



'Working together to succeed, through faith in Jesus Christ'

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Monday 8th March

You will be aware from the Government announcement this week that school will reopen fully to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We are so looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back into school that day and having our whole school community back together again for the first time since before Christmas.

To celebrate and support our pupils returning to school on Monday 8th March at 8.45am, we will be hosting a 'Fun and Friendship Day'. Pupils are to wear their own comfortable clothes for a day of fun, catching up with their friends, taking part in art and craft activities, visits to Forest School, PSHE activities and a special party box themed lunch! Wellies or a change of shoes are recommended to be sent into school in a labelled carrier bag as we aim to be outside as much as possible. More details can be found on the poster attached to the newsletter.

A return to school guidance booklet has also been sent home today which contains all of the information you need to know about how school will reopen safely to all pupils 8th March.

Last week of Remote Learning

- Next week marks the final week of remote learning but we expect all pupils to complete all tasks set by their teachers and particularly enjoy the Science sessions that will be provided as part of British Science Week.
- It will be the last of the Zoom class catch ups with class teachers next week so please attend if you are at home and teachers will be happy to answer any questions pupils have about returning to school.
- Paper resource packs will be available to collect from the school office at 10.30am on Monday.
- FSM vouchers will be emailed out to pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals on Monday for the last time.

Survey Feedback

As we approach the end of this latest (and hopefully last!) lockdown, we are very keen to get your views on what elements of learning, support and communication have worked over the last half term for those pupils who have worked at home. Please look out for the survey via Google Forms and a link will be text out in the coming days for families to complete over the coming days. As always, we appreciate all feedback and will take on board any suggestions as to how we can build on successes and make improvements where necessary. Thank you for your support with this matter.

'Reading Spuddy' Competition

We have already had a great response to our World Book Day competition where pupils are asked to design their favourite book character by decorating a potato! Head over to our Facebook page for some ideas and inspiration and get your 'Reading Spuddy' completed and uploaded to Facebook, Seesaw and Tapestry by next Thursday. All entries will be judged on Thursday and the most creative entry from each class will win a Smyths Toys voucher. Winners will be announced in the newsletter next Friday and prizes handed out on Monday 8th March. Staff are planning lots of fun and interactive activities for World Book Day on Thursday so please make sure you take part and enjoy a fun day of activities!

School Gates

Those who have been at school this week will have seen our new automated gates set up. Our car park gates are now locked during the school day for safeguarding purposes. The pedestrian gate that pupils enter through is also now automated. This will be open and staffed at the beginning and end of the day. However, during the course of the day the gate will be locked. If parents/carers need to access school during the day they must press the 'Reception' buzzer next to the pedestrian gate and speak to the office. Office staff will grant access once they have confirmed and identified who you are. Visitors are to push the gate then close it behind them, enter the site, walk along the new path which runs along the edge of the playground near to the Y2 classroom and approach the main entrance. Visitors will also need to follow the same route out of the premises – there is no longer access across the car park.

Online Safety Newsletter

Our monthly Internet newsletter has been sent home today along with the newsletter. Please use the newsletter to share with your child and wider family as a means of promoting Internet safety and positive online behaviours. This month's editions provides information and updates on:

- Online Learning
- What's App
- Roblox

Lenten Collective Worships

Mr Hatton will be hosting a live Lenten collective worship next Wednesday at 11am. Pupils at home and in school will be invited to join in via Zoom and a link will be sent out via text message early next week. Thank you to the families who joined us this week. A copy of the Lenten Calendar was sent home via the app and published on the school website after this week's sessions to help support pupils and families on their Lenten journeys.



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'Fun & Friendship Day'



The first day back at school will be a 'Fun and Friendship Day'. For some, the first day back will be daunting and the children have missed seeing and being with their friends for 7 weeks. With this in mind, on the 8th March, the children will not wear uniform, enjoy a party lunch and day filled with STEM and art activities, chatting and catching up with friends and outdoor fun.

Art and Craft activities

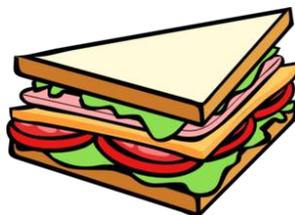
Outdoor Learning

STEM activities



Pupils can wear their own clothes but don't wear your best clothes! Pupils will be outdoors as much as possible, painting and visiting Forest School.

Talk, laugh, play games and have fun with your friends who you haven't seen for a while in class, on the playground, in the Hall and at Forest School!



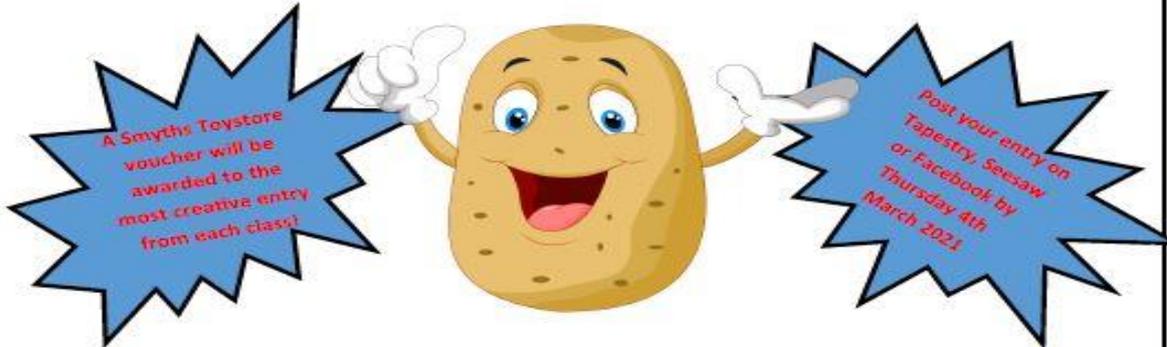
Party Box Lunch with sandwiches, pizza, sausage rolls, crisps and a drink.



Create your own



Reading Spuddy



A Smyths Toysstore voucher will be awarded to the most creative entry from each class!

Post your entry on Tapestry, Seesaw or Facebook by Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March 2021

STEP 1

Choose your favourite book character



STEP 2

Find a large potato (leave its jacket on!)



STEP 3

Decorate your potato to look like your book character—you can use paint/tissue paper/fabric or any other materials



STEP 4

Post a picture of your very own Reading Spuddy with your book on Tapestry, Seesaw or FaceBook



An example of how to showcase a 'Reading Spuddy'

