



## Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Spring Term 2021 – Headteacher Update #9

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – bring it on! You could almost hear the sigh of relief rising from the nation. On the last day of the Summer term the Alice Cooper track ‘School’s Out’ is my earworm. Any suggestions for 8<sup>th</sup> March?! Possibly ‘Sing Hallelujah!’ by Dr Alban: play it loud on the way back from drop-off ...



Our plans for the return of the masses are well under way. The children will not notice too many changes from immediately before Christmas, although we have tightened our risk assessment in some areas. Next week we will provide both parents and children with more details about school life. If you or your child have any anxieties or concerns about returning to school please feel free to email me, Mrs Barker or your child’s class teacher.

Surrey CAMHS (Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service) have sent us a resource pack to support parents whose children are anxious about returning to school. The pack is a 60 page document so is not included with this HT Update/email. However, should you wish to be sent a copy then again, please email either myself or Mrs Barker and we can send it on to you.

Just as a reminder, here is some key information for returning to school:

#### Start of school times / Drop-off arrangements w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 6 : 8.50am start – enter via the Brighton Road gate. Gate open from 8.40am; Year 6 wait at front of the Year 6 block.
- Year 4 : 8.50am start – enter via the main gate. Gate open from 8.40am; Year 4 wait on the playground.
- Year 5 : 9.00am start – enter via the Brighton Road gate from 8.50am; Year 5 wait on the playground.
- Year 3 : 9.00am start – enter via the main gate. Gate open from 8.50am; Year 3 wait on the playground.
- No parents on site for drop off - thank you.

#### End of school times / Pick-up arrangements w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 4 & Year 6 – 3.15pm
- Year 3 & Year 5 – 3.30pm
- Parents on site for pick-up – we are asking that parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 do not come onto the school site at pick up. Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 can wait on the playground, wearing a face covering unless exempt.
- Year 5 and Year 6 leave the school site unaccompanied (unless their parent is picking up a Year 3 or Year 4 child)

#### Attendance at school w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

School attendance from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 is once again mandatory. Clearly if your child is unwell they should not attend. Please discuss with us if you have any concerns regarding this.



## World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book day. Our English lead Miss Warner, alongside Miss Mistry our Reading lead, have been working with the teachers to plan some exciting activities for the children. Zooms will still happen as normal next week although there will be a slight change in focus, with some fun book/reading-based activities incorporated into the week.

Part of the work that the children undertake will result in them writing a short story and publishing it in a book. We will then be asking the children to bring these books with them on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, when they return to school. The children will spend some time in class reading each other's stories.

An online World Book Day voucher for each child is attached with this HT Update.

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Afternoon Story Time Zooms

Instead of logging on to see their teachers on the afternoon of World Book Day, we are giving the children the choice of which teacher story-Zoom they join ... according to the story that they would like to hear! Attached to this HT update email is a list of stories and the Zoom timings and details. Should your child wish to join more than one of the stories/Zooms they would be very welcome. As the staff will be having children in Zooms whom they don't necessarily teach, please can we ask that all children have their own name as their Zoom ID. This will help adults know who they are letting in to the Zoom meetings. Please can we also ask that the children join the Zooms a couple of minutes before the start times as once a story is being read, it will be hard for the teacher to stop and let late comers in.

## Extreme Reading Challenge

In celebration of World Book Day, we are running an 'Extreme Reading Challenge' for all children to get involved in. To take part, children need to take a photo of themselves reading a book in an extreme place (without endangering themselves!). The photos should be printed, named on the back and handed to their class teacher on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when they return to school. We are looking forward to seeing some creative entries!



## Year 4 Sayers Croft residential trip

The Year 4 residential trip will of course not go ahead as planned in March 2021. In fact current guidance from the DfE states that no educational visits can take place. In anticipation of this changing we have already booked some provisional dates with Sayers Croft for either a residential or day visits in the summer term. Watch this space ...

## School Breakfast and After-School Club – up and running from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Our wonderful Breakfast and After-School Club will re-open to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There are spaces available in all sessions so kindly contact our Club manager, Jackie McPhail, at [jmcp@mail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jmcp@mail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) or by phone 07432 304562 if you would like to book a place for your child.

As a reminder, breakfast sessions are priced at £5.70 and children can attend from 7.50am until school starts. There are two options for after-school club sessions: a half session until 4.45pm for £7.20, and a full session until 6.00pm for £14.40. We are able to accommodate ad-hoc on the day bookings. To make a booking for any session, please contact the club via Jackie Mcphail directly using the contact details above.

## School Beds in the (truly) Wild Garden Area – help needed

Worried about how to fill your free time once your child(ren) has returned to school? Why not help out with a spot of manual labour in the school garden. Very therapeutic. If keen please contact me or Mrs Toulson: your help will be greatly appreciated as the initial digging over is too much for the children.



### Support from the Godalming Community Store

The Community Store is here to support any local residents who have been financially affected by the Covid Crisis. If you would benefit from their support please either call the Town Council on 01483 523575 (Monday-Friday excluding Bank Holidays) or email [office@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@godalming-tc.gov.uk).

### Safeguarding

With increasing regularity we are made aware of parents letting their children access and even post on social media sites that are deemed unsuitable for their age group. These include Tic-Toc, Snapchat, etc. There are age restrictions on these sites for very good reasons. My strong recommendation is that you adhere to them with your child.

Please remember that if you have a Safeguarding concern around any child please contact us or Surrey Children's Services: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services> or phone 0300 470 9100.

Take care & kind regards



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