

Netley Abbey Junior School

Newsletter 6th July 2020



As we head towards the end of this very unusual term, I would like to thank you for your continued support with both home learning and to the children who are attending school in their class 'bubbles'.

For the children in Years 3-5, I do hope your child has enjoyed doing the various transition activities on Seesaw and are looking forward to meeting their new class teacher next week, as well as spending some time with some members of their new class. Our Year 6 pupils have been busy creating their own special messages for their Leavers' Book which has been organised by Miss Whittlesea; as well as taking part in transition projects set by their Secondary School.

Thank you to all those children who took part in the recent Virtual Sports Day and hope they had lots of fun completing the challenges with their families at home.

The Government announced last week for all children to return to school in September and we are currently looking at the guidance from the Department of Education. We will be in contact once we know what this will look like for the children in the Autumn term.

Going Home Arrangements

We would like to remind parents of children who are walking home on their own and whose route requires them to cross Grange Road. As there is no crossing patrol, the children are crossing at their own risk so please ensure that you talk to your child about crossing safely.

Thank you.

Outstanding Library Books

This is a reminder that any outstanding library books for all year groups can be put in the 'library box' which is outside the school gate between 9.45am and 11.15am every Tuesday to Thursday (unless it's raining).

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.

Thank you
Mrs S Wolfe
Library Manager



Donation Request

The Lighthouse Nurture Group are making a sign for the outside of the building. Can anybody help them with materials? They need 6 scaffold boards and any left-over pots of exterior or yacht varnish.

If you can help, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

Transition

This term, we have been busy organising many transition events to help prepare all pupils for September.

As most of our children are learning from home, this has been more challenging than usual. Many of them have been actively taking part in our transition activities that are posted onto Seesaw. Their new teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to begin to get to know them better already. If your child has not had a look at the activities available, we would suggest that they log in soon to take a peek!

We have also invited all pupils to two sessions in school this term. The first will allow children to spend some time with their current class teacher to say farewell; as we know that closure is important for all pupils. We have then invited pupils to into school to meet their new teacher. These will take place outside to support social distancing measures. The sessions have been well attended, however, if your child is shielding and unable to attend, their new class teacher will be in contact them before the end of term.

Pupil Voice

This section is written by groups of children within our school. Here are some quotes from pupils about how they are enjoying their class 'bubbles' and also from some of the children attending Mr Cull's 'Outdoor Learning Club'.

David (Denzil Bubble)

I get more help during lessons and I get to socialise more throughout the day within my bubble.

Sienna (Beach Bubble)

I like having Miss Phillips and Miss Smart within our bubble. I have enjoyed writing a letter to our new teachers. I have also enjoyed writing lockdown poems and creating inter bubble quizzes and competitions.

Layla (Outdoor Learning Club)

I enjoyed doing a treasure hunt where we went round the school and found items beginning with each letter of the alphabet. I also enjoyed seeing my friends and completing the treasure hunt with them.

Peyton (Outdoor Learning Club)

I really enjoyed orienteering where we had to find pictures that were taken around the school and mark them on a map. I have also liked seeing my friends and catching up with them.

Home Learning

Everyone at home has been working exceptionally hard on their home learning. I first want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has posted on Seesaw; I have enjoyed seeing your work and your projects enormously. I also want to say a massive thank you to all the hard-working people around them who make it possible. Their activities have included daily Maths, English and humanities tasks. They have also participated in a Virtual Sports Day and quizzes set by Mrs Davies.

Year 6 have been working on their year book. I know lots of pupils have also enjoyed learning French, Shakespeare and ratio.

Year 5 have participated in a Times Tables Rockstars competition. They have enjoyed learning about the Galapagos Islands and their inhabitants and in Maths learning about angles.

Year 4 have contributed to the Ickabog competition set by J.K Rowling. Also, they have been hard at work learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation, fiction and non-fiction and creating character profiles.

Year 3 have been doing Times Tables Rockstars by logging on and practising exceptionally hard. In addition, they have been learning about coordinating conjunctions, plotting the positions of the oceans and perpendicular and parallel lines.

Well done to everyone!

Mrs J Botma
Class Teacher

Life in School

Over the last few weeks, Upper school have been enjoying their learning. We have been continuing with our book called 'Can you see me?' which has made us all realise the importance of being kind to everyone. We have also been taking part in weekly bubble activities such as a quiz and the bin bag challenge. In the bin bag challenge, each bubble were given a selection of bags which they then had to make costumes from. Costumes included doctors and super heroes.

The children in Year 6 have spoken more about transition into Year 7. They have been following the 'Be Awesome, Go Big' scheme that has taught them all how to be the best we can be. We are all getting more excited about our future as we receive more information about tutor groups.

In Lower school, we have been focusing on our spellings and times tables. We are making excellent progress in our speed of recall of key times table facts and the staff are all really impressed with our spelling test scores each week! We have also been finding out a bit more about Year 5 through taking part in the Seesaw tasks online.

Well done to everyone!

Miss J Hansell and Miss E Taylor
Class Teachers

Virtual Sports Day 2020

Our first ever Virtual Sports Day took place last week during National School Sports Week. It was fantastic to see all those who took part by sending photos and videos in on Seesaw to play their part in their House team. We had 120 children take up the decathlon challenge, each playing a vital role in helping their team to score points.

I must say Mr Cull and I enjoyed watching the videos of your efforts, I especially liked seeing your creative skills being applied in designing the obstacle courses. Did any of your adults try them? They were super!

All the children showed great physical and personal skills when completing their personal best challenges. Some even encouraging other members of their family to get involved. We saw resilience, determination, and self-belief from many of you; all extremely important attributes to have.

So, we have added up all the results and contributions, and the results are in. We have a winning team!

A big congratulations to an outstanding team effort by **Asteroids**.

Following close behind were **Stars**, **Moons** and **Comets**. We are very proud of every one of you that got involved.

Certificates and Special Mentions will be emailed very soon.

Thank you to all the children, and their adults for supporting this opportunity. I am so glad that we haven't had to miss out on this special day this term.



Mrs Kenway
PE Specialist



Special Mentions

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

Castle - Amy, Alfie D
Denzil - Jorja, Harry
Grange - Caitlin, Hugo
Priory - James, Freya
Seaview - Matilda, Monty
Wykeham - Honey, Mia
Crescent - Douglas, Emily
Moore - Oliver, Ava
Sellwood - Evelyn, Isaac
Westwood - Marty, Luke
Beach - Leon, Phoebe
Heath - Eleanor, Matilda



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 6 th July 2020	- Welcome to Year 4 Virtual Meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 7 th July 2020	- Farewell Event 'Seaview Class' at 9.30am or 11.00am
Tuesday 7 th July 2020	- Welcome to Year 6 Virtual Meeting at 6pm
Wednesday 8 th July 2020	- Farewell Event 'Wykeham Class' at 9.30am or 11.00am
Wednesday 8 th July 2020	- Welcome to Year 5 Virtual Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 9 th July 2020	- Farewell Event 'Moore Class' at 9.30am or 11.00am
Friday 10 th July 2020	- Farewell Event 'Sellwood Class' at 9.30am or 11.00am
Monday 13 th July 2020	- Farewell Event 'Crescent Class' at 9.30am or 11.00am
Tuesday 14 th July 2020	- Meet Your New Class Teacher 'New Year 4' at 9.30am or 1pm
Wednesday 15 th July 2020	- Meet Your New Class Teacher 'New Year 5' at 9.30am or 1pm
Thursday 16 th July 2020	- Meet Your New Class Teacher 'New Year 6' at 9.30am or 1pm
Friday 17 th July 2020	- Year 6 Farewell Session 'Westwood Class' at 4pm
Monday 20 th July 2020	- Year 6 Farewell Session 'Heath Class' at 4pm
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	- Year 6 Farewell Session 'Beach Class' at 4pm
Wednesday 22 nd July 2020	- Early Finish at 1.15pm
Thursday 3 rd September 2020	- Inset Day
Friday 4 th September 2020	- Inset Day
Monday 7 th September 2020	- Back to School
Tuesday 15 th September 2020	- Runway's End Residential Trip for Year 6

Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2020/2021

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

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond
Headteacher