



## Newsletter 1 – September 2021

### *Our value this term is Compassion*

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. It is lovely to have the whole school back together with a feeling of some normality. Please have a look around the school to see all the refurbishments that have taken place.

<p><i>Star of the Day</i></p> <p>Week 2 – Reuben for his mature attitude</p>	<p><i>Diary Dates</i></p> <p>09.09.21 R &amp; Y1 Forest School Starts 12.09.21 Start of School Service at St Peter's Southrop 9.30 am 13.09.21 Y 3 &amp; 4 Swimming Starts 22.09.21 Y6 Start Helping at the Village Shop 27.09.21 Harvest Celebration – 9am St Peter's Church. 14.10.21 Cygnets Celtic Day at Macaroni Woods 08.10.21 Literature Festival Trip – Y1 - 6 22.10.21 End of Term 1 01.11.21 Inset Day 02.11.21 Start of Term 2</p>	
<p><i>Star of the Week</i></p> <p>Week 1 Arthur Week 2 Amber, Toby, Juliette, Chloe</p>		
<p><i>Friday Table</i></p> <p>Well done to the children who have been role models of good behaviour during lunch and got to sit on the Friday table:</p> <p>Week 1 – Arthur L, Juliette, Nancy, Eva, Ollie, Ferne, Reuben</p>		
<p><i>Well Done!</i></p> <p>Ferne has got her Grade 1 Drumming !</p>		

### **Covid-19 Guidelines Returning to school September 2021:**

- We will not be continuing with class “bubbles” and all staff and pupils may mix.
- We will continue to:
  - ask pupils to wash their hands on arrival at school and after breaks and at hometime.
  - ventilate the classrooms, but not at expense of necessary warmth, open windows and doors to clear air when room not in use.
  - hold outdoor worship where possible
  - have additional cleaning of high touch areas at lunchtime.
- Face coverings are recommended for staff in crowded spaces, though not required.
- Staff continue to wash hands first thing on arrival at school.

- Symptomatic staff or pupils, and those who record a positive test, will still need to isolate in line with current guidance.
- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:
  - they are fully vaccinated
  - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
  - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
  - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

- The Co-Head teachers are required to monitor cases to identify any outbreaks and close contacts. If 5 staff or pupils test positive within a 10 day period or if a member of staff or pupil is admitted to hospital we will seek public health advice and implement additional infection control measures – e.g. additional cleaning, additional ventilation.

Full details can be seen in the Outbreak Management Plan on the website.

### **Covid-19 Symptoms**

As we are returning to school, we would like to keep reminding you of possible symptoms of coronavirus. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are usually mild, but some people can become very unwell.

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If you have these symptoms you are able to seek testing.

You can ask for a test:

- for yourself, if you have coronavirus symptoms now (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- for someone you live with, if they have coronavirus symptoms

You need to get the test done in the first 5 days of having symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

### **Adhering to Government Guidance**

Please adhere to the latest government guidance on socialising and avoiding infection, which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Covid-19 Arrangements

If you have any concerns or questions about the new arrangements in school please contact Mrs Simmons ([admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)) , Miss Davies or Mrs McLellan ([head@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk))

## Staffing Arrangements

<b>Co-Head Teachers office days:</b>  Miss Davies – Wednesday & Thursday Mrs McLellan – Thursday & Friday		
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Cygnets</b>	<b>Swans</b>
Teacher: Mrs Blackburn Mornings Tuesday – Friday  Teaching Assistant: Mrs Woodhams Mornings Monday - Thursday	Teachers: Miss Davies – Monday, Tuesday, Friday Mrs Tipple – Wednesday, Thursday	Teachers: Mrs McLellan – Monday – Wednesday Mrs K Dawson – Thursday, Friday  Teaching Assistants: Mr Jones – each morning + Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons Miss Hall – each morning + Thursday afternoon. Mrs Martyn – each day
<b>PE Coach:</b>  Miss Belcher – Monday and Wednesday afternoons		
<b>Lunchtime Supervisors:</b>  Mrs H Dawson – Cygnets Miss Hall – Swans		
<b>Administrator:</b>  Mrs Simmons – each morning		

## Back to School Church Service this Sunday

There will be a service to celebrate our return to school this Sunday at 9.30 at St Peter's Church, Southrop. Please come along and join us. If you feel you and your children could help by saying a prayer or taking the collection please let us know. [admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Open Door

Please do talk to the Co-Head teachers about any ideas, suggestions or problems at school. There are open door sessions on:

Wed 4.30pm, Thurs 8.40am and 2.30pm, Fri 8.40am

## Open Mornings

If you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child to start in Reception in September 2022 please let them know about our open mornings which will be:

9.30 – 10.30 am

15th & 29th September

13th & 27th October

10th & 24th November

8th December

Call or email to reserve an appointment. [admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk) 01367 850246. You can also lots of additional information and slideshows about the school on our website <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and Facebook page.

## *After School Club*

Please remember to make all bookings for ASC on the Portal. For the time being we hope to be up at the field for Sport and After School Club on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting.

The pick-up arrangements:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Swans	3pm at the field	3pm at the field
Cygnets	3pm at the field	3pm at the field
After School Club & Sports Club	4.30pm at the field & 5pm at school	4.30pm at the field & 5pm at school

## *Nuts, Sickness & Head Lice*

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school and we ask families to cooperate with the school by ensuring that nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school.

If your child is sick please notify the school via the school Portal before 9.00am to report your child's absence. In the case of vomiting and diarrhoea children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Head lice is a problem that causes a great deal of distress and annoyance. Please make sure that you check your child's hair weekly with a plastic detector comb to avoid infestation. We also recommend that children with long hair keep it tied back at all times as a precaution.

## *Saying Goodbye to Mrs Butcher*

We didn't have time at the end of term to say a proper goodbye to Mrs Butcher, as she couldn't give in her resignation until she knew she had the grades she needed in her university exams to take up her place on a teacher training course. We are delighted for her that she was successful, but also sad to see her go. We are collecting money to buy a goodbye gift for her. If you would like to contribute please give the money to Mrs Simmons. We are also finalising the date to get her in for a tea party with the children and to hand over the gift.

## *ESafety*

We are starting our Computing lessons in both classes looking at ESafety. We will be sending home the IT Acceptable Use Agreement soon, which is a great opportunity to spend some time with your child discussing how they use IT, what they should do to keep safe and if something does not feel right.

## *In the Swan classroom*

It is lovely to have everyone back and we have been enjoying introducing the new Year 3s to our classroom routines. Our topic this term is **Ancient Egypt**. We will be learning about the landscape and the importance of the River Nile, discovering why and how the pyramids were constructed and the Ancient Egyptians' views about death and the afterlife. In English we have started off performing, learning and writing poetry and will go on to non-fiction texts for

Year 3&4 and explanation text for Year 5&6. In Maths we start by looking at place value in numbers and will go on to Roman numerals, rounding and negative numbers. Science for the Year 3&4s is Forces and Magnets and for the Y5&6s Forces and Air Resistance. In RE we will consider **What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?** In art we will be looking at patterns linked to our topic and studying the work of Escher. In Music we will be practising for our Harvest performance in church. PE is rugby.

Please could you make sure that your child brings in a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for their morning snack as these are not provided by the government for children in KS2.

Here are some websites you might like to take a look at if you are interested in doing your own research:

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/geography/home.html>

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-egypt/visit-resource-early-egypt>

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/writing/home.html>

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/history/ancient-egypt/introduction/>

<https://discoveringegypt.com/egyptian-hieroglyphic-writing/hieroglyphic-typewriter/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/daily-life-in-ancient-egypt/zfhtscw>

## In the Cygnet classroom

Welcome back everybody! It's so great to be back in school after having such a strange year. We have loved welcoming and listening to the children's wonderful tales from the holidays. It has also been delightful to see parents and guardians at drop off and collection times within the school walls! The Reception children have settled beautifully and it is so lovely to see all of their smiling faces despite how exhausted they must be coming to the end of their first full week, well done Reception!

Our priority this week has been the children's well-being and getting back into a routine however the children have managed a full week's worth of learning. The Cygnets have responded really well to all of the improvements and new zones of learning around the classroom and have been using time after lessons to explore and challenge themselves further, we are already so proud of each of them.

This week, we introduced our Celtic topic – Brave, to the children and are steadily teaching them about who the Celts were and gearing them up for lots of fun exploring different aspects of Celtic life. We have had two hot and sticky PE sessions with the fabulous Mrs Belcher and have worked really well in team games. The very famous picture book, 'The Tiger who came to Tea' by Judith Kerr has become a real hit in the Cygnet classroom this week, the children have not only written tea party invitations, shopping lists full of goodies they would like at a tea party but we have also explored the characters in detail using powerful vocabulary to describe each character. Phonics has resumed and the children loved learning a new sound and reading our Read, Write Inc books aloud and to each other and each child has worked hard on their handwriting. What a fabulous start to the Autumn Term, well done Cygnets!

## ... and the Nest

Welcome to all the new Reception children. You are wonderful! We have had a fabulous few days. We have been Getting to Know You and spending happy times reading stories, exploring the resources in our special garden and in the classroom and chatting through it all. This is an especially vociferous, energetic bunch and we are a busy team. The sun has been kind and we have enjoyed learning in the new Nest with the doors wide open. It is great to have our own space.

We have read The Ugly Duckling and stuck soft grey feathers to little cygnet outlines, listened to the adventures of Borka, the featherless gosling, and tomorrow we will watch delightful Whistleless, the story of a little bird who has lost her whistle. In Phonics, we are learning the pictures of each of the letters in preparation for starting on the

sounds next week. We have already been using our new Message Centre for secret symbols. We have built a house in our garden with milk crates and big blocks and need to present the special marks to get in - writing for purpose. Forest School today was a new adventure. We played hide and seek behind the beautiful beech trees and hunted for bugs under logs and leaves.

Well done to you all. It has been a big week and you have been amazing. We can't wait for more!

## School Uniform

It is great to see everyone so smart in their uniform. Please can everyone check their child's uniform is named? We will write names on the labels of any unnamed items when we check next week.

## Year 3&4 Swimming

Mr Jones and Mrs Martyn will be taking the Year 3s and 4s swimming on Mondays, starting this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We are asking parents to pay a contribution towards the transport costs, £12 for this term. Mrs Simmons will let you know when you can pay this on the Portal. As the children will be late back could you please provide a packed lunch and remember to bring their swimming kit to school.

## The School Facebook Page

Please take a look at our Facebook page. We would be grateful if you could take some time to share our posts, particularly to people who you think might be looking for schools for their children.

You can find our pages at <https://m.facebook.com/Southrop-C-of-E-Primary-School-102756552016864/>

## Maths Frame

To replace Doodlemaths we have taken out a subscription to Maths Frame, which has lots of maths games and activities in all the different areas of maths. To access it please go to <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

Our school user id is: Southrop and password: maths123

## Forest School

Reception and Year 1 are going to Forest School every Thursday with Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Woodhams. Please remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather as they will be outside for the whole session. We are asking for a contribution towards the transport costs, please pay this via the School Portal in the Activities section.

## Burford Literary Festival

Kim Harvey from the village, who runs the The Madhatter Bookshop in Burford, has done a fabulous job organising a new literary festival in Burford which starts on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Tickets are £5 for adults and free for students and children. Please see more information at <https://www.burfordlitfest.co.uk/> .

## Macmillan Cancer Support

A parent of one of our former pupils, Gillian Weaden, is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you would like to can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking

here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gillian-weaden?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=gillian-weaden&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=17f1b7641eb042618cc7291408b1dfc8](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gillian-weaden?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=gillian-weaden&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=17f1b7641eb042618cc7291408b1dfc8).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

## PTA

The PTA AGM was well attended last night and the new committee has been elected. They have already had their first committee meeting, have loads of great ideas and are raring to get back to fundraising activities. It is not too late to get involved, just contact Kelly Smith Chair ([pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)), Sophia Thomas Vice Chair or drop Mrs Simmons an email.

Please remember that an easy way to donate is to select Southrop School as the recipient on Amazon Smile each time you make a purchase on Amazon.