

Sprowston Junior

Weekly Update



Friday 18th September, 2020

Message from Mr Walton...

Thank you for your continued support this week as we all get used to the new procedures in place to make the school as safe as possible for pupils and parents. It's been another productive week in school and I'm pleased with how the first fortnight has gone.

We made the decision to follow county advice and issue letters this week to 'bubbles' whenever we hear about a child having a test for Coronavirus. We want you all to be informed of the latest situation in school as we go through the term. We have had quite a few negative test results back already with some more results still to come. It is difficult to know if this initial level of children needing tests will drop but the level of illness across schools in Norfolk seems much higher than normal - presumably due to the children mixing in large groups for the first time in months. This level of coughs and colds has made the first few weeks really challenging for parents. Please have a look at the flow-chart below which helps a little more if you are put in the position where a decision regarding testing or attending school needs to be made.

In the classroom it really is business as usual. The children are following a broad curriculum. The only subject that we are not teaching at this time is music. We hope to make up for that as the year progresses. The reason for this is that we are restricted in our singing and sharing of instruments. Some elements of music will be taught however through other subjects.

During the term, the teachers will be assessing the children and identifying any gaps in learning from the last school year. Any key-concepts that children are unsure about will be visited and taught - we will be assessing children's development regularly.

Have a great weekend.

School Website & My School App

We will shortly have a new website ready to launch. The website will have a downloadable app linked to it and this will replace the 'MySchool' App we currently use. We will be using 'MySchool' App until the website is running efficiently, possibly up until the end of term. Until then, we will continue to use our existing app and Year 3 parents will receive log-in details next week.

The new website and app will help us streamline our news output in school; it will enable us to put news and dates on the website which will automatically appear on our app as well. The system should help us improve our online content, alongside our Twitter account and the new School Blogs.

PE Kit

As mentioned earlier in the week, PE t-shirts can be any colour during this autumn/winter whilst the children are coming to school all day in kit. Please do make sure the t-shirts are plain.

Lost Property

If your child loses an item of clothing, please let a member of staff know straight away and we will look for it. We will put any lost property out on display regularly, so any lost items can be returned. Please do label all clothes to make it easier to find them if they do go missing.

Lockdown Winners!

In our celebration assembly today, we celebrated our competition winners during lockdown. Well done to the following children:

VE Day: Megan, Daisy, Jack & Jack.

Design a game: Liberty

Science: Matthew, Sophie, George, Luca, Alfie.
& Isabella

Art: Jack



Dates for your Diary

September 28th - Music lessons beginning

October 12th - Individual photos

Year Group Information Videos

You will receive an information video in the next week. We hope they are valuable and appreciate any feedback. Please email the office FAO your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Google Classrooms

We have set up Google Classrooms ready for any children who need to isolate. We will be in contact with you if this is the case. If your child is unable to access learning online, we will sort out a weekly learning pack for you.