



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 4

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pippin class have started "Going on a Bear Hunt" for their English lessons this week. We had a mysterious visitor to our classroom, who left it in such a mess - then we found out it was a bear! We then went out on a hunt to look for the bear, going all around the school. We have been learning the text, creating a story map and thinking of our own actions to use when reciting the text. Miss Chestney is so impressed at the effort the children have put into their learning this week.

We have also been doing some gardening in our quiet garden. Tesco very kindly donated some Chrysanthemum plants to us which Pippin class did a great job of planting. They have really helped to make a difference to our quiet garden.



Friday 9th October: Mental Health Awareness Day

We will be raising awareness of mental health and well-being by joining in with national Hello Yellow Day. As part of the day we encourage children and staff to come in to school wearing something yellow. Whether that be a t-shirt, leggings, jumper, head band or shoes! It is entirely up to you. Whatever you already have at home is great. Throughout the day, we will be having discussions about our wellbeing and emotions and joining in with a variety of activities.

We will also be fundraising for this event too. These funds will go to Young Minds UK, a charity organisation that surrounds children mental health. We are asking for a small donation of a pound if you can. If you have any friends or family that would like to donate too, that would be welcomed but is not essential. Mrs Aspinall will be collecting the funds on the door in the morning.

Virtual Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Virtual Parents' Evenings during the week beginning 12th October. During that week, we hope to speak to all of you, initially through a phone call to speak to you about your child, how they are progressing and their next steps. Next week, you will receive an email from the office outlining how you can sign up.

School Day Timings

Now that we have settled into the term, the new routines at the beginning and end of the school day are running very smoothly. Most of the children arrive and leave in family groups with their siblings and so we have decided that staggered start and finish times are no longer necessary. Therefore, from next week, the school day for all children will be:

Drop off between **8.30 and 8.45**

Pickup at **3.15pm**

We hope this simplifies arrival and departure for everyone.

School Car Park – Pavement Only!

Could I also request that everyone, both children and adults, use the pavements when arriving and departing school, rather than walking across the car park. The car park can get very busy with people arriving and leaving, making it dangerous. Please use the car parking spaces on the right hand side next to the fence rather than the staff car parking spaces to the left. If all the spaces are taken, please park alongside the curved pavement next to the wildlife garden, so that children can walk along this pavement to their parents' car. No child should be walking across the car park at any time.

Water bottles

Once again we would like to remind all parents that water bottles should only contain water and not juice or squash. Children are welcome to bring more than one water bottle if they need extra water during the school day, particularly on PE days.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith