

Seven Fields Primary School-Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it would be useful for us to continue our routine and send our weekly newsletter. We struggled last week to get a newsletter out with the need to put things in place so rapidly but today I can make sure this info to you is as supportive as normal. I'm not going to say we are living in weird times, but I am going to say that although this won't be over as quickly as we expect, it will be over eventually. If you have been supporting your child with their work this week we thank you. Well done to those who have submitted work and to those who are nominated in this newsletter. Let's make sure that we all stick together through this strange time. Kindness is spreading again throughout our communities and country so if we can all lose that "egotistical entitlement attitude" and become more altruistic, this world will definitely be a better place. Be safe this weekend. D Booth

FSM Vouchers

From next week, pupils entitled to free school meals (NOT universal infant free school meals but FSM) will be receiving vouchers to support them during this trying period. Simply keep the voucher on your phone and use it to buy your child a meal at the shop when you need to. Obviously there are restrictions but the system seems really easy to use. Finally please be aware that if you have recently applied through this link: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals for FSM then Swindon will be taking some time to process it and you will have to make alternate arrangements as you have been doing until we get confirmation. See Mrs Jones's dojo post for more information. Thank You

Work at home

Don't beat yourself up about the work at home. Complete a piece of English, Maths and one topic/sport/creative activity each day. Then have time together as a family which will of course include **chores children**.

YouTube

As we continue to work remotely, we are getting better (because of needs) at providing more digital content. My Monday's assembly can be found here: <https://youtu.be/raKWLX1bjig> and today's here: <https://youtu.be/rQx1NKxEjc4>

I am always amazed at the commitment of our staff so I would like to publicly praise them for their dedication and hard work this week especially. They have direct contact with you or your child and I make no apologies for the work set as we must continue to provide an education however and wherever we can. Scheduling at home is a must so please (if you haven't already) build a daily routine. Some parents have also managed to use the dojo system for rewards at home and I have even seen a behaviour chart in many houses. Make sure you are going for gold still!

Dojos gained this week

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| Mrs Still | Fireflies | 132 |
| Miss Mitchell | Bumblebees | 92 |
| Miss Goss | Robins | 493 |
| Miss Bickle | Sparrows | 480 |
| Mrs Wright | Wrens | 1120 |
| Miss Jessop | Puffins | 738 |
| Mrs Keye | Kingfishers | 699 |
| Miss Hargreaves | Hummingbirds | 968 |
| Mr Donnelly | Falcons | 485 |
| Miss Peapell | Golden Eagles | 361 |

The Class dojo winners this week are Wrens



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all who were deserve a home hot chocolate Friday this week. Nathan, Maria, Charlie, Michael, Isla and Kara-Mae, Catherine, Emily Stephens, Livia, Alfie, Amelia. Send us a picture!

Pre-schooler's message

'we are missing our preschool children hope they are all well! Parents please dojo. It's way of staying in-touch and supporting you whilst the children are home

We'll always be together

I had this idea after working on Monday. I was hoping it might raise a few smiles. Have a look if you haven't yet seen it.

<https://youtu.be/j5GgWfV3UG8>

House Points

This week's results are:

Ben Nevis –830
 Slieve Donard –1553
 Scafell Pike –1448
 Snowdon –1737



Congratulations to the following pupils who receive a special mention for demonstrating the value of resilience

(All Parents home schooling)

Samual Whelan
 Livia Pirola
 Maria Sousa
 Charlie Denham-Walter
 Wyatt Millard
 Jake Page-Newman
 Emily Stephens
 Seb Razey
 Amelia Gardener
 Jakub Cieplinski
 Tegan Doore
 Kieran Stephens
 Nathan Dance
 Macy Munby
 Charlie Atkinson
 Abdul Syed
 Oscar Irvin
 Cliodhna Matthews
 Nikita Dokota
 Kara-Mae Bradley
 Eva Constantine
 Lincoln Wells

Be kind to Yourself

These are certainly challenging times we find ourselves in. None of us were prepared for the situation the country faces. Parents everywhere are feeling their way in the dark, trying to encourage home learning, coping with children at home unexpectedly, and not being able to leave our homes. So let us just take a moment to remember that we are not alone.

Remember that, as parents or carers, we are our children's primary educator. Learning takes place when we don't even realise it. So if your child is struggling to maintain focus on school work, just take the pressure off. Read to them, play a board game, do some drawing or colouring together, get in the kitchen and do some cooking or baking, if you are lucky enough to have a garden, get outside and hunt for bugs, plant some seeds or just play in the dirt. All of these are lessons in life, but most importantly, they are lessons in love. Our children need to see that we are not afraid, they need to feel secure, and they need to know they are loved. So be kind to yourself, love your children, hug them, be with them, and you won't go far wrong.

Mrs Shipman



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