Weekly Bulletin

June 19th 2020





Today is our **50th Home Learning Signpost** and I am so impressed with all the learning, which is still being returned to school as we enter our 12th week following school closure. I hope your weeks have gone well and that those children learning at home have enjoyed the varied tasks set for them. Everyone at school fully appreciates that the time away for many children has gone on much longer than any of us originally anticipated. We are grateful for all the support that parents and carers are providing when there are so many other challenges to manage.

Those children returning to school have all been so sensible and mature in response to the new structures and procedures we have put in place. Our youngest Puffin class children, have been particularly positive, and returned every day with smiles on their faces and stories to tell. It's really good to see classrooms with children eagerly learning and fingers crossed the classrooms become full sooner rather than later.

Booksfortopics.com

With the recent Black Lives Matter protests, Booksfortopics are highlighting books which help children to understand a little more about the #blacklivesmatter movement and books that help more children to see themselves or others reflected in what they read. The site also has storytime online for exhausted parents at the end of the day.

Let your child enjoy a story read by its author this evening



Free School Meals

With this week's Government announcement now supporting families with meal vouchers over the summer, it is time for you to make application for Free School Meals if you believe you may be entitled to this, even if your child is in **Puffin, Swift and Wren class** and would usually have a free meal. <u>Check your eligibility here.</u>

Did you know?

- Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £450 a year for each primary school child if they are entitled to free school meals.
- Our school system means it is impossible for other pupils to know who is receiving free school meals.
- Children who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a two course meal worth approximately £2.30 for primary and £2.35 for secondary each day.
- When you apply for free school meals, you will also allow your child's school to receive <u>Pupil Premium</u>, which is extra money to support children from families on lower incomes.
- If you also have a 3 or 4 year old child who is in a free childcare place, they may also be eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium.

Links to support families at this tricky time...

Returning to school
Sleeping well
Managing conflict at home

Our Home Learning Gallery







