



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

Welcome Back to the Summer Term. As you can see from the class news, it has been a busy start to the term and children are enjoying getting started on their new topics.

Information about the learning to be covered by each class this term will be sent out in Class Newsletters in the next few weeks. This is something that some of you raised in the Parent Survey— we do usually send these out at the beginning of each term but due to the sudden change to Remote Learning at the beginning of last term, they didn't go out.

Playtimes have been fantastic this week as the field and the large equipment are now open. It has been lovely seeing the children playing together in the glorious sunshine. Children still continue to play outside in their bubbles in separate parts of the playground / field due to Covid Restrictions.

Children have had a lot of disruption to their routines this year due to the period of school closure then only being back to school for a few weeks before the Easter break. Some of the older children seem very tired and are telling us about some late bedtimes. This means they are finding it hard to concentrate in lessons. Now we are all back in school, it's a good opportunity to get the bedtime routines back in place. The following websites have some good advice about supporting children to get good quality sleep.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/sleep/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>

You should have all received the letter about my absence this term. A reminder of this can be found [here](#).

A very warm welcome goes to Miss Massey, Mrs Powley and Mrs Davies who will be covering my absence. They are really looking forward to getting to know you all.

I look forward to seeing everyone when I am fully fit and well.

## Parents' Evenings

These will be held remotely via 10 minute video call appointments as in the Autumn Term on:

Monday 26th April 3:30-6pm

Thursday 29th April 4-7pm

Please book your appointments via this link

[Parents' Evening Booking](#).

If you are unable to take part in a video call, please contact the class teacher to arrange a phonecall. It is especially important at this time that you and the teacher have a chance to discuss how your child is doing in school, given the disruption earlier in the year.

If you need some support with the technology, please contact Mrs Galley in the office who will be happy to help. Bookings close on Friday 23rd April at noon.

## Sports Club for Nyong'o and Attenborough Class

This will take place on Thursdays 3-4pm, starting this week, run by Mr Scaling our PE coach. Please book [here](#) or by contacting the school office by Wednesday.



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## Nyong'o Class

What a great start to the Summer term in Nyong'o class! We have all thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic of 'The Seaside' and have written some fantastic lists of things we would take to the beach with us. In RE we have been thinking about special places and lots of us decided that the seaside was a really special place to go! In maths we have been learning to estimate how many objects we could see and then checking our answer by counting them. Some of us found it really tricky to make a guess without first counting but we persevered and all got there in the end! On 'Wild Wednesday' we played hide and seek and a spring scavenger hunt game which was great fun in the sun. In PE we started our gymnastics lessons and we were so proud of everyone in Nyong'o class who listened to instructions, working safely and quietly in the equipment.

Well done Nyong'o class, what a great first week back!



## Attenborough Class



Attenborough Class have returned to school with so much enthusiasm for our new topic of The Seaside! It has been lovely to see pictures of you all at the beach and on your holidays! We have been using our senses to write about what we would see, hear, smell, touch and taste at the beach and we are so proud of how hard they have worked on their handwriting! We have also learned more about adding numbers by making number bonds to 10 first. This has been very tricky for some of us but we have all tried so hard!

We were very lucky to have a virtual Beach Safety session with the RNLI this week learning all about how to stay safe when we are at the beach. We have all achieved our Beach Safety award this week! What a busy week we have had!





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## Johnson Class



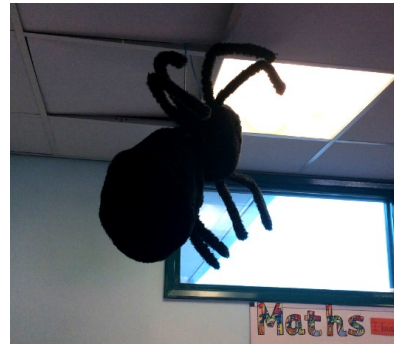
Wow, what an amazing week back we've had in Johnson! We've hit the ground running with multiplication and division this week in Maths and have started our topic of writing a beach description in English, focusing on the really important capital letters, full stops, and spelling. In Science, we combined our knowledge of minibeasts with our art skills to create awesome microhabitat masterpieces! That wasn't all, as we have continued our team games in PE as well as starting dance, in which we all tried hard. We impressed everyone with our cool carnival moves! In Geography, we made our own maps and guided our friends to the goal using North, South, East, and West and in Music we discovered our inner rock-stars as we found the rhythm to 'We Will Rock you'.



We are certainly glad to have everyone back after the Easter Holidays and it has been so lovely to hear about the children's fun experiences over the break. Thank you, Johnson, for your amazing hard work!

## Farah Class

Farah class has been working incredibly hard this week. Not only have we revisited column subtraction, but we have also been writing character descriptions about "The King who Banned the Dark". His fear made him do some strange things to his Kingdom, so to help us understand what being afraid does to our bodies, Ms Graystone brought in a GIANT spider and hung it from the ceiling! Some of our similes included: "His heart pounded like a drum; his hands wobbled like a jelly."



We also began our new topics on Light (in Science) and in History we are starting to delve into Prehistoric Britain with the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. On Thursday, we had a look at how long ago that was, and how much of history the period covered compared to Modern History. Check out our toilet roll timeline photograph. Modern history is the few sheets at the end!



We also began our first ukulele lesson and in PE began to learn about following maps in Orienteering and how to catch and throw ready to be amazing cricket players.

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## Kahlo Class

It has been a wonderful time back in Kahlo this half term, and we have all worked really hard to settle back into the routines and be our best selves. This week we have been working hard on our problem solving in maths, learning folk tales in English and beginning our topics of both the Stone Age and light.



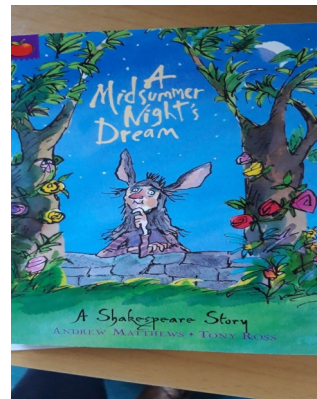
Highlights of the week include telling stories around the campfire - did you know that the River Ouse was formed from a giant's tears, the slime of a slug and also the residue from a phoenix's egg? We also made a human timeline of key events in history, and realised just how long ago the Stone Age began.

What a fantastic week, well done Kahlo!



## Sentamu Class

We hope everyone in Sentamu class had a wonderful Easter holiday and it's wonderful to have you all back in school for what promises to be a packed term of learning! So far this week, we have been working upon our rehearsals for A Midsummer Night's Dream using various drama techniques to bring the script alive. The children have also shown that they strongly disagree with Egeus' treatment of his daughter and that she should be allowed to marry who she wants!



In maths, we have been revising our knowledge of shapes and calculating perimeters and areas of shapes using equations, while in science we have been learning about how light travels in straight lines and how we can prove it practically. In PE children have been practising their catching and throwing skills ready for a glorious summer of cricket!





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## PTA News

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Thank you for supporting the sunflower stall, it was a great success and we look forward to seeing pictures of your flowers in the summer!

In order to prepare for events this term we are holding a zoom meeting next **Wednesday (21st April) at 3.30pm**. The link for this will be sent out by the school at the beginning of next week. Please can I urge you to dial into this meeting as we desperately need your help.

The PTA is currently being run by a very small group of parents and without the involvement of more people we are struggling to run events and fayres.

## Join the PTA!

We need to hear your ideas around fundraising events, how you think the PTA could spend the money raised within the school, and we need parents to volunteer their time to help organise and run events. The more people that can give some time the easier it will be.



I appreciate we are all busy with family, work and other commitments but without the PTA and the money raised through its events then things including subsidised school trips; pantomimes, shows, Santa presents, extra chrome books and Easter eggs would not happen.

Any time you can give would be gratefully received, it's not a long-term commitment and is a fun way to get involved. We do not envisage doing a fayre this summer due to COVID restrictions so please dial in and share your ideas on other ways we can raise funds. We hope to see you next week.

Thanks

*Natasha Hitch (PTA Chair)*

## Dates for your diary

Term dates for 2021-22 will be sent out this week

Date	Event
26th April	Class Photos
26th April	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
29th April	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
28th May	Non-uniform day Break up for half term
9-11th June	Y5/6 Potential Residential Visit
23rd June	Non-uniform day
Fri 23rd July	1:30pm Break up for Summer
Tues 7th Sept	Return to school

## Parent Survey

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to our recent survey and provide helpful comments. We will be feeding the results into our future planning and letting you know what we have done in response to your feedback. Well done to Attenborough class who had the most responses.

We were delighted with the high number of positive responses, some of which are below:

- 93% would recommend St Barnabas to others
- 98% agree their child is happy and 100% agree that their child feels safe at school.
- 93% agree that the school ensures children behave well
- 82% say their child has not been bullied. 75% agree that where this has happened, school dealt with it quickly and effectively.
- 87% say they haven't raised concerns but when they have, school has dealt with them.
- 94% parents of SEN pupils agreed that their child was getting the support they need.
- Most parents were very positive about the newsletter and gave helpful suggestions about improving our communications which we will be looking into.