



Weekly

Newsletter

11th September 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back, I know this has been a little daunting for some of you but the children have come back with a super positive attitude and have begun to settle in well to their new way of school life.

COVID Arrangements & Contact Information

Thank you for bearing with us as we fine tune our new Covid arrangements, please keep an eye on your emails or the school website for any new information that we send out.

Mrs Nisbet will be sending out the data sheets for all pupils shortly, please check and return these as soon as possible, even if no changes are required. It is vitally important at this time that we have your current contact details, including your mobile numbers and email addresses.

Any messages of a non-urgent nature should be given to Mrs Nisbet in the school office to pass on to the class teacher for you. Appointments to see your child's class teacher can be requested and will be made as soon as possible for you. Unfortunately we are unable to allow parents into school at the moment, so that we can reduce the number of people we come into contact with, but we will certainly be able to talk with you over the phone or outside. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Staffing – Wraparound Care

Following Mrs Jenkin's resignation, we are pleased to announce that after a rigorous recruitment process, Miss Leigha Busby was appointed during the school holidays. Miss Busby will be known as Miss B to save any confusion!

We have suspended all after school activity clubs for the time being, hopefully we will find a way to reinstate some of these soon.

Cross Country

This will be continuing! We have arranged for a cross country event to happen at our school for our Year 3 – 6 children next Thursday, so these year groups will be required to wear PE kits on this day as well as their normal PE day.

It will run the same as previous years, where if the children take part in 5 out of 6 races they will receive an endurance medal at the end of the year. In addition to this the names of the top 3 runners for each race will earn individual points and their top 5 races/points will be collected. Each class/year group will then receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd medal at the end of the year. All children in Year groups 3 – 6 will be encouraged to take part.

Wraparound Care

There is a need to pre-book before and after school care whenever possible by ringing or emailing the school office (secretary@halwin.cornwall.sch.uk).

Karate Reading Bands

At the moment, we will not be issuing reading bands, we will however be keeping a track of the amount of reads and the children will be rewarded in their individual classrooms. Please refer to your class letter for any further information regarding the issuing and returning of reading books.

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Dance Sessions

This half term we have been really fortunate to have secured Miss Jo Simms (Ocean Dance Academy) to work with each of our classes. The children will need to wear PE clothes every Tuesday to ensure they can take part. Class letters will give further information regarding another PE day.

Healthy Eating

May I politely remind you that if you are providing your child with a snack for break time, this should be a 'Healthy Snack' such as fruit, breadstick, bread roll, veg sticks etc. I will not be allowing the children to eat crisps or chocolate during break time and they will be asked to save it for lunch. We do have a small supply of fruit to offer any child that does not have a snack and requires one. All children should also bring in a water bottle every day so that they can access a drink when they need one, again – thinking of the children's health and teeth, we ask that children only bring water in their bottles, thank you.

If you require further ideas or information on keeping your child healthy, please take a look at this leaflet available online:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/parents-healthy-eating-and-being-active-leaflet>

Pick up and drop off

May I politely ask you all to ensure your children are not playing with children from other classes before or after school, so that we can maintain our safety at all times and cross-contamination between bubbles does not happen. Similarly, the adventure playground is currently only allowed to be used by Robin's children, so please can you refrain from allowing your children and/or siblings from using this. We are working really hard at maintaining these risks during the school day and so it can be confusing for the children when they are 'allowed' to mix when school is closed. As of Monday, you will have heard that we are not allowed to congregate in groups greater than 6, please can I ask you to be respectful of this while on school grounds too. I will be asking parents/carers to disperse should it be necessary to.

If you have any questions, concerns or require any extra information about any of the above, please do not hesitate to come and see a member of staff.

Many thanks,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

Newsletters

Newsletters are normally published weekly on a Friday, unless we have urgent or unexpected items to announce. Please read them carefully and make sure you get a copy, as this is how we let you know about what is happening in school. We try to keep you informed of all the events this way. A copy of the current newsletter will be on display in the main reception area and on the school website.

Next week the newsletter will be sent to you through eSchools; please check to see if you have received it via email. If you do not have Internet access at home or have temporary Internet problems, please contact Mrs Nisbet to request a hard copy of future newsletters.



Internet Safety

We have received a reminder regarding internet safety regarding the potential involvement of students with dangerous 'peer challenge' games, particularly for our older pupils. Social media platforms play a central role in the contemporary lifestyles of young people today. Parents and schools need to be mindful of any increase in risk-taking

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behaviours by a young person or the presence of superficial self-harm. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child and internet safety.



Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

We are pleased to inform you that deliveries of fruit and vegetables have resumed. So starting from Monday, each child In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a healthy snack for break time.



School Meals

A reminder that the current cost of a school meal for KS2 children (Years 3 - 6) is **£2.30** (£11.50 a week) and dinner money should be paid in advance.



Payment for School Meals Using ParentPay

You must have activated your ParentPay account to use this facility. This will be the preferred method but we will still be able to accept cheques and cash. **Please note if you have any arrears owing from the previous academic**

year, this must be settled by cash or cheque only.

Change of Menu

Starting from Friday 18 September, there will be a hot meal option of fish fingers or quorn dippers with fries and salad sticks.



Payments

Going forward ParentPay will be the preferred method for the majority of payments. Please ensure any cheques sent in are made payable to 'Southerly Point Co-operative MAT'.

It would help the office greatly if all money sent into school could be put into an envelope or money bag, marked with the pupil's name and what the money is for.

It is very easy for loose change to be misallocated and the children often forget what the money is for by the time they get to school! Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.



Departures

If you need to take your child out of school during the day for medical appointments, please notify us by phone or letter beforehand. Children

should be collected from reception and a member of staff informed that they are leaving.

In order to maintain the children's safety, we also need to be informed if anyone other than the parent the child normally lives with will be collecting them from school.

For the time being, please notify us by phone if this is going to be the case or alternatively provide a letter confirming which adults have permission to collect your child from school.



Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness please contact us on each day of absence, so that we know they are not due in school. Please inform us in advance of any other absences. This will help us to maintain accurate attendance data and ensure that those children who should be in school have arrived safely.



Medicines

All medicines must be given to a member of staff for safekeeping. On no account should pupils have these items in their possession in school. If you require school staff to give your child any

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prescribed medicine, please complete a medical consent form which is available from the school office.



Mobile Phones / Devices

It is school policy that children are not permitted to have mobile phones, or any device that can make a call or take a photo, in their bag or on their person during the school day. If you need your child to have any such device then it needs to be handed in to the school office first thing in the morning and collected at the end of the school day.



Letters Home

Please make sure you have received the following information this week:-

Autumn Term Class Letters

Robins Class – all pupils

Owls Class – all pupils

Kingfishers Class – all pupils



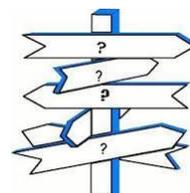
What's On Diary?

Posters for any events listed here and all other events will be on display in the main reception area.



'Signposting'

We would like to make it clear that all 'signposted' activities are external to the school. Parents should make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the provider before engaging their service.



Events Diary

Date	Event
Tues 15 Sept 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Thurs 17 Sept 2020	Cross Country in School Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Fri 18 Sept 2020	'Fishy Friday' Menu available
Tues 22 Sept 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Tues 29 Sept 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Tues 06 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Tues 13 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Tues 20 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct 2020	Autumn Half Term

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