



# February 2021 Newsletter



## School Re-opening

School reopens for all pupils on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All measures to reduce covid risk will remain in place. Children will work in class bubbles and will have no contact with pupils from other bubbles. Lunchtimes and playtimes will continue to be in bubbles groups. All timings and entry and exit points remain as they were across Autumn term. We cannot wait to have all pupils back in school. If you have any questions about the return please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 4244859.

## Water Bottles

A polite reminder that children must bring water in their school water bottle. Children will not be allowed to use bottles from home. Replacement bottles can be purchased from the school office

## PE

Our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black/navy shorts, leggings or joggers and plimsoles. Tracksuits with logos on are not allowed. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March children will have their PE lessons on the following days:

**Green – Monday**

**Indigo - Tuesday**

**Blue – Thursday**

**Violet - Wednesday**

## Safety

As we manage the return to school for all our pupils I must ask for your continued support to ensure the safety of us all. Whilst the number of covid cases continues to fall, instances are still high. It is very important that we all follow the measures in place to reduce risk. When collecting and dropping off children can I ask that only one adult accompanies a child and that adults do not gather outside. Please wait maintaining a 2 meter distance from other adults. Masks must be worn when dropping off and collecting your child and the one way system must be followed at all times.

Thank you.

## Remote Learning

Well done to all of our remote learners. Parents, carers and children have done a tremendous job in very challenging circumstances. In order to ensure accurate assessments of pupils learning we must have all worksheets, remote learning books and reading books returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## Devices

If you received a device from school to access remote learning can you please ensure your device is returned on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when school reopens.

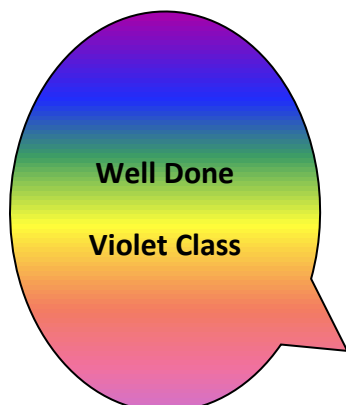
## Smarties

The booking system for our breakfast and afterschool club has now gone online. All bookings and payments should now be made via your parentpay account. A letter with detailed instructions will be sent out when school reopens in full and can also be found on our school website under About Us > Smarties.

## Important Information

We have been informed that on some occasions parents and carers are dropping children off outside the gates and children are making their own way through the yard and into school. For the safety of all of the children you must ensure you see your child into school. If you do drop your child off at the gates and do not enter the yard you must not leave the premises until you see your child has safely entered the building. Thank you.

## Our Attendance Target is 96%



	01/02/2021	8/02/2021	22/02/2021	Total
Nursery (AM)	69.23%	69.05%	77%	70.66%
Nursery (PM)	52.43%	62.20%	71.05%	60.52%
Nursery (Red)	95.35%	90.63%	86.54%	90%
Orange	100%	97.25%	98.84%	98.68%
Yellow	97.08%	98.57%	97.78%	97.82%
Green	95.28%	98.99%	96.15%	96.60%
Blue	94.67%	95.14%	91.75%	93.88%
Indigo	98.63%	99.32%	97.14%	97.99%
Violet	100%	98.43%	97.59%	98.81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.25%</b>	<b>89.97%</b>	<b>90.48%</b>	<b>89.86%</b>

### Dates For Your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	School reopens to ALL children
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day before Easter Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School
Week Commencing – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Meetings – Details to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Smarties Closed - Elections
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School

### February Birthdays

Due to covid unfortunately I cannot send birthday cards home. Happy birthday wishes are being sent to our friends who had February birthdays .

Annaliese R	Jack H
Lewie S	Chloe B
Luka C	Darcie B
Paige M	Alesha B
Sophia S	Melody S
Taim A	Blake W
Jayden Y	Amelia W
Remedy R	

### Covid19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (covid19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Your child should not attend school if they display any of the above symptoms.

For further advice please contact the NHS coronavirus testing contact centre on 119.

### Reading Week – Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March

Next week is reading week and we have lots of fun activities planned.

Our story listening challenge will look at how many stories in one week the children can listen to. Adults in school have pre recorded stories for the children. Children will also take part in a draw along with the author and illustrator Liz Million through South Tyneside Libraries.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. Children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character. Those children working from home can also take part and we would love you to send photos in for us to share on our facebook page. Please send any photos to [learningfromhome@biddickhallinfants.co.uk](mailto:learningfromhome@biddickhallinfants.co.uk).