



STARS OF THE WEEK

Oscar Stone
Connie Robinson
Einin Lewis
Poppy Willis
Issy Dunn
Charlie Fannon

DOODLEMATHS

Percentage of pupils working in their green zone based on engagement over the last 7 days. (data from this morning)



Jellyfish 74%
Penguins 70%
Puffins 59%
Sharks 58%
Turtles 34%

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 8th March	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood—TBC
Friday 26th March	2pm—School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 13th April	School re-opens for summer term
Monday 3rd May	School closed for May bank holiday

BACK TO SCHOOL—HOORAY!

Much to everyone's relief, all children are due to return to school on Monday.

Earlier this week we went a detailed letter out to parents explaining the arrangements that we have in place for a safe return. Please ensure that you have read the letter carefully and follow the instructions carefully.

In last week's newsletter we explained how we expect the first week back for all children to work in terms of focusing on friendships, reinforcing expectations and getting back into good routines; these plans have not changed. Our aim by the end of the week is to have happy children with positive attitudes ready for their usual full timetable of learning in the last 2 weeks before Easter.

HOMEWORK

Parents will be pleased to hear that the only homework that we will be setting next week will be home reading and Doodlemaths. Completing both of these on a daily basis does not take long but has a very positive impact on the children's learning. When they return to school, please ensure that the children bring back with them any school resources that they have at home. We will be allocating new reading books to the children during next week so they will need their book bags.

UNIFORM

As part of getting the children back into good routines and the high expectations we have, we will be expecting the children to wear full school uniform as we still have nearly 5 months of the school year left. We do though appreciate that it may not have been possible to get to shops for certain items of uniform or shoes during lockdown. Please let us know if this is the case as we are often able to find spare items of uniform that have been donated to school. Hopefully all of the children will be back in a full, smart school uniform before very long.

PE DAYS

We have been particularly pleased with the amount of time that we have been able to save in school by asking the children to come to school in joggers and trainers on their PE days and plan to continue this. **At present, PE day for KS1 is a THURSDAY and KS2 is a WEDNESDAY.**

FEEDBACK FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to complete the return to school questionnaire that we sent out last week. We have received 90 responses so far. Your responses are very valuable to us and we have already been able to put support in place for children whose parents have expressed concerns about their return. The information that you have provided has been shared with the relevant staff who will be specifically looking out for any issues that arise and provide additional support.

We are very grateful for the very high number of positive comments that we have received about the support and learning opportunities school has provided during lockdown and have also received some useful feedback that will help us improve any future remote learning that may be necessary.

We are very pleased that the vast majority of parents feel very happy with the arrangements we have in place for the children to return to school safely. We certainly think that many parents deserve a score of 10/10 for the tremendous efforts they have put into home learning for the last 8 weeks!

'CATCHING UP'

We know that many parents will be worried about the time in school that the children have missed. We also know that children are remarkably resilient and can bounce back from setbacks much more easily than we often believe they can. Over the next few weeks we'll be carefully assessing the children and putting a range of measures in place to support them in getting back up to speed with their learning. In the coming weeks we will be providing some small group tutoring, additional language interventions and a number of other interventions. This week we have taken delivery of 2 sets of tablet devices that will allow all children in KS2 to have access to their own tablet at their table at all times—they will also be introduced to a new program that will allow teachers to pose questions through the device and receive individual responses from each of them. We are looking forward to seeing these in action!

World Book Day Competition

We received nearly 50 entries into our World Book Day decorated potato competition this year. We were so impressed with the quality of those entries that we have decided to give a small prize to every child who entered. All children in school will also be given a £1 book voucher to spend. These will be given to the children next week. To see photographs of all of the entries visit our school Facebook page; you can get to this directly from the school website.

