



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 8



Dear All,

We have finally made it to half term!! It seems such a long time ago that we fully re-opened and welcomed you all back. Eight weeks have passed and the children and staff have been working hard on the Recovery Curriculum - settling everyone back in to their new routines, focusing on the behaviour for learning and setting targets to work towards. The teachers were very excited to be able to speak with you on the phone for your parent consultations and inform you of all the positives that your child has demonstrated as well as areas for them to work on. It was very odd not welcoming you all in for the evenings and manning the main office phones instead... I have my fingers crossed for the March ones!!

This half term we are very sad to say 'goodbye' to Mrs G.

Mrs G, has been a great asset to our SEND department and part of the Year 6 team. She will be missed by us all.

We wish her all the best and know she will cherish the time spent with her family.

This week, the children have enjoyed entering a local competition to think of names for a Surrey Gritter—our entries are in, so fingers crossed! I have been visiting classes this week to see children learning and have been proud of them all. Some of the highlights I saw included Year 6's amazing watercolour art work; Year 5 making fabulous space rockets; Year 4 being very lucky with the weather with their Crystal Palace session developing their teamwork skills; Year 3 and their amazing pirates; Year 2 have shown me their most amazing Great Fire of London home learning projects, Year 1 have worked collaboratively in music and Reception have been enjoying a teddy bears picnic and amazing apparatus work!!

Wishing you all a lovely holiday— remember to check the quarantine return lists if you are going away!!

Mrs Mace



This half term the School Council have met and discussed, 'How can we raise money for the school during these times?' The representatives discussed this with their class and shared their classes ideas in a socially distanced meeting. The children have come up with some great ideas including: mufti-days, class discos and class sport afternoons. The children emailed Mrs Mace for approval and we are now checking calendar dates. Our next meeting will discuss what the money we raise from these events will be spent on.

The Risk Assessments are regularly reviewed in school. We will be implementing a few changes for after half term, especially in light of the schools demographic. We have 26% of pupils from the Croydon borough and 74% from Surrey. This means we have split measures under the Government's Tier system. To help mitigate this, we are expecting all adults to **wear a face mask on entering our site** i.e. this will mean all parents and carers will need to wear masks on drop off and collection. If your child is over 16 and collects from the site on your behalf then they too will need to wear a mask as all pupils over the age of 11 are required, as per guidelines. Thank you for following our request that no other Secondary School aged pupil comes onto site to avoid cross contamination of sites. A letter from Mrs Plaskitt, CEO, of Tandridge Learning Trust is attached with more details.

Highlighted in yellow, are updates to our current procedures.

Please can we remind you that there should only be **one** adult dropping off and collecting.

Class	Class Teacher	Drop off time	Place	Collection time
Inkpen	Mrs Jordan	8.30am	Classroom door	2.40pm
Butterworth	Miss Hancox	8.30am	Classroom door– thank you for adhering to social distancing guidelines heading around the pathway.– you may need wellies!	2.40pm
Donaldson	Miss Bishop & Mrs Johnson	8.40am	Classroom door	2.55pm
Murphy	Mrs Knolles	8.30am until 8.45am	Rear Classroom door	2.55pm
McKee	Mrs Mellis & Mrs Bates	8.30am until 8.45am	Rear Classroom door	2.55pm
Kinney	Mr Boffa & Miss Marshall	8.30am until 8.45am	Year 3/ocean Club door	3.00pm
Rowling	Miss Lambert	8.35am until 8.45am	Year 4 library door	3.00pm
Rosen	Miss Keresey	8.35am until 8.45am	Year 4 library door	3.00pm
Walliams	Mr Richards	8.30am until 8.40am	Year 5 door	2.55pm
Rundell	Miss Caires	8.30am until 8.40am	Year 5 door	2.55pm
Morpurgo	Mr Brown	8.30am until 8.40am	classroom door	3pm
Pullman	Miss Chatfield	8.30am until 8.40am	Year 6 slope	3pm

As the weather is now getting colder. Please ensure your children come to school with a coat. As the classroom doors are open for COVID regulations, it may be worth the children wearing thermal vests so that they do not get cold in the classrooms. Thank you.



#### Camps for Champs

Please copy the link below for a video about Camps for Champs.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O1RVxjAgxTsP-ZyUuarOl4dmRAMiKnjg/view>



We have a few items left from the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal this year for purchasing. Please can children bring the correct money for what they would like, which will be put into the sealed collection box. These will be being sold, subject to availability after half term.



#### Year 6 transfer to Secondary School

The deadline for the Secondary School applications to Surrey or Croydon is coming up. It is recommended that online applications are received by Friday 23rd October (deadline is Saturday 31st October). If you require a paper application form, please ring 0300 200 1004. Paper applications should arrive no later than 31st October).

Please can you also remember to return the slip to us, to let us know that you have made your application. Thank you.

## Tandridge Learning Trust

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND SO IS OUR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!

We are launching an exciting competition across our primary schools to design the front cover of the annual Trust Christmas card. We are looking for a creative Christmas-themed design which uses the Trust's colours and a Christmas gold colour.

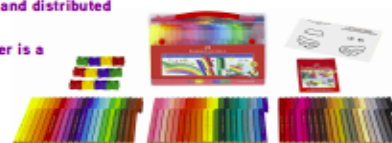
The picture needs to be:

- A4 size (210mm x 297mm) or square (210mm x 210mm)
- Drawn and coloured in using felt tip pens, or painted
- Christmas-themed
- Attractive and colourful using the purple, green and gold colours on this poster

Each Primary School will pick the two best pictures to go to the Trustees who will pick an overall winning design.

The winning design will be used on the front of this year's Christmas card which will be professionally-printed and distributed throughout the community.

The prize for the overall winner is a set of 60 colouring pens.



Entries must be handed in to your teachers by  
Friday 6th November 2020.



Aiming high together



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50



Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

#### Pencil cases

With the half term next week, please can you check and replenish any items in your children's pencil cases. Thank you.

### Coming up next week....

- INSET Day Monday 2nd November 2020

## Letters that have come out this week

- Curriculum Overview Statements
- Parent consultation forms
- Year 6 Residential Trip update
- Year 6 World War II Topic Day

### Attendance:

1st Place : Donaldson (1) 99.3%

2nd Place: Murphy (2) 99%

3rd Place: Walliams (5) 98.9%

Whole School: 97.5%

Rosalind Brookman, writer for The Caterham and District Independent newspaper is pleased to announce a new writing competition for primary school-age children, and we would like to invite our school to take part. They are accepting any kind of creative writing: a story, a poem, a report, an interview...anything they like, as long as it has a festive/winter theme! The winner will have their entry printed in the December edition of the paper, shared on their social media, and they will also receive a prize. Full details are below and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rosalind.

### The Caterham and District Independent Festive Writing Competition

1. All entrants must be in years 3 to 6
2. Each entry can take the form of any type of creative writing (story, poem, report, interview etc.) but it must have a festive/winter theme
3. Each entry must be no longer than 350 words
4. We can accept only one entry per child and it must be their own work
5. Entries must include the child's name, age and school

Entries should be posted to the following address:

The Caterham and District Independent  
Soper Hall  
Harestone Valley Road  
Caterham, CR3 6HY

no later than Wednesday 18 November 2020



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.

## Word of the Week

(KS1) **anxious** — feeling worried about something

(KS2 lower) **quagmire** — swamp-like terrain

(KS2 Upper) **abeyance** — a temporary state of closure or suspension