

Tiger Class Newsletter

Term 1 September 2020

At last! Mrs Britton and myself have been so looking forward to welcoming back our new Year 6s. It would seem that your children are happy to be back, too, as their attitudes towards their learning, their friendships and their interactions with adults could not be better. We are delighted with the way that they have settled back into school life. There may be a few bumps along the way but we are prepared for that and we are doing our best to create a learning environment which values student wellbeing with one that also prioritises learning. We have been working hard to ensure that important areas of the curriculum - that may have been missed in Year 5 - are included this year; this may mean that the learning in the year group looks a little different from previous years. I would like to thank you for your patience in adapting to our new school routines. We really do appreciate it.

What are we doing differently in school to keep everyone safe?

The safety of everyone in school is paramount and therefore the ways in which we are working both inside and outside the classroom have changed. Some of these changes include:

- **Separate class bubbles and play areas for each class.**
- **Social distancing in class and lessons where possible.**
- **All desks facing forward**
- **Individual boxes to store books**
- **New handwashing routines multiple times daily**
- **Disinfection of tables regularly during the day.**
- **Equipment for PE cleaned before each use**
- **Individual stationery bags with everything the children need**
- **Classroom windows and door remain open to improve ventilation**

Homework

Homework is given on Friday and expected in anytime up until Wednesday. Children are encouraged to come and see me if they have problems and need things clarifying before then. If your child has not been able to complete their homework please let me know and we will support them further over a lunch time.

Meet the Teacher

We have all been incredibly impressed with the way all of the children have come back, showing great enthusiasm and maturity as they have quickly adapted to their new class normal. As ever we are available through the school office and Seesaw, should you have any concerns. Obviously we will not be able to have our normal 'Meet The Teacher' event this year but will try and arrange short Zoom/phone calls should you need to speak to us. These will take place on Monday 19th October with further details announced soon.

Reading

We encourage children to read every night but appreciate this isn't always possible. Even if you feel your child is an able reader, they ALL still need support with their understanding and comprehension, as these are vitally important skills. Children are rewarded if they read at least 3 times a week, so by making sure you complete your child's reading record they can collect these rewards at school. As we keep our own reading records in school, it is unlikely we will comment in these books.

Walk on Wednesday

Walk on Wednesday is once again up and running. In order to be counted as walking please walk from the park or village green on Wednesdays.

With more and more Y6 children now walking home by themselves please let me know if you decide your child can leave school at the end of the day to meet you. We will obviously not be allowed to let the children go otherwise.

PE & Wellies

Our PE days this year are Wednesday and Thursday but children need to have kits in school every day, as there may be other occasions they are needed. Having something warmer for winter, such as dark coloured tracksuits will be essential.

We will also be taking part running weekly miles around the school field to promote both physical and mental well-being. Already we have seen a massive improvement after just 5 runs with some children taking several minutes off of their personal best times.

With the need to use the field more necessary than ever for play times and lunch times, children will be required to have wellies and coats in school every day.