

Saffron Green's Newsletter

Friday 3rd September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

A huge welcome back to all of you. It has been so very lovely this week to welcome you all back to a fully open school. We hope you all had the most enjoyable summer and by the looks of it everyone managed to stay safe and Covid-19 free which is wonderful news!

On Friday 10th September we are holding a bright coloured socks day to raise money for Noah's Ark Hospice in Barnet. They have been an invaluable support for one of our families and we would like to show our gratitude by raising funds so they can support other similar families in need.

Please wear odd or bright coloured socks with your full school uniform and bring £1 donation or whatever you are able to contribute to this wonderful cause.

Parent-teacher communication will continue via class email and teachers will check their emails once a day. If there is anything immediate that needs our attention, please contact the school office.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful weekend.
Best wishes and keep safe.

Mrs L Storey
Headteacher

This week in the library by Ms Storms, Librarian

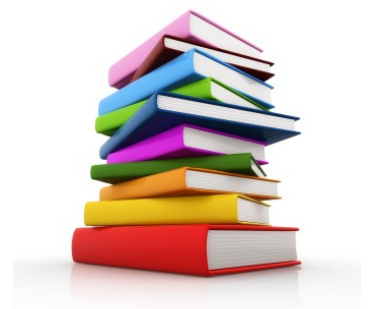
We are ready to read! On Thursday Years 1 – 6 had their first library sessions of the new school year. We talked about how our school library is organised, how to choose the right books, and then everyone got to borrow a library book.

Every class will have library time each Thursday. We use this time to read a library book together, talk about what books we are reading, and change our library book to select a new one. Children don't have to change their library books each Thursday but do need to return their old library book to borrow a new one.

Each week in this newsletter I will update you about what we have done in the library and how we can keep our excitement for reading going strong!

Date for your diary:

Thursday 16 September - Book swap. Please send in any unwanted, good quality books by Thursday 9 September and remember to come along on the 16th to choose a new book.



Getting Ready for School this Autumn

A message from Jim McManus, Hertfordshire's Director of Public Health



As part of getting your child ready to start or go back to school this autumn please also take the time to check that all their vaccinations are up to date.

If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking your GP. You can also check the childhood immunisation [schedule](#) online.

Getting vaccinations up to date and taking them when offered helps prevent serious illnesses. It is particularly important your child has both doses of the MMR vaccination. This protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) which can cause the following problems:

Measles	<p>Nearly everyone will have a high fever, a rash and generally be unwell.</p> <p>Children often must spend about five days in bed and could be off school for ten days - adults are likely to be ill for longer.</p> <p>The complications of measles affect one in every 15 children and include chest infections, fits, encephalitis (infection of the brain), and brain damage. And measles can kill.</p>
Mumps	<p>Can lead to fever, headache, and painful, swollen glands in the face, neck and jaw and can result in permanent deafness, viral meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain) and encephalitis.</p> <p>It can also cause painful swelling of the testicles in males and the ovaries in females.</p> <p>Mumps lasts about seven to ten days.</p> <p>Before the MMR vaccine was introduced, mumps was the most common cause of viral meningitis in children under 15</p>
Rubella (German measles)	<p>In children it is usually mild and can go unnoticed and causes a short-lived rash, swollen glands and a sore throat.</p> <p>It is very serious for unborn babies and can seriously damage sight, hearing, heart and brain – a condition called congenital rubella syndrome (CRS).</p> <p>A rubella infection in the first 3 months of pregnancy causes problems in up to nine out of ten cases and often pregnant women catch rubella from their own or their friends' children.</p>

Vaccinations are the best way to protect against these diseases so please do check your child is up to date with them and do accept vaccinations when they are offered.

For more information about vaccinations and their benefits please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations or talk to your school nurse about them .