

Sprowston Junior

October 2020



October already!

If I look back to last month's newsletter, I'm really pleased to reflect on how the last month has gone. It is 'business as usual' in a way whilst not being anywhere near in others. At the outset it was extremely important that the focus was on the classroom teaching and assessing where the children are in their learning. The teachers have been identifying the key concepts missed last term from across all subject areas and looking at ensuring these are planned in over the coming months and school years. Part of this response will include some intervention planning and we are delighted to welcome Miss Mee to our staff team after half-term. Miss Mee will add to our teaching team during this academic year and will support us in continuing to improve the outcomes for all children.

Have a good weekend.

Matt Walton, Headteacher

Parents' Evening

A link will be sent out early next week to sign up for a phone call from the class teacher. Please look out for the link to sign up. The call will be to the primary parent/carer on the school management system unless we have been told otherwise. We are happy for the call to be put on speaker so both parents/carers can share the conversation.

Half-term

As you will see below, Half-term starts on Wednesday 21st October at 3:05pm/3:15pm. The children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Remote Learning

We will be sharing further information relating to remote learning next week and would also like to know whether your children have access to a computer device to support their learning online. We would appreciate everyone filling in this quick questionnaire to help us improve our understanding of the situation:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAsYvQGr21uwZDt1uwkBbCl_hUMkpN-TjhENE8xQUZEUDkyUjgwMTZKRVRPSy4u

School Clubs

These start from Monday 12th October. If your child is attending a sports club, they are asked to attend school in their PE kit on that day. The only exception to this is Monday 12th, as we have school photographs. After the club finishes, children will leave the school via the playground - please wait for your child there. Year 3/4 clubs finish at 4:05pm and Year 5/6 clubs at 4:15pm.

Photographs

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have sibling photographs this year due to the bubble rule in school. We will be having individual photographs only. The photographs take place this Monday morning.

Diary Dates

- Monday 12th October - Clubs begin this week
- Monday 12th October - Individual photographs
- Wednesday 21st October - Half term begins at 3:05pm or 3:15pm
- Monday 2nd November - Autumn term continues
- Monday 2nd November - Flu Vaccinations - all yrs
- Tuesday 3rd November - 3W visiting Norwich Cathedral
- Monday 9th November - Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6pm)
- Tuesday 10th November - 3F visiting Norwich Cathedral
- Wednesday 11th November - Parents' Evening (5pm-7:30pm)

(Please note the visits for Year 3 were the wrong way round on last week's newsletter)

Christmas Cards

We are using a different company this year for our Christmas cards and we hope the process is a success. You should have received a separate letter about them. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Song Cycle

Last week's newsletter mentioned the school's work with Into Opera on a song cycle in response to Covid19. Many of the lyrics in the songs come from Sprowston Junior children's responses in the summer term and out of the 6 songs written, we will be recording children singing at least 3. For your child to be in with a chance of taking part (Years 4-6), the form below will need to be filled in giving permission for video content. Please do this before Friday 16th October.

<https://forms.gle/K1QKU6nQnXxEyyas9>



Year 4 Gardening - Friday 9th October

FOCUS ON: YEAR 4

What has been some of your key learning so far this term?

Callum - We have learnt that your small and big intestines help turn your food into waste that your body gets rid of. We have also been learning about our teeth and the different teeth like molars, incisors and canines.

Sonny - I found it interesting that Tutankhamun was found by a young water boy digging who accidentally found a stone that turned out to be steps which led to the doorway of his tomb.

Daniela - The Egyptians always cut the bodies for mummification from the side, taking out all the brains and guts but left the heart because in the after-life they would undergo a ceremony known as 'The Weighing of the Heart'.

