SMITHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together We Grow

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Message from the Headteacher

What a fabulous day! We have been thrilled to have the school full of children once again.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for all their hard work during the most recent lock-down. Whether children were at home or in school, I understand it has been a challenging time for everyone. I would like to reassure you that we know the children have continued to learn, whether this is completing online learning, learning a new skill at home or through extra knowledge gained chatting with family.

Now children have returned, staff will endeavour to help them settle back into school and continue their love of learning. We have planned many exciting learning opportunities together with support for children's pastoral care and mental well-being. If, over the coming weeks you are worried about your child, please do speak to us so we can offer any help needed.

I must also thank all the school staff who have continued to provide both online and in school learning. I am incredibly proud of how quickly they changed their way of working and of the innovative and engaging learning they have provided throughout. All staff have also worked tirelessly to ensure school was ready for wider opening today—ask your children about the new displays, newly decorated classrooms and building work that has been going on.

Congratulations to Mrs Kelly and her husband Liam. Her beautiful baby girl, Thea, was born at the beginning of February.

All are doing well and as you can see, Thea is absolutely gorgeous.

Congratulations to Mr Ma and his wife Sophia. This lovely little boy was only born on Saturday.

Baby George is doing well and just gorgeous.

Dates for your diary:

MARCH

8th March— Wider opening of school following national lockdown.

19th March—Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

25th March—Resilience Champions Training for Year 5.

27th March—End of Term.

APRIL

12th April—Children return to school.

MAY

3rd May—Bank Holiday.

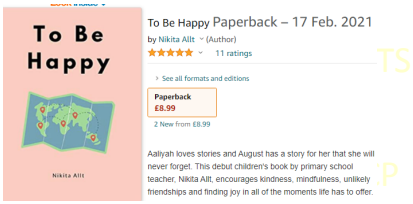
24th May —Year 6 working with James Riley (Gangs and personal safety).

28th May—School closes for half term.

6th June—Children return for Summer Term.

WELL DONE!

Well Done to Miss Allt who has had her first book published. She is the writer and the illustrator. To Be Happy is already attracting 5 star review on Amazon—an incredible achievement.



This is a brand new, free, online course to help you support your child's mental well-being.

Simply go to www.inourplace.co.uk and use the code **PURPLEBIN.**

There are many other courses on the website, many in several languages covering topics including understanding your child with additional needs, understanding teenagers or antenatal support.

All courses are paid for by Liverpool Council—just use the code **PURPLEBIN.**

Please remember to follow government guidelines when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Dropping Off: Gates open at 8.45am. Children should be left at the gate (Reception children can be brought onto their playground).

Collecting: Reception, Years 1,2, and 3 should be collected at 3pm. Years 4,5 and 6 should be collected at 3.10pm. Please ensure you are on time.

A mask must be worn by all parents (please speak to a member of staff if you are medically exempt). If you forget your mask, a member of staff will bring your child to the gate.

Only 1 parent from each household should come onto the playground to avoid larger gatherings.

Parking: Please park respectfully and legally—do not park on the yellow zig zags or over our neighbours driveways.

HOUSEHOLD TESTING

As a household, you can now access testing twice weekly. These are the 'quick result' tests. You can visit a local test centre or click the link below to receive tests you can do at home. School staff will be doing this testing twice a week.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae