



Shatterlocks

Infant & Nursery School

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is our latest newsletter.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



This has been another great week at School for all the children!

Yellow and Orange Classes have been learning about numbers through painting and finding them in water. They have also been on autumn listening walks and finding objects with initial sounds as well as having lots of outside fun!

Green and Blue Classes have been learning about subtraction in Maths and solving problems. In English they have been writing about old and new toys as well as finding out about harvest in Science and drawing fruit and vegetables for Art.

Indigo and Violet Classes have been learning about 'Percy the Park Keeper' and predicting the end of the story as well as creating conversations between the characters. They have drawn their own map of Kearsney Abbey and written prayers about harvest. In Maths they have been practicing subtraction and creating a 'number bond' kite to 20.

Well done everyone!



Harvest

Usually we would have held our Annual Harvest Festival assemblies this week which we have not been able to do in the normal way. However, the children have been reading some Harvest poems in class and celebrating the hard work of people who help provide us with food.



Home learning - 'Reading Planet' Reading Scheme'

Many parents have enjoyed using 'Education City' with their children. Thank you for the feedback.

We are also delighted to announce that you will soon have access to an online reading scheme – 'Reading Planet' which is an online resource of over 400 reading books at levels from Lilac to White covering Reception, year One and Year two levels of all abilities. This will mean that if your child has to learn from home for any reason, the teachers will be able to suggest the correct reading book to read. The books have three strands with different styles of content and text – 'Rocket Phonics', 'Comet Street Kids' and 'Galaxy'. This online reading will of course will be backed up by reading our normal School reading books that come home every day. As with our real books it is important that the children read books at the correct level to gain fluency and confidence. The teachers will be using the online books in School in shared and guided reading as well so the children will enjoy re-reading them when they get home.



Parent Consultations by telephone call

Thank you to nearly everybody for booking your telephone consultation appointment slots with your children’s teachers.

If you have not done so yet, please sign up for an appointment for a telephone consultation with your child’s teacher on **14th or 15th October** on Parentmail to discuss how they have settled into their new class. There will be three appointments per half hour window. Many thanks.



Eco week

Next week the children will be planting bulbs, plants and wildflower seeds in the School garden.

The School should look beautiful when they all start to grow.



Year Two – Outdoor Learning Days

Violet and Indigo Classes will be having special outdoor learning days over the next two weeks. We will be putting lots of photos of their exciting activities on the new website.



School lunches are going well. The children have plenty of time to eat all their food and are enjoying the new menus. Next week will be **week one on the menu.**



On the last day of term, **23rd October** we are having a fun day as a reward in which the children can wear their own clothes to School.

Times of Day

Thank you for your continued support in using the one-way system effectively, using masks and keeping social distancing when on site.

Please can we remind everybody how important it is for social distancing outside the gate as well, and that parents both bring and collect their children at the correct time. It is also vital that children are not late for lessons but we would also appreciate it if parents did not arrive too early! Children need to arrive by the time lessons start.

ARRIVAL:

Nursery – no change 9.00-12.00 12.00-3.00

	Please arrive at the gate <u>no earlier than</u>	Please arrive at the gate <u>no later than</u>	Lessons <u>start at</u>
Year Two	8.45	8.55	9.00
Year One	8.55	9.05	9.10
Reception	9.05	9.15	9.20

COLLECTION:

	Gate open from	Collect between	Lessons <u>finish at</u>
Year two	2.25	2.30 – 2.40	2.30
Year one	2.35	2.40-2.50	2.40
Reception	2.45	2.50-3.00	2.50

- If you have a **Year Two** and a **Reception** child, please arrive not too early, just before 9.00 would be great so you can drop both off together.
- If you have a **Year One** and a **Reception** child, please try not to arrive too early in the morning just before 9.10 would be great so you can drop both off together.
- At the end of the day we are happy to keep children to be collected slightly later than their finish time, to fit in with siblings from other year groups, and also if you have children to collect from **Barton** first, but we will not release children before lessons finish.

Thank you for all your continued support; we are so proud of all your children.

Best wishes
Mrs Nicky Biddle
Headteacher