



SMITHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together We Grow

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Message from the Head Teacher

First of all, I'd like to say how lovely it is that school appears to be 'back to normal.' We are able to hold assemblies for the first time in 18 months, our really popular Parent and Toddler Group is on each week and children are able to visit the local area on trips to support their learning.

Over the next few weeks there will also be parents reading workshops (details to follow) and several other parents courses starting.

Staff are always available at the beginning and end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. We do ask that if you are worried about something your child has said happened in school, that you talk to us rather than approaching a child's parent/carer directly. This way, we can ensure that you have the correct information and that the matter is dealt with in a timely fashion. I appreciate your co-operation with this.

Reading Books

We have just ordered lots of new reading books. Over the last year, many books sent home with children have been lost or returned damaged. We ask that you please ensure the books are looked after and returned to school. If any books are returned damaged (ripped, spillages on them, drawn on etc.) or lost we will now be charging £3.00 towards the cost of replacing them. This way we can ensure all children are able to have a good quality book to practise reading with and enjoy.



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ATTENDANCE NEWS

AUTUMN TERM

Nursery A: 84%

Nursery B: 84%

RLMc: 99%

RAG: 95%

Year 1 RMc: 94%

Year 1CP: 89%

Year 2GH: 92%

Year 2 TD: 91%

Year 3 LA: 96%

Year 3 EHD: 99%

Year 4 JS:89%

Year 4 KM: 97%

Year 5NA: 96%

Year 5TS: 90%

Year 6AD: 93%

Year 6RC: 92%

Well Done to this weeks winners,

RLMc and Y3EHD with 99% attendance.

School starts at 8.55am

Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.

Nursery opens at 9.00am and closes and 3.10pm.



Year 5 have been researching key information about World War II.

They have used Google Classroom to help them collate facts and present them.

Many secondary schools use Google Classroom so we're making sure our children are confident in its use.

Dates for your diary:

SEPTEMBER:

27th—30th—New Food Week—children trying a new recipe each day for lunch.

29th—Parent and Toddler Group 9am

29th—Year 6 Swimming

29th—Flu vaccinations for those children whose parents have given permission.

OCTOBER:

1st—Mersey Mavericks (Basketball) working with Year 6

4th—8th— Y5NA visiting the KIND Centre

6th—Visit from Mayor

6th—Parent and Toddler Group 9am

6th—Year 6 Swimming

8th—Mersey Mavericks (Basketball) working with Year 6

11th—15th— Y5TS visiting the KIND centre.

12th—Y1CP visiting Sefton Park

13th—Y1RMc visiting Sefton Park

15th—Mersey Mavericks (Basketball) working with Year 6

19th—Reception classes visiting Speke Hall

20th—School photographer

New Food Week

School council did a survey into school dinners in the Summer and we've taken on many of their ideas. For example, ketchup is no longer in individual packets (school council felt these were too small as well as being bad for the environment) and more fruit is available for dessert.

This week, children will be trying some different foods at lunchtime. A couple are dishes we used to serve that children have requested and a couple are new. We'll see which the children like and these will become part of regular menu.

This week children can try:

Monday— Chilli con carne with rice

Tuesday—Sweet and Sour Chicken

Wednesday—Savoury mince served in a Yorkshire pudding

Thursday—Chicken pasta

Friday—stays fish and chips (we wouldn't dare change it!!!)

Children will still be able to choose a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with various fillings or a filled wrap/bread roll and salad.



Year 6 Art

Year 6 have been learning about 'The Impressionist' painters. They know who they are, their style and what makes their art unique. They presented this, using the impressionist style of non-blended brush strokes.



Across the school, we support our children to understand their emotions and feelings, whether positive or negative. It is important they recognise how they are feeling and what strategies they can use to make themselves feel happier or calmer.

This week year 1 read 'The Way I Feel' and thought about the different Zones of regulation.