



Newsletter

26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School on 8th March

I am pleased to confirm that, following the government's recent announcement, the school will open to all children on Monday 8th March. The safety measures and structures that we had in place during the Autumn term will be fully reinstated – I will write to you on Monday to remind you of these, including timings of the staggered school day. Additionally, Breakfast Club and After School Club will both restart fully on 8th March and will run throughout the week, as normal, in order to offer you the wraparound care that you may need. Please also be aware that if your child has borrowed one of the school's laptops then we will require these to be returned – I will give some details about when and how to do this when I write to you on Monday.

Uniform

Some children will have grown somewhat since Christmas (I know that my daughter has!) and their uniform may be feeling a little bit tight. Our school jumpers and cardigans from age 3 to 13 are available to purchase through *Parentmail* by going to 'Payment' then 'Shop'. The school office will then contact you to let you know that they are ready for collection.

No Screen Monday



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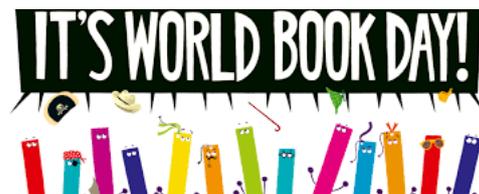
Monday 1st March will be *No Screen Monday* at Goose Green. Everyone has done a great job of working online over the past half term and we really appreciate everything that staff, children and families have done to make this possible. There are, however, some aspects of normal school life that we have been missing. The idea of a no screen day is to give the children the chance to experience some broader activities. There will not be any live or recorded sessions that day. Teachers will plan activities that the children can do away from their screens that will be posted on the classroom for you to see. They will let you know by the end of Friday if you need any additional bits and pieces for these activities.

World Book Day

Just a reminder about World Book day! Nursery will celebrate on Wednesday 3rd March and the rest of the school on Thursday 4th March.

We have lots of activities planned and would love to see you dressed up as your favourite character from a book.

Don't forget our reading competition - keep up with your daily reading! How full is your reading record and what brilliant stories can you share?



Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be found at goosegreenprimaryschool.org/school-information/policies
Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.

Remember that Ms Naomi's weekly Poetry lessons are online at her YouTube channel - [Ms Naomi on YouTube](#) or you can access them using the links below.



EARLY YEARS

[Poetry with Ms Naomi - EARLY YEARS - Spring lesson 5](#)

KEY STAGE 1

[Poetry with Ms Naomi - KEY STAGE 1 - Spring lesson 5](#)

KEY STAGE 2

[Poetry with Ms Naomi - KEY STAGE 2 - Spring lesson 5](#)

Street Closures

Please remember that both Elsie Road and Tintagel Crescent are closed for traffic at the beginning and the end of the school day. We have been unable to put out the barriers at the appropriate times during this period of lockdown, but we will be doing so again from 8th March. You are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school with your children as much as possible. If you need to drive then you can park in the car park at the Sainsbury's on Dog Kennel Hill and walk the rest of the way. Thank you!

Music Teaching

I hope that you and your children enjoyed the first music lessons with Miss Alba this week. Isn't she brilliant! She is looking forward very much to her return to the UK so that she can meet you in person. She has, however, been taken a bit by surprise with the announcement that we are to return to school so soon. Miss Alba will be supported by Miss Nat and Miss Anna in class up until Easter when Miss Alba's quarantine should be completed. Between them they are planning some fabulous music lessons so that the children can have a bit of fun and enjoy music from around the globe.

That's it for now. Have a wonderful weekend – spring is here!

Simon Wattam