



## Newsletter

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News and events from Salisbury Primary

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## BLACK LIVES STILL MATTER!

October is Black History Month and it is an annual event at Salisbury Primary School. Whilst we will still be celebrating Black Heroes, Heroines and Role Models, we want ensure that Black History, People and Culture are celebrated throughout our curriculum throughout the year. This work is continually evolving and we hope you see our diversity reflected in the topics and texts your children learn from over their school career.



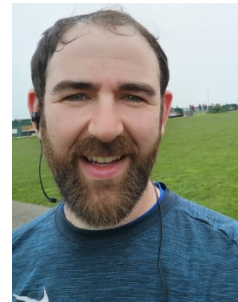
## MINI MARATHON

On Sunday 4th October, the Virgin Money London Marathon will feature the world's best athletes racing live on the BBC, while lots of other adults, like Mr Francies, take part virtually – running 26.2 miles.

Never wanting to miss out, Salisbury children have been taking part too by walking, running or jogging 2.6 miles. Our mini marathon will last two weeks and every child will be awarded an official Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon finisher certificate for taking part.

## RUN MR FRANCIES RUN!

This Sunday, Mr Francies will be running the Virtual London Marathon! A huge thank you to all the families that have already donated towards The Bike Project. If you'd like to support, please follow the link and make a donation: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AdamFrancies> and don't forget to say well done on Monday! If you'd like to follow along on the London Marathon app, you can track his progress by following run number 12660. Good luck Mr Francies!



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## TECH—WANTED AND NEEDED

We are currently looking for donations to convert old laptops into Chromebooks that could be used by our pupils for home learning. If you have an old laptop or tablet that you would be willing to donate to school, please bring them into the office and we will wipe them of all data before converting them to cloud devices. N.P. We also need to know which children do not have technology to access the home learning on. We are aware that some of our families are using their mobile phones and data allowance, so if this is you please get in touch so we can see how we can help.



## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We want to thank everyone for the positive feedback on the new one way system when dropping off and picking up your children. We know that this means more queuing outside school but it has created more space in the playground and minimised contact. This week, we worked with our Lonsdale neighbours to close Lonsdale Rd during these busy times. Mrs Linkletter and Mrs Ginty are reminding drivers that this is a private no-through road. This has created a safer environment and enabled more social distancing for all families who use the road, particularly our EYFS and Year 6 pupils.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance has improved since our last newsletter to 93.2%. Whilst it is only a slight improvement, under current circumstances we are very proud that our attendance remains above national data. Our target continues to be 97.0%, so bearing that in mind congratulations to the following two classes who have achieved this: Rumanite— 98.3% and Sunstone—97.3%...well done!

## MUSIC'S COOL

Pupils have been enjoying their music lesson via Zoom but are eagerly anticipating the return of face to face teaching. We are planning for the Brent Music's Cool Teachers to return to the classroom after the half-term holidays. We will be liaising with BMS to combine our risk assessments and the teachers will be wearing face masks and adhering to social distancing rules. We will write closer to the time to share more information with families before we make any changes.



## GIFT YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A reminder that 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@salisburyworld.org.uk](mailto:mail@salisburyworld.org.uk) or [lucykatz@salisburyworld.org.uk](mailto:lucykatz@salisburyworld.org.uk)

## WELCOME TO EYFS ZOOMS

Ms Armstrong, Ms Sleep, Ms Maskell and Ms Bouchiba have been busy meeting our new EYFS parents and carers virtually in the Reception and Nursery Zoom meetings. These virtual meetings are new to the school and although we can never replace having parents in; we hope you found them useful.

## PARENT'S EVENING

This year's first parent's evenings will be taking place soon. They will be conducted via Zoom (or by phone for anyone who does not want to Zoom) in the two weeks leading up to the half-term holiday. We will be sending out more information on how to book your slot next week.

## READING HUB

Mrs Linkletter and Miss Jones (Y6 Teacher and Reading Leader) virtually hosted a reading workshop for 40 other schools. This is part of our work with Challenge Partners. Salisbury is a Centre of Excellence for Reading and we are very excited to be able to share our fantastic practice with other schools and support their teachers' continuing professional development. We have another showcase event booked for January 2021.



## CHARTWELLS

This week, you should have all received the Chartwell's newsletter and menu. Some parents have been asking what week we are on in the menu rotation, so for your information next week commencing 5th October 2020 we will be on Week 3. We have also updated our School Meals section on the website with more information about school meals.

## FREE UNIFORM

Your child/ren could receive £100 of school uniform for free! Please speak to Liz in the office to see if your child could be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. For each successful application, we offer £100 worth of school uniform.



## LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to please label all your child's belongings with their name and class. Salisbury jumpers all look the same and without names it can often be hard to find the owner. Debbie is in the canteen at the end of the school day with any un-named or un-collected lost property.



## SCHOOL DOG

We are very excited to announce that we are looking in to getting a school dog. The dog will be Ms Armstrong's pet but will be the Salisbury dog. We are going to make sure that the dog is hypo-allergenic, trained to work with children and in school. There will be a thorough risk assessment completed and before the dog joins us at Salisbury, all pupils will take part in assemblies and lessons to support their understanding of how a school dog works. We are really looking forward to this and Ms Armstrong is happy to talk to any families who want to know more about our new dog.