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SWJS Newsletter

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you!

This is our first newsletter of the new school year. We have returned to school under very strange circumstances where many of our usual systems have needed to be modified i.e. start/ finish times, lunchtimes, entrances/exits, visitors/ visits and how we teach/ children learn. We would like to say thank you for your support with this.

However, the children have returned to school settled and ready to learn! Our curriculum remains interesting and varied and with the use of technology we are able to enhance our children's learning.

You have by now experienced the shift of homework away from homework books/ reading records towards the use of the Showbie app - another area which has been developed as a solution during the current pandemic. Thank you again for supporting your children with this.

Having 'tested' our current risk assessments, we are now in a position to reintroduce some of our other wider curriculum activities for example, our new Umbrella choir starting next week. This may take time but again we endeavour to do our best to keep our children and families safe.

We have noticed that our Year 6 children are gathering around the back gate too early in the morning and congregating on the road. Please do not encourage the children to come to school too early for their own safety. The school gates do not open until 8.50am (for Y4 to enter school). When they are in school safely, the Y6 can then line up outside their classrooms.

As we are using all 3 school exits/ entrances, please be mindful where you park your car or where you 'drop off' or collect your child. Our children are using these streets and back streets to walk to and from school and we want to keep them safe whilst journeying to and from school.

ParentMail



Keep in touch with us!

SWJS Successes/ Achievements/ Exciting curriculum:

Download our parentmail app. It's free, it's easy to do and you can access all our letters, newsletters and book parents evening appointments using the app. If you require some help with this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

To see more of our photos/ videos of the activities the children do in school, log into our Twitter accounts! Just click 'Follow' when you first log in.

Mrs McParland/ Miss Wren (3MW) - @mmccwrswjs

Mr Fleming (3F) - @SWJSmrflm

Mr Edwards (4E) - @redswjs

Mr Wilson (4W) - @twiswjs

Mrs Banks (5B) - @mbaswjs

Mrs Anderson (5A) - @fanswjs

Mrs McKellar (6McK) - @nmcswjs

Mrs McIntyre (6McI) - @pmcswjs

Whole School - @swalneyj



Dates for the Diary:

September

28th Cyclewise week for Y5/6

October

1st Keyboard lessons for 4E,5B,6McI & 6McK

2nd Y6 PE Day (Barrow AFC/ Swimming)

5th Y3 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

6th Y4 PE Day (Yoga)

7th Y5 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

8th Keyboard lessons for 4E,5B,6McI & 6McK

9th Y6 PE Day (Barrow AFC/ Swimming)

12th Y3 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

13th Y4 PE Day (Yoga)

14th Y5 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

15th Keyboard lessons for 4E,5B,6McI & 6McK

16th Y6 PE Day (Barrow AFC/ Swimming)

19th Y3 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

Y3 & Y5 Scarecrows in school

20th Y4 PE Day (Yoga)

Y4 & Y6 Scarecrows in school

21st Y5 PE Day (Barrow Raiders)

Y5 virtual Parliament Tour

Scarecrows on display

22nd Keyboard lessons for 4E,5B,6McI & 6McK

Y6 virtual Parliament Tour

Scarecrows on display

23rd Y6 PE Day (Barrow AFC/ Swimming)

Collect Scarecrows to take home

OCTOBER HALF TERM

(Monday 26th Oct-Fri 30th Oct)

November

2nd Children return to school (8.50am for Y4 & 9am for Y3/Y5/Y6)



Boxes of Hope

We are again sending gifts to the children in Romania. Your child will receive a leaflet with further information about the charity & the work that they do. If you would like to make up a shoe box, please collect the items listed inside the leaflet and bring the completed shoe box (with the donation for transporting) before Friday 6th November. Boxes will be quarantined before the Boxes of Hope Charity collect them. Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile charity.

Work of the Month September 2020

Well done to the following children who achieved Work of the Month!



3F - Sophia Kayes

3MW - Adele Spedding

4W - Abbie Corkill

4E - Callum McCreanor-Smith & Mia Cleasby

5B - George Turnough

5A - Mason Walker

6McK - Lexi Rushton

6McI - Ebony Cairns & Amber Kayes



PE - earrings

We have had a number of children wearing ear piercings during PE activities. Our policy states that children need to be able to take out their earrings before doing PE activities. Alternatively, on your child's PE Day, your child may come to school without wearing their earrings.

Healthy School - reminder

After completing an extensive survey, our School Council introduced a 'fruit only' snack for morning playtimes. School Council also introduced 'Crisp Friday' to encourage children to only bring in crisps on a Friday (as part of a packed lunch or as a morning snack). Again, this is our drive to encourage children to eat healthy snacks and to eat 'treats' occasionally. Please support us with this.

Furness Scarecrow Street event

You may have seen lots of posts locally about the Furness Scarecrow Street event (more info on their facebook page). The idea is to create a scarecrow and display it in your street. The public can then go out in the evening or daytime keeping to the local COVID19 guidance and view the scarecrows. We thought that we would join in with this community event and display our scarecrows at the front of our school! If you would like to take part, please make your scarecrows at home and on Mon 19th Oct Y3 & Y5 can bring their scarecrows into school & on Tue 20th Oct Y4 & Y6 can bring their scarecrows into school. We will arrange them for display at the front of our school ready for the public viewing on Wed 21st Oct & Thur 22nd Oct. On Fri 23rd Oct, the children can take their scarecrows home to display in their street ready for Halloween!