



Newsletter

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News and events from Salisbury Primary

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"When things are difficult, remember who you are"



"Who am I?" asked the boy
"You are loved" said the horse

REUNITED!
How good does it feel for the children to be back at school?! After what has felt like an eternity, we finally have the whole school family back together under one roof. We know there have been changes, no doubt with more to come, but it has been wonderful to hear children's voices throughout the school and see how well they have been adapting to their new classes and routines. We are overwhelmed by the positive feedback that we have received from the school community and we are confident that this will be a year to remember for all the right reasons!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

As always, we are excited to welcome our new families, especially our Early Years pupils who have been enjoying their first week at Salisbury. Our virtual home visits went well, stay & play was a success and all the children have settled in. We are planning an EYFS Zoom info meeting during the week of 28th September 2020 where you will get an opportunity to ask any questions and find out a little bit more about what Salisbury has to offer. More details will follow next week.

"Well hello"



PLACE2BE

- The popular Place2Talk lunchtime service from Place2Be will continue this term and we assume continued parental consent for those who have previously been consulted and not declined the offer.
- An information sheet about this service is available on the Place2Be section of the school website or in paper form at school reception. If you have any questions or would like to know more please contact school reception to make an appointment with your Place2Be School Project Manager, Esther Pozzani, or email them on esther.pozzani@place2be.org.uk; working days Tues-Thurs.

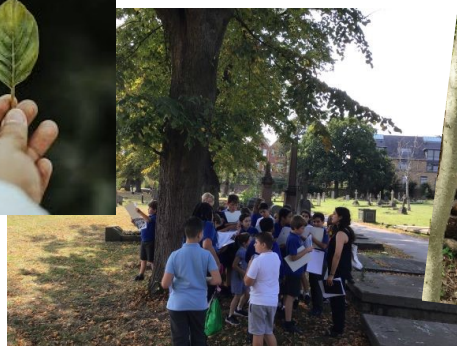
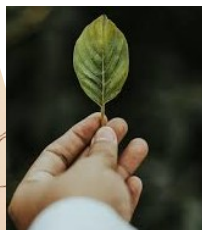


ATTENDANCE

Last week, BBC News reported that school attendance nationally was 88%, Salisbury are really happy to announce that our attendance is currently at 93.0%. We will continue to work with our families to support attendance in schools, if you have any concerns or questions please get in touch.

CURRICULUM

Pupils have been reading 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' as a whole school text and exploring some of the themes in the book as part of whole school curriculum project. In Science, classes have been out to the Greenspace and Paddington Cemetery identifying and mapping trees, to help them reconnect with nature, learning and each other.



ZOOM

This time last year, Zoom did not play a huge part in school life...how things have changed. We have led meetings, training and are now even teaching via Zoom. Ms Lynne has been leading art sessions in Year 1 using video conferencing and Brent Music Service are teaching music. The Senior Leadership Team are trialling assemblies with the first assembly this week being held with 11 classes! We are already planning our Parent Forum and other parent meetings and will keep you updated.



SALUSBURY WORLD UPDATES

Salusbury World are aware that lots of people have lost work & found themselves in difficult circumstances during the lockdown and are offering advice/help with welfare benefits, housing, immigration & more. The 'Gift your neighbour' food hub is still running on Mondays on Lonsdale Road. If you need more info on any of the above, please contact the advice lines on 07415 957976 or 07732 055347 or email to mail@salusburyworld.org.uk or lu-cykatz@salusburyworld.org.uk



INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Ms Calim has been working to increase our international links and establish a connection with a new school in Turkey. We are very excited that Salusbury has the opportunity to become a partner school with Cayyaka İlkokulu, a small school in a rural village. Initially, we will write to the children and their teacher and become penpals. 4 Onyx is the lucky class to be the first ones to write to them. We hope our link and friendship will grow over time and children will have the opportunity to share knowledge and skills through a range of different learning experiences.



IN AND OUT

Please see the important information below regarding drop off and pick up:

- Clarification on whether you are allowed to wait inside the school until your next drop off/pick up.

Yes you are able to – if socially distanced and children are supervised

- Could there be a designated hover point to ease congestion?

The designated hover point is the playground of the children you are waiting to drop off/collect

- If you have more than one drop off/pick up, could you drop/collect children together at the later time only?

Drop needs to remain staggered. However, we can organise this for collection – younger children will be taken to the class lines of the older child and they will wait nearby, at a distance

- Could there be a one way system through the Lonsdale Road gates?

Yes –we will trial this from Monday

From Monday. Early Years children will also go straight into class upon arrival – negating the need for a line of children.

- Could the reception class lines be more distanced from each other?

We will keep the location of the lines under review. We hope that the other measures we put in place will have a positive impact.

- Could we close the Lonsdale Road off to through traffic before and after school?

We have contacted Brent to request that this be included in the experimental road closures. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

- Could a one way system be introduced in the main playground?

From Monday, anyone who uses the office or middle gates, will have a new one-way system.

IN – the office gate, walk to the appropriate line and drop off, **OUT** the middle gate. Families who use the co-op gate will be unaffected.



HOME READERS

Reading books will start to be sent home from the end of next week, a flyer with more information will be sent out on Monday.