



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 5

Dear All,

This week has been Reception's first full week. I was expecting them to be flagging by the end of the week, however, they have all left school still full of energy! I have been really pleased to see Year 1 reading independently and settled into routines; Year 2 have been telling me about a very exciting egg shape experiment they have undertaken and Year 3 have been experimenting with magnets. On Wednesday, Year 4 had a Zoom call from a dentist, as their topic is teeth. I am sure they will have great fun with the disclosing tablets sent home to check they are brushing correctly. I have been proud of Year 4 and Year 5 who have welcomed new children to their classes. They have demonstrated the nurturing school value amazingly. And finally, Year 6 have been excelling in their learning. Every time I have popped by, they have been so focused on their work– great role models for all.

We have been very fortunate as the Warlingham Support Fund Group donated £1000 to purchase some more books and we look forward to purchasing lots of new texts which will help us whilst 'quarantining' continues. They were very generous and we cannot thank them enough.

The School Council have met this week. Their focus this term is to devise a COVID secure, socially distance fund raising program. I can't wait to see what they come up with!

## Show My Homework by Satchel One

**Show My Homework** is a secure online platform which is designed to link all home learning together in one place. All of the schools in the Trust will be using Show My Homework and this will benefit our pupils further if they are heading to Warlingham Secondary, as they also now use this platform. Show My Homework will enable us to quickly adapt to any 'pod' closures or if pupils need to self isolate or in worst case scenario a local lockdown occurs. We feel this platform will build on the success we had during the National Lockdown. All work will be stored and set in one place.

**Next week**, you will receive a letter about Show My Homework. This will include further details on what it is, what it can do and how to login.

**During the week**, children will practise logging in, in school and will learn how to use it. **Next Friday**, teachers will set their first home learning tasks so you can log in at home and also have a look at what the children have been set! Hopefully, this will make home learning easier to manage and require less paper!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – hoping the weather improves from the forecast though!

Mrs Mace



### MacMillan Coffee Morning

**THANK YOU!!** We raised a whopping £185.25 for MacMillan on Wednesday. I hope the children enjoyed their cakes! Thank you to all the staff who baked and faked!



### Parents Consultations

Week beginning Monday 19th October 2020

Due to social distancing, these will take place over the phone. Please refer to the letter, that was sent yesterday, which has more details.

There will be an email/text sent for booking your time by Friday 9th October.



This week, election forms for a parent governor vacancy have been sent out. If you have any questions about what this role entails, please do find Mr Hurstwyn (Donaldson parent) who would be delighted to answer them.



### Individual Photos

Children will need to be in their **NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM (WHITE TOP, GREEN JUMPER)** for the photos. Please look out for the QR code card which will be sent home with your child on the day. This QR code will give you access to your child/ren's photo proof. All orders are completed online. We are unable to accept orders or cash at the School.

### Word of the Week

(KS1) **Lonely**—Sad because someone has no friends; a place by itself

(KS2 lower) **Exquisite**—Very beautiful or delicate

(KS2 Upper) **Debonair**—Confident, stylish and charming

### Coming up next week....

Tuesday 6th October

Individual School Photos

Wednesday 7th October

Harvest Festival—non perishable goods please (donations to classrooms)

## Letters that have come out this week

- Parent consultation letter
- Flu letter
- Attendance and absence letter

### **Attendance:**

1st Place : Donaldson (1) 99.2%

2nd Place: Rowling (4) 98.8%

3rd Place: McKee (2) 98.7%

### **MR LIAM IS RUNNING THE MARATHON!**

As the marathon was postponed this year, runners can run the virtual Marathon THIS SUNDAY and still receive their medals!

For



anyone who is near the Kenley Aerodrome at about 10am please do come and cheer **Mr Liam** on (socially distancing of course!) By this point he will have run about 13 miles just to reach the aerodrome so will be half way through. He is running in aid of the Lily Foundation.

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/liamswatridge](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/liamswatridge)



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO PEDESTRIANS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WALKING ON THE PAVEMENT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY NOT BLOCKING DRIVEWAYS, NOT PARKING ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES, PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES OR BLOCKING THE PAVEMENT

### Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Year 6 working off the MacMillan cakes in Fitness Class with Mr Liam!

