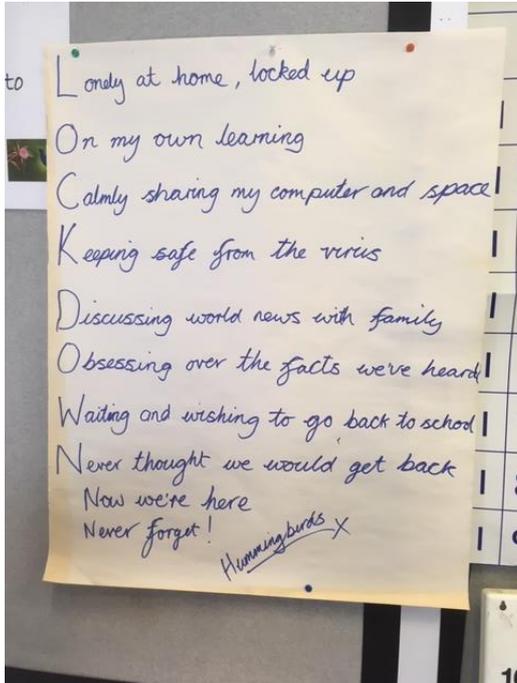
This Term's Topic: *What has happened for you in 2020?*

Now that we are settled back at school, we can begin to focus again on our learning. We decided that our curriculum should reflect the momentous times in which we are living, with a focus on gaining some understanding of the events that are happening around us. It is extremely important that children (and adults!) are provided with the opportunity to process their thoughts about the major developments that there have been in public health, climate change, Black Lives Matter, and national and global politics. There is so much going on!



I have been taking a look around the school and have enjoyed seeing the children learning in their classes and also using the outdoor spaces for learning opportunities. Here are a few photos of some of the children getting on with their learning and some of the things that they have been working on. It feels very good to be getting back to a semblance of normality!





What a fabulous poem that Hummingbird class wrote together. I hope that you enjoy it as much as I did!

Secondary Transfer Meeting

It's that time of year when the Year 6 parents should be thinking about application to secondary schools. Applications are due in to Southwark by 31st October at the latest, although secondary school open days are starting now (even if some of them are virtual). I will be holding a meeting at **3.45pm on Friday 18th September** for parents and carers to go through the application process. This will be a virtual meeting and I will email out the code for you to join nearer the time.



From next week we intend to be sending the newsletter and other correspondence via ParentMail, so please make sure that you have registered by that time. It is also recommended that you download the ParentMail app you're your phone. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any difficulty in doing this.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

I hope that you saw my email yesterday confirming that the After School Club and Breakfast Club will both be reopening from next Monday 14th September. Please contact TopMark by telephone on 07901 768436 or email on info@topmarksportscoaching.co.uk.

Have a wonderful weekend

Simon Wattam
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