

South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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SWIS Roadmap out of restrictions

Issue 8

It seems as though the country is on track to meet the Government's milestones on the Roadmap out of the restrictions. From 17th May, we will once again be able to mix inside our homes with up to six people from 2 households. Then hopefully from 21st June, all further restrictions will be lifted. We are now considering what that could mean for us at SWIS although we have been advised that bubbles have had to close in the last week in various local schools including the Junior School due to positive tests. We therefore will take these steps slowly and with careful thought in line with the Government changes.

We will maintain the staggered finish times until the end of the school year and suggest people maintain social distancing where possible. We will also open our doors for face to face meetings should these be needed.

We are hoping that after 21st June, we will be able to hold Sports Day events and may well be able to invite parents to join us. We are planning for these to be Year Group events rather than a whole school day and will take place in the afternoon. Provisional dates in the diary for these are Monday 12th July—Reception, Tuesday 13th July—Year 1 and Wednesday 14th July—Year 2.

We have also been talking to the Junior School and have put some dates in the diary for Year 2 transition. Currently these are Wednesday 7th July, Monday 12th July and Thursday 15th July. On the Thursday the children will spend the whole day there and our current children will spend the day in their new classes.

Class teachers are now considering taking the children out of school on trips which is exciting. More places are opening again and allowing schools to visit. We will of course let you know more about these plans as soon as we can.

Parents Evenings and reports

You will have received a link to an online survey about this weeks meetings. We have been trialling the use of an online video calling system hosted by SchoolCloud. Teachers have reported back that they like the system although several of them did compare it to speed dating! It will certainly make the November evenings, when it is dark and wet, easier when they can take place from the comfort of your own home! We feel that parents do miss out on seeing their child's work using this system and would hope to be able to offer opportunities through the school year for you to drop in after school and look through the books etc. We look forward to gathering your opinions.

Teachers will be writing reports for each child over the next half term and these will come home before the summer holidays. They are attending training in the coming weeks which will provide guidance on assessing the children and providing accurate information as they transition to a new year group.

Road Safety

As we begin to move towards summer, we should hopefully have some good weather and there will be lots of opportunities to leave the car at home and walk, scoot or cycle to school. We will hopefully be able to arrange for Reception to meet Benjamin and Bethany the road safety bears and for Year 1 to complete their pedestrian safety course.

Please can we ask if you do come to school by car that you drive carefully. We did have a parent knocked off their bicycle on the way to pick up their children and they received quite significant injuries as a result. The Norfolk Police are supporting the national "Close Pass" campaign which aims to make motorists aware of the dangers of driving too close to cyclists (both pedal and motor!).

Our neighbours have also asked if we could remind parents not to park across drive ways or onto pavements and grass verges.

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Birthdays

The children who have celebrated their birthday in April are:

Harvey, Coco, Stanley, Sofia, Teddy and Delilah **who are now 5 years old**

Christopher, Laura, Reggie, Edie and Ben who are now 6 years old.

Erin, George and Kacey-Rose who are now 7 years old.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday in April

