



IMPORTANT DATES:

World Creative Writing Month 1st – 31st March 2021

Comic Relief 19th March 2021

World Poetry Day 21st March 2021

Reading Matters Week 22nd to 26th March 2021

Autism Awareness Week 29th March to 5th April 2021

EASTER RAFFLE (online via LetsLocalise) 30th March 2021 **More details to follow**

World Autism Awareness Day 2nd April 2021

Term 4 finishes Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter Break Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021.

Term 5 starts Monday 19th April 2021

Big Pedal begins (cycle, scoot to school) 19th April until 1st May

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
Please wear face coverings while on our School grounds and maintain social distancing. Thank you.

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The sun was certainly shining on Monday as we **welcomed all the children back into school**. It has been so lovely to see them all and meet lots of you as you have dropped off or picked up over the week.

The variable weather has certainly not dampened the **joy** of learning in school as we have celebrated **British Science and Engineering Week**. During our **Science Learning Enquiry week**, the teachers and children have been working scientifically using their knowledge of chemistry and physics to support them investigating materials and their uses. This afternoon the children have completed our first in school Let's Localise Quiz with over 50 questions about Biology, Chemistry and Physics linked to the National Curriculum. Their knowledge has certainly been tested. One or two questions were also added to keep their teachers on their toes as well. Please do take a moment to read the **Learning Week newsletter** to find out more about your child's learning this week.

We will be continuing our **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Learning** in Term 5 with our Learning Enquiry for **Year 2-6 Inventions That Changed The World- Wings and Wheels** and in **Plum and Bronze classes they will be finding out exactly 'What the ladybird did hear'** while learning about the Natural World.

Thank you for taking the time to read all the letters last week and on Sunday about **keeping the school open and continuing to be fortunate not to close a bubble**. It has been lovely seeing all the children back in school this week and we would love to keep it this way. In order to do this please continue to **follow all the NHS guidance**.

Over the coming weeks we know that there may still be ups and downs and that we may need to close a bubble if we do we will continue learning on Class DoJo.

If a member of your family becomes symptomatic please book a test and email and phone the school. Please do not send your child or other children to school you must isolate.

If you receive your **results in the school day please email and phone the school to let us know**. This means should we need to we can close a bubble and let other families know

Please do not post anything on social media as Public Health England will support the school in informing other families.

At the weekends please email the school email address.

School@smartinsgarden.org.uk This is the only email monitored at the weekends by either myself, Mrs Horn or Mr Bogg. Please also include your telephone number in the email so we can contact you quickly.

If you receive a **negative or positive result over the weekend please** also let us know as we can then put into place our plan about closing a school bubble, if required. Thank you.

Message continued over

As promised this week I have included photographs of our **new Library spaces**. They look fantastic and are wonderful spaces that all the children can enjoy. The school over the **last 17 months has invested in lots of new reading resources** across the school. We have our **Non-Fiction Learning Enquiry Library and a new Reception and Key Stage 1 Library as well as an updated Key Stage 2 Library**. The author **Jeremy Strong** has kindly agreed to open these new reading spaces and talk to the children across the school about his love of reading and writing. He will open the Libraries during our Reading Matters Learning Enquiry.

Refurbished Keystage Two Library



New Reception and Keystage One Library



Over the last week **we have shared out a link to a Book wish list** with the **community** through our **Twitter and Facebook pages** and so far **144 books** have been donated. We still have a little way to go to fill these new spaces so if you would like to donate a book then please use and share this link <https://amzn.eu/j3JSh6a>. Thank you for your support with this.

Please could I also ask that **you look at home for any school banded reading books and return them as soon as possible**. These all have to go into **quarantine for over 72 hours** before they can be **recirculated** and this means over 60 books in each bubble may be out of circulation at any one time. Thank you for helping us with this.

Next week the children will be back to our normal learning Enquiries for this term finding out about Superheroes, The Great Fire of London and The Ancient Egyptians.

Our School **attendance this week has been 96%. Brilliant! Please continue to be a H.E.R.O. ~ Here Every Day, Right on Time.**

I hope there are some breaks in the weather over the weekend and you can spend some time outside.

Take care. Have a lovely weekend

Claire Parfitt, Headteacher

School Values: Joy, Respect, Honesty, Forgiveness and Kindness

If you didn't have chance last weekend to find out about famous scientists, then please do click on **The Art of Genius link** below. The website contains a range of information about famous scientists from different fields of science including Astronomers, Biologists, Physicists and Scientists from Ancient Times. There will be more questions about Scientists and the Natural World in our next quiz at the end of Term 5.



Famous Scientists

The Art of Genius

<https://www.famousscientists.org/popular/>

Coronavirus advice from NHS England

If you or anyone in your household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), **get a test as soon as possible**. You **MUST ALL** Stay at home until you get the result. Only leave your home to get a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> for more information on the current COVID-19 procedures or **call 119**.