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Newsletter



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Year 6 – Last day for submission of application to secondary school is 31st October 2020.



A few words from Mrs Sage...

The staff and children are working hard to address any gaps in their learning as a result of the challenges last term. In reading children need daily practice. Please read with your child every day, and practise phonics if they are in KS1. This is the single most important contribution to helping your child catch up that you can make.



There are [guides](#) on how to read with your child [here](#) and on phonics [here](#) (with guidance for Reception parents [here](#)). In writing, lots of children have lost some stamina to write and many need to practise their handwriting in order to regain their fluency. The school invested in a new handwriting scheme to support this. Please make sure that your child is holding their pen or pencil correctly when they write and encourage them to use the same cursive handwriting style we use in school. Information about this can be found in a writing presentation by the Early Years Team [here](#). In Maths, the children who are making the best progress in catching up are those who have learnt their times tables and number bonds. The best way to do this is lots of repetitive practice. Please see [here](#) for more information about helping your child with their tables. We've also noticed that many children are struggling with problem solving in maths (as this was something that couldn't easily be taught remotely) and we will be focusing on this in class. Please make sure that your child is completing their Numbots (KS1)

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> or Times Table Rockstars (KS2) trockstars.com for at least 20 minutes every week and using doodle maths to support. This is particularly important for those children in LKS2 as we are using [DoodleMaths](#) as their maths homework. This is monitored every week so please support your child in helping them to access this regularly throughout the week. Overwhelmingly, children have come back to school happy and ready to learn. However, we still have a big job to do to make sure that our children catch up with any work they've missed and you, as parents, are our main (and most important) partners in this.

Virtual Consultation Evenings: I would like to invite you to attend our Virtual Parents' Evening on Monday 16th November or Thursday 19th November. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to speak with the class teacher/teachers. Unfortunately, given the current situation, we are unable to meet face to face and therefore our plan is to meet via a video link using our usual Parents' Evening System. Please see [the letter sent out to all parents here](#) and the [guidelines for how to join the waiting room here](#). For new parents details on how to access the system [can be found here](#). The system will open for bookings on Sunday 18th October at 6pm. You will not be able to access the system before then, although you will be able to set up your account. Have a lovely weekend.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EYFS

ED: Ruby S & JJ P – Great effort with shopping lists.

GD: Martha A & Thomas W – Great effort with shopping lists.

KS1

CE: Farah H & Frankie M – Always doing their best work.

RH: : Ellis M & Elliott M – For ordering sentences about "Mog the Forgetful Cat".

NJ: Henry W-G – Fantastic 'Walking around the zoo' poem.

MN: Zara H – Amazing 2 digit add 2 digit work.

KS2

CM: Lucia C – For a fantastic start on her non-chronological report on sea turtles.

ESST: Esther W & Lois A – Super sea turtle research and report.

RJ: Anabella N – For a fabulous diagram of a volcano.

PN: Isla C – For super work in maths and cracking column subtraction.

JSB: William A – Great understanding of what causes night and day using scientific ideas.

AB: Jacob G - Has completed an excellent maths task understanding how to use negative numbers. He has improved his presentation too.

NS: Maya Y – For excellent work on renewable energy sources.

JG: Charlie C – Great problem solving when working on order of operation.



Support for parents

As a school we are really proud that our families turn to us and trust us with information about highly sensitive areas of their lives. We know that family life can have its ups and downs. As a school at the heart of the community our aim is to support families, especially when life is hard. If something is happening at home that is affecting you and your children, do please let us know if we can support. We have compiled a page of [parent support resources](#) on our website aimed at connecting you and signposting you to organisations and giving information on a range of topics, including bereavement, health, housing, bullying, drugs and alcohol, eating disorders, mental health and relationships. Please [click here](#) for further information about well-being advice to support our children.

Useful Covid-19 information

The "[Keeping Healthy](#)" section on our website provides up to date useful information and links.

Some useful websites:

[General Government information](#)

[Symptoms & testing](#)

[Meeting with others safely](#)

[Covid guidance for parents and carers](#)

[School operating procedures September 2020](#)



Click on the picture to read the Government's Hands Face Space campaign this autumn:

Wash your hands,
Cover your face,
Make space.

Quick links

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Vacancies

Office Manager

See our [website](#) for further information including application form.

Playworker

Please see our [website](#) for further information including application form.

Retired Secretary at Salford School secures book deal

To read about Mrs Diane Harding's book deal please [click here](#).



PTA news online

This week's house winners are Woodpeckers with 311!

Houses

[Our House system](#) is named after birds; Robins are Red, Goldfinches are Gold, Woodpeckers are Green and Owls are Blue. We operate a house point system. Every week, the House Points Cup is awarded to the house with the most house points. Children can earn points for their houses through good attendance, by working hard in class, producing really good quality work, being polite and courteous, helping each other and by contributing positively to the life of the school. There are regular house afternoons during the year where the children are encouraged to work hard for their houses. and to do the best they can to earn house points.

House afternoon

This Friday we will be holding our first House afternoon of the year. During the afternoon the children will vote for their new House Captains from the Year 6 nominees. These children recorded their pledges and these will be shown across the school virtually. Thank you to all the children who have put themselves forward for this role. After the hustings, the children will be taking part in some games and activities focused on the theme of Kindness, which is one of our school core values. House afternoons are a wonderful opportunity for the children across all age groups to work together on a shared theme and we will endeavour to continue to do this even if we can't physically be together!

Add all these dates direct to your online calendar!
[Click here](#)



[Click here for term dates](#)

Dates for your diary

Inset Days for 2020 – 2021

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

[Term Dates for 2021 - 2022](#)

Friday 16th October: Individual photos

These will be taken in school on Friday 16th Oct.

A copy of the letter sent can be found [here](#).

Please remember that *all* orders must be made on-line this year so please look out for the order deadline when your order form arrives. Orders will be delivered to school and brought home by the children in the usual way, following a period of quarantine.

Wednesday 18th November: Flu vaccine. Years R – 6.

Monday 16th & Thursday 19th

November: [virtual parents' evening](#).

Salford Community Association

The October/November edition of [SCAN](#) is now available to view and will be delivered to all households in Salford this week. To find out more about the Covid secure events taking place at Salford Hall, the Youth Club and the Post Office and Library, please see the [SCA website](#).

[Request to join the PTA Facebook page here!](#)