



Update Friday 16th October 2020
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of an extremely productive half-term a few updates to keep you going over the weekend. Let's hope it's a dry one!

Next week's theme is 'All Different, All the Same' and we have a range of exciting activities planned. Please ask your children to dig out their wellies/old shoes as every class will enjoy an autumn activity in Forest School at some point next week.



Year 6's History Topic – Can you guess who they've been learning about?

Social distancing:

I am delighted that (on the whole) we have managed to stay well and healthy over the past half-term. However, as we know, cases of Coronavirus continue to rise. Please 'protect our school' by adhering to the following simple guidelines:

1. Only come into the reception area if you have an appointment
2. For really important matters, speak to teachers on the playground **at the end of the day** maintaining a 2 metre distance –otherwise use the class email
3. Although you're all lovely, please don't linger on the playground –prolonging contact increases the risk of infection.

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School meals/ packed lunches:

Week one of hot meals has gone well and we've made a few tweaks. However, we have had a few instances of children having both a school meal **and** a snack from home. Please can you help the lunchtime staff by ensuring your child has only a healthy home packed lunch or a school dinner.

Celebration Assembly:



Today we celebrated some great writing, fabulous friendship and examples of perseverance. We also discussed the need for rules.

Jed H, Josh E, Maya W, Zach E, Summer W, Lucy C, Charlie S, Evan T, Darcie C, Evie M, Isadora G have all 'reached the rainbow' and were celebrated in assembly.

Congratulations to all of you - our 'Rainbow Tea Party' will take place next Thursday afternoon.

Your donations:

As the weather begins to change we are having to think about ways of ensuring safe playtimes in a restricted 'bubble' only space. Each year group has at least one allocated day for football but on other days we sometimes struggle. I have asked all the year groups to suggest games and equipment we can buy to help your children have happy and healthy playtimes.

Parent Consultations:

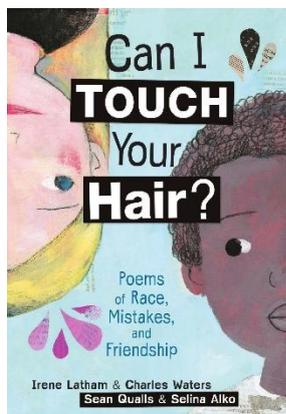
Thank you for all your support and positive feedback regarding our 'well-being' consultations. Let's hope we can hold face-to-face meetings at some point in the Spring term.

Stop means Stop Campaign!



Attached to today's newsletter are details of Hertfordshire's 'Stop Means Stop' Campaign. Our lovely lollipop lady does a vital job and it's up to all of us to spread the word and keep her and your children safe.

All the Same, All Different:



We have had a phenomenal response to Mrs Zimet's response for ethnically diverse books and they have been the starting point for some fantastic discussion. Did you know, for example, that the people who travelled to England on 'The SS Windrush' were separated and men and women made to sleep in different parts of the ship.

School Council News:

The School Council have held their first meeting and have already organised a fundraising event. Keeping with our theme of 'All the Same, All Different' they are raising money for Sunnyside Rural Trust. For those of you who don't know about this fabulous local charity the Sunnyside Rural Trust works with people with learning disabilities to acquire skills in a number of rural activities.

<https://www.sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk>



Next week our lovely Year 2 class will be walking up to Sunnyside to see for themselves what goes on there and meet some of the animals.

Friday 23rd October is a non-uniform day and children are invited to bring in some coins to drop in the rainbow buckets. All monies raised will be given to Sunnyside to help them continue their wonderful work.

School Association:

Over the summer the School Association ran a sponsored 'Readathon' where children were encouraged to read as many books as possible. (Some of you may have seen Channel 4's documentary series 'The Write-offs!' and know how important it is to be able to read fluently.) I am delighted to be able to announce the competition raised £337!

The top three sponsorship raisers were:

1. Frankie France
2. Wilf Keenaghan-Clark
3. Poppy Bassil

The School Association is holding its virtual AGM on Wednesday 21st October at 8pm. The School Association is fantastic, providing both resources for school but also exciting activities for your children. What's more, it's a great way to get involved with

the school community. For more details contact Mrs Keenaghan-Clark via the school office.

Word of the week:

Year 3's choice: **devoured** (because they've been writing a newspaper report about the 'Three Little Pigs'!)

Def: eat (food or prey) hungrily or quickly

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Osborne and the staff team.