

The Summerbank Sentinel

March 2021

WELCOME BACK

Dear All

Firstly a huge thank you to all children, parents and staff for how you have kept learning going through the lockdown this term. I know how challenging this time has been for everyone and I really appreciate how people have adapted and made things work.

The return to school this week has been a good one. It's been lovely to see the children smiling on their return, seeing their friends and excited to learn. There will I know be continuing challenges to face in the remainder of the school year but if our children, families and staff continue to show the resilience they/you have in the last 12 months we will overcome them together.

Miss Pearson

STAYING SAFE AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone for following our systems in the morning and afternoon. With so many people coming onto the playground at the same time it is so important we work together on this.

A few reminders about this:

- Only one adult should come to drop off/collect children
- Facemasks should be worn by adult from entering the school gate to leaving the site at the far end of the field (unless you are exempt)
- Smoking is not allowed on school property
- Parents must not enter the school building anywhere other than the school office. Please also make sure that children only enter their own classroom and do not go into the classrooms of their brothers and sisters
- Please leave the playground as soon as you have collected all of your children

Timings - Drop off

Nursery are dropped off at 8.50am

All other children any time between 8.45 and 9am.

Timings – Pick-up

2.50pm	Nursery
2.55-3.05pm	Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3
3pm	Year 4
3.05pm	Year 5, Year 6

ON CHILLY DAYS...

One of the important things we can do in school to keep everyone safe is to have good air flow in the rooms. This means windows are kept open through the day. At the moment it is still quite cold on some days, so children may benefit from coming to school with some extra layers of clothing to keep them warm in class.



SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

As many of you will know, we shared the sad news in January that Mrs Clarence, our lollipop lady had passed away. Thank you to those families who passed on their condolences, she will be very sadly missed by our school community.

You will have noticed that we have not had a Lollipop Person outside school for the last few days. The Council are due to interview for this role next week. I am very aware that Summerbank road and the side roads get very busy during drop off and pick up. As a reminder Lidl have agreed that are parents can use their car park for the last part of their journey, which is a 0.2 mile walk to school.



CLASS DOJO

We have had very positive feedback from families on how Class Dojo has helped with communication during the lockdown. Now we are open to all children we will continue to use Class Dojo to help pass messages from home to school and school to home.

Please do be aware that teachers are now in class teaching during the day so our replies may take longer than they did do during lockdown. If you have an urgent message or query please ring or email the school office, particularly if the message is to do with absence or illness.



'FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS'

Through lockdown, our Inclusion Team have posted many activities and information on ClassDojo to support both parents' and children's mental health and wellbeing.

It has been lovely to see so many families working together and taking part. To celebrate the wonderful work done at home, 'Feel Good Friday' became the day for sharing work that had been sent in but also a chance for us to encourage positive thinking and showing gratitude via "The Happy News". The response from our families was so fantastic that we have decided to continue celebrating Feel Good Friday. Our Inclusion Team will post things for you to think about and take part in (this will include a weekly copy of The Happy News which you will find in your child's portfolio). If you haven't already taken part in these activities, remember to accept the Inclusion Team Dojo invitation and look out for fun and exciting posts each week!

RED NOSE DAY - Friday 19th March (NEXT FRIDAY)

Next Friday we will be joining in with raising money for Comic Relief.

For a donation of £1 we would like children to:

- Come in their own clothes
- Have a wacky hair style (this is of course optional)
- Take part in a competition to design a red nose to fit in the current woodland line up and the winner will receive a prize.

Please do make sure children still wear suitable shoes for outside and a coat for playtimes.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle will go on sale from Monday (15th March). Tickets will cost 25p per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term (Thursday 1st April).



EASTER HOLIDAY DATES

Easter Holiday - The last day for children will be **Thursday 1st April**. Children will come back to school on **Tuesday 20th April** (Monday 19th April is an INSET day for school staff).