

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020



Important COVID reminders:

As you are aware, there are new Government restrictions being imposed in the Middlesbrough area and across many areas of the North East. Although it does not directly affect primary schools it does clearly outline the restrictions that are being placed upon our community and the safety measures that need to be taken to reduce infection rates.

We are asking visitors into our school building to wear masks and face coverings when in communal areas. Staff can also wear masks in communal areas or when providing support that requires them to be in close contact with others. Primary age pupils are still not advised to wear face masks.

Although households mixing across with other households is restricted, we understand that children will be visiting another household if their parents do not live together. This is included in the Government advice or where you may be a support to a person living alone in a different household.

You must inform school if your child has any symptoms relating to COVID. You will be required to isolate and arrange a COVID test and report outcomes.

Please ensure social distancing at all times on the playground. If you need to speak to staff please keep a safe distance or make an appointment to speak to the relevant staff member. Our Parent Support Adviser (Karen Foulger) is also available each day to help with any concerns too.

Magic Breakfast:

Our new bagel breakfast (funded by the DFE) has been running for 2 weeks now. A toasted bagel portion is provided each morning for every child in school. These are delivered to each classroom at the start of the day. Our children look forward to these each morning!

If your child is not in school due to COVID related reasons then bagels and cereals will be delivered by staff once a week if your child has to be at home for 14 days.

Improving communication & partnerships with parents and carers:

Parentpay is our main means of communication. We can send letters and information and you can make payments too for school dinners, uniform or trips. If you are not yet on **Parentpay** you can contact the office via email office@sunnyside.org.uk or 01642 596422

We also have a Facebook account and website for any other updates.

Home learning information will be coming out to parents soon to support your child at home if they are unable to attend school due to COVID restrictions.

PE

We are following the Government guidance and are trying to get the children outside for their regular PE sessions where possible. Their kit is important as the loaning of school kit is not encouraged during COVID restrictions. Their kit should include plimsolls or trainers. As the weather is challenging, you can provide jogging trousers and long sleeved tops for warmth. PE times for year groups are on the school website and reminders will be sent out for forgotten kits.

Parent reports and consultations:

It is really important that you have an opportunity to know how your child has settled into their new class this term, particularly after such a long time away from classroom routines. Unfortunately, our usual face to face consultations will not be able to take place in November due to COVID restrictions but we will be sending home a brief end of half term report which will have teacher comments and we will be arranging phone call discussions in November too.

PD Day - Friday 23rd October :

Just a reminder that school will be closed for a training day on Friday 23rd October. We will be undertaking training on our curriculum.