

Sprowston Junior - June News

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Two things seem to dominate the conversations I have been having this week. The first is that the children have been out of school for too long and the second is what school might look like in September.

Everyone has done an excellent job with regards to continuing their children's education in what has been an extremely difficult period in many ways. This period needs to end soon and all children need access to school once more. We have one fifth of our pupils in school currently but look forward to circumstances changing and everyone returning.

September is a difficult call to make. It will depend on the government guidance to whether we are fully open to all pupils. This is a hope and possibly a reality as we start to gradually get back to some sort of normal.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Matt Walton, Headteacher

Summer Reading Challenge

Silly Squad, the 2020 Summer reading challenge is here!

Children join the challenge at:
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Parents will need to set up their own account first before setting up their children to make sure they have permission to take part. There are also games and activities, as well as book recommendations on the site.

What to read?

You can ANYTHING you like – books you have at home, books you have bought home from school, library books you still have on loan. We'd love children and families to try out our eBook library, which you can browse here: <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/library/childrens> It's free, you just need a library card.

[You can still join the library using this link:](#)

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-library-account/join-the-library>



Thank you!

We have had many kind gifts/comments during the last few months from parents/carers and a lovely food hamper courtesy of Tesco's. Another thank you goes to the Sprowston Coronavirus Help Group and also to Mrs Binson for both organising donations of PPE. We really appreciate all the support.

Website

We will be launching a new website in the autumn term. It is hoped that we will be able to join up our media offering with the school app synching with the website. More information soon.

New Year groups

The teachers for September are as follows:

Yr 3 - Mrs Wills & Miss Farrow

Yr 4 - Mr Ingham & Mrs Pearce

Yr 5 - Miss Lea/Mrs Heed & Mr Brown

Yr 6 - Mr Reeds & Miss Watts

Google Classroom/Learning Packs

The teachers continue to be impressed with the good work on Google Classrooms and we are pleased many children are also benefiting from the learning packs too.

If you feel that it would be good to change approach for a week, these 'topic' overviews from the Robin Hood trust are worth following in full or in part.

<https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/#education>

Support for Parents/Carers

NSPCC has good advice for parents and carers about supporting children during the pandemic, with advice on supporting anxious children and on returning to school. Have a look here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Into Opera

We are excited to be partnering with Into Opera to create a musical response to the last few months. We will be asking children for memories as pictures, poems, song lyrics etc and we will be working with them to put these to music. More information very soon!

Classes & Transition

We will be informing parents & children who their new class teacher is in the next few weeks. We are currently working through our plans for September and discussing transition possibilities.