

Netley Abbey Junior School

Newsletter 19th June 2020



We have recently been able to welcome more children of key workers into our school provision, as well as some of our Year 6 children. All these children are enjoying their class 'bubbles' and adjusting to a very different way of life in school.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning; we really enjoy seeing all the children's posts on Seesaw. Please remember your child has a variety of transition activities to complete as part of their home learning, which are uploaded to their current Seesaw class. With the end of term looking very different this year, these tasks are designed to help your child prepare for their next year group, as well as letting their new teachers know more about themselves. To help make the transition between year groups as smooth as possible, it is really important that children log onto Seesaw each week to complete these tasks. All teachers are very much looking forward to seeing the work in the coming weeks!

Inset Days

This is a reminder that school is **closed** to all pupils on **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July**. We have building works occurring on both dates which limits us in being able to offer school provision on those dates.
Thank you

Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up

Can we please remind all parents that **no** cars should be in our layby for drop-off apart from staff and blue badge holders. Please also ensure you **do not** park across the pupil crossing or the zig zag lines, this area needs to be clear at all times to keep our children safe.

Thank you to all our parents for adhering to our one way systems which is helping to reduce the risk to all pupils, staff and parents.

We invite you to read the below message from our Junior Road Safety Officer!

Pupil Voice

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following letter is from our Junior Road Safety Team.

Dear Parents/Guardians and children of Netley Abbey Junior School,

I am writing to you to inform you about our road safety rules, in case you have forgotten. If you drive to school, you have to be careful not to park or stop on the bends/blind-eye corners, in front of people's drives and on the yellow zigzag lines to make it safe for our children to get to school. If you are dropping them off in a car, please avoid using these places or the staff car park and try to park in the Dancing Goose to ensure our pupils' safety.

If you are a child and you are riding a bike or a scooter, please ensure that you stay an arm's length away from cars to avoid collision. To be visible, you should wear a high-visibility jacket (if you have one) and don't forget to wear a HELMET!!!

If you walk (like me!) you still have to try to remain in the social distancing rules and stay 2 metres even if you're coming to school.

Best regards,
Harry
JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer)

Library Books for Year 6

There will be a box for library books at the school gate next week for Year 6 parents to drop-off library books.

The box will be outside the gate between **9.45am and 11.15am on Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th June**. As a school, we incur a large cost if these books are not returned so please check at home for any books that belong to our school library.

Outstanding library books for other year groups (Years 3-5) can be dropped off the following week at the same times on Tuesday 30th June to Thursday 2nd July.

Thank you
Mrs S Wolfe
Library Manager



Free School Meals

In response to the government's announcement that the free school meals scheme will continue over the summer holidays, we will be moving to the government voucher scheme from 29th June. If you are already in receipt of free school meals, you will automatically receive vouchers (further details will be sent to eligible parents).

If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel you may be eligible for receipt of free school meals, please follow this link to complete the form:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Thank you

Life in School

All our keyworker and Year 6 pupils have been enjoying their days with children and adults they may not have normally been grouped with.

In the mornings, our lower school bubbles have explored J.K. Rowling's exciting new book "The Ickabog" and tried drawing pictures for her competition. In the afternoons, we have enjoyed taking part in lots of different arts and crafts activities, including origami and optical illusion drawing.

The upper school bubbles have explored a new book called "Can you see me?" by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. All the children have enjoyed reading it each day and it has certainly opened our eyes to understanding autism. In the afternoons, we have enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities such as Pop-art, PSHE and have even taken part in an upper school quiz!

Throughout the day, all our bubbles have worked hard to keep the skills we have learnt this year fresh, by writing stories and tackling maths challenges. We have been making sure we go outside and play games on the field as much as possible, demonstrating the values 'resourcefulness' and 'resilience' to work out the different games we can play with the equipment our bubble has. During the week, we have opportunities to spend time in the pond area and build our communication skills in the ball games we play in the SMUGA.

Although it's a lovely place to be, we really look forward to having everybody back as soon as is safe!

Miss J Hansell and Miss E Taylor
Class Teachers

Special Mentions

Congratulations to the following children who have been most active on Seesaw.

Castle - Spencer and Charlie
Denzil - Jorja and George K
Grange - Seamus and Isla
Priory - Alex and William
Seaview - Alfie and Nathan
Wykeham - Harry and Emily
Crescent - Summer and Lily
Moore - Ruby and Harry
Sellwood - Jessica W and Eloise
Westwood - Lily and Charley
Beach - Kaci and Connor Mc
Heath - Matilda and Max



Virtual Sports Day 2020

This is a reminder that challenges for our Virtual Sports Day will be available on Seesaw from **4pm on Friday 19th June**. Please ensure you post photos and videos (max. 1 per activity) on Seesaw by **12pm on Friday 26th June** to earn points for your house.

Choose up to 10 challenges to make your own Decathlon Event, it's up to you!

For more information, a copy of the latest letter can be found on our school website:

<http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Virtual-Sports-Day-Reminder.pdf>

Good luck!

Mrs Kenway
PE Specialist



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 2nd July 2020 - Inset Day
Friday 3rd July 2020 - Inset Day
Wednesday 22nd July 2020 - Early Finish at 1.15pm

Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2020/2021

Thursday 3rd September 2020 - Inset Day
Friday 4th September 2020 - Inset Day
Friday 18th December 2020 - Early Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 25th January 2021 - Inset Day
Friday 25th June 2021 - Inset Day
Monday 28th June 2021 - Inset Day
Friday 23rd July 2021 - Early Finish at 1.15pm

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond
Headteacher