

Diary Dates

Break up

Friday 12th February

Back to school

Monday 22nd February

Key workers

World Book Day

**Dress up – home or
school**

Hands

Face

Space

Please remember to maintain at least 2 meters apart when lining up outside of the gates and on entry to the school site.

Thank you

Strength, Perseverance, Aspirations

Whole School News

As the half term approaches, I always like to reflect on what we have achieved. This Spring term is certainly not what was planned, however everyone has gone above and beyond my expectations.

Myself and the team at Sunnyside really do appreciate all your support, especially during this time. The challenges you are all going through whether that be working from home and teaching your own child, working from home and still managing the school run and last but certainly not least those of you who have been furloughed and still managing to teach your child whilst trying to work through this difficult time juggling which bills need to be paid. You are all amazing and need to be congratulated on what you have achieved.

We appreciate that you are assisting in uploading work, meeting assignment deadlines which we have set, and trying to keep to some sort of normal routine at home. It really is hard to do.

When we return on Monday 22nd February we will all await for the Government announcement

for the roadpath out of Lockdown. I am hopeful that gradually restrictions will be lifted and we see your wonderful children back in school before Easter. Whatever happens, we will do our very best to inform you of procedures and give you as much notice as we possibly can. Many think schools hear before the announcement, it would be lovely if we did, however we will be glued to the television as much as you and then working out our next steps.

Despite working differently, we have still managed to achieve a huge amount. The live teaching, which many year groups are now doing, the recorded lessons and the creativity of many of my team leave me astounded. My personal highlight of every week is our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. I love to see and hear about what you have all been doing. I would personally like to thank Mrs Atkinson for her dedication to this. I hope you all enjoyed her quiz on Thursday – we are continuing to try new software to see how we can engage you at home.

Staffing

EYFS

Mrs Jones
Miss Yasmin
Mrs Simpson
Miss Banister
Miss Pietrzak
Miss Franks

Key Stage 1

Mrs Tearle
Miss Lydon
Miss Shefford
Miss Sibley
Miss Cope
Mrs Harrison
Miss Betts

Key Stage 2

Miss Asamani
Mrs Cope
Mr Farthing
Miss Boonstra
Mrs Denton
Miss Hume
Mrs Hanwell
Mrs Batchelor
Miss Oakenfull
Mrs Atkins
Mrs Shatford
Mr Crowe

SLT

Mrs Sayers
Mrs Atkinson
Mrs Gosling
Mrs Jones
Miss Hume

Administration

Miss Scott
Mrs Coombs
Mrs Marsh - Attendance

MDSA's

Mrs Rahn
Mrs Stapleton
Mrs Tyrrell
Mrs Cooke
Miss E Greaves
Mrs Gaidau
Ms Gineikiene
Miss V Greaves
Miss Grant

Next term we have world book day to look forward to – whether you are at home or at school, it would be lovely to see your costumes.

Over the half term, I hope you all manage to try to find some balance – I find that it can be too easy to reflect on what we cannot do, so I will be finding time to enjoy a good book and take a walk. I have been reading a book called 'Happy – Making the most of every day.' It has really made me appreciate the little things that we take for granted and recognise that to be happy does not mean an outing – it can be difficult if you see posts on social media. I have started to make a list of what makes me happy. It would be lovely to see your lists on our return.

- Walking into classrooms
- Hearing the children laugh
- Reading a good book
- Talking to my family/friends on the phone/zoom
- Sewing
- Baking
- Eating the baking
- A freshly made bed
- Walking around the park
- Watching the wildlife in the park
- Celebration assembly
- Mrs Cope's jokes – if you've not had the pleasure ask her to tell you some!
- Looking at your creations on Teams
- Playing cards/games

I hope you all have a fabulous half term break and manage to find your happy.

We have taken on board your comments and will be improving our offer from Monday 22nd February. Please read the document which has been sent with this newsletter to find out more.

Parental Remote Learning Survey Results

87% of parents are happy with the support they have received by the Academy.

85% of parents feel our communication has been clear.

57% of parents are happy with the tasks and learning set.

56% of parents are satisfied with the frequency of feedback

46% of parents are satisfied with our remote learning offer.

What can we do to improve our offer?

Provide a consistency across school with live/pre-recorded lessons.

Ensure all live lessons are uploaded to enable them to be accessed anytime.

Provide a clearer timetable

Improve the frequency of feedback to children.

Remote Learning

If your child is self-isolating please remember that all work is available on Microsoft Teams, this is accessible via Airhead. Your child knows how to log on and access this. It is expected that children do complete the work set in line with the rest of the class.

If we did have to close a bubble, then this is our preferred method of teaching. Please look at our Remote Learning Policy on the school website.

Some children will also be coming home with practical resources to help support their remote learning.

Please note that if your child is feeling unwell with a high temperature, has a new continuous cough or has a change in taste or smell, they MUST be tested alongside with all of their family – including siblings.

The family must isolate and stay at home, we will ask to see your test results when admitting them back into school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>