

# Sprowston Junior

November 2020



## Autumn term continues...

It is really pleasing that schools are continuing during lockdown. We need to make sure things are as safe as possible, but another period at home for the children would have been extremely disappointing. Things have been really positive in school and it would have been a backward step halting this once more. Please do take note of all the information in the reminder letter sent yesterday. All decisions are taken with everyone's safety in mind.

Even though the school calendar is emptier than it normally would be, we are looking forward to a number of events in the next few weeks. Please take note of the non-uniform day next Friday for Children In Need. We will not be collecting any money but ask that you contribute online if you wish to make one. The children also need to wear their wackiest socks for the start of 'Anti-Bullying' week on Monday 16th November.

We hope that all our families are coping okay in these difficult times. If anyone is struggling and needs some support, please do get in touch with me in total confidence. We are here to help in anyway we can.

Matt Walton, Headteacher



Thank you for all the donations for Sprowston Foodbank!

## Parents' Evening

If you didn't manage to sort a parents' evening slot out, please do get in contact with the school office to arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher.

## School Clubs

We regret that the latest government guidance states that school clubs shouldn't continue at this time. Clubs will be on hold from Monday until Christmas. We are sorry that this is happening.

## Diary Dates

Monday 9th November - Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6pm)

Wednesday 11th November - Parents' Evening (5pm-7:30pm)

Friday 13th November - Children in Need (Non-school uniform)

Mon 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week (wacky socks day)

Thursday 26th November - Year 4 Ancient Egypt Day

Wednesday 9th December - Year 3 & 4 - Friends' Christmas Shop & Christmas lunch

Thursday 10th December - Year 5 & 6 - Friends' Christmas Shop & Christmas lunch

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

## Pantomime

Although we cannot watch a pantomime in school this year, we are not going to let this stop us! We are purchasing an online pantomime to watch which has been directed by Blue Peter legend, Peter Duncan (Jack in the Beanstalk). The children will all watch this on the same afternoon in their classes in the last week of term.

## Chromebooks

We've just taken delivery of a new set of chrome books which will further support all year groups in accessing online resources within their classrooms. These are in addition to our other chromebook trolley. We also have the computer suite to use for computing lessons.

## Song Cycle

We have more than 30 children in Years 4-6 signed up to take part in the song cycle. The children will record themselves singing next week and then we look forward to seeing them in the finished song cycle, which will hopefully be released before Christmas.

## Google Classroom

The children have been using Google Classroom in school, as well as some classes using it for homework. The aim is for all children to familiarise themselves with the system. We'll be sending home some more help sheets for parents too, to support the use of the online platform at home.



## FOCUS ON: YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about many different topics over the past few weeks, including healthy eating and rocks in science. They've also been learning to sew in Design & Technology and will be using their sewing skills to make poppies next week.

Ben & Ethan (3F): We have learnt that a volcano eruption can create pebbles - as the lava cools it creates great mountains with bits breaking off, falling into the sea. These pebbles get smoother and smoother and are pushed about by the ocean.

Elyas & Daniel (3F): We enjoyed learning about healthy eating; carbohydrates like bread give your body energy. It's important to have a balanced diet with fruit, vegetables, fibre and protein.

Pixie, Theo & Autumn (3W): We've learnt how to sew; you can do a cross-stitch and a running stitch; there is also a loop-stitch too.

We are also very impressed with the amount of reading that is going on at home. The reading records are great! Keep it up Year 3!



