



Newsletter 9th July 2020

September

We continue to formulate our plans for September. Staff are preparing messages for their classes and when classrooms are ready we will send photos along with details about staggered entry into school. Along with all other schools in the country we are currently planning a recovery curriculum. This will cover all aspects of the National Curriculum and also have a heavy focus on PSHE (Personal, social and health education), Pupil mental health and well-being and SMSC development (Spiritual, moral, social and cultural). We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school in September and will do all we can to make this as smooth and as positive an experience as possible. In mid-August we will send you a questionnaire so that you can let us know about any significant changes in your child's life and also any concerns they may have about returning to school. Thank you so much for the support you have given our school during this global pandemic. None of us have experienced anything like this before and it has pushed all of us a long way out of our comfort zones.

The NSPCC offer many excellent resources to help children and their parents. See below for a helpful well-being resource:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/promoting-mental-health-wellbeing>

After school clubs

Due to the global pandemic, we have decided not run any after school clubs for the first half of term, we will review this decision prior to October half term and let you know the outcome.

Good morning world club

We are considering running Good Morning World Club from September, but need to know if there is enough interest from parents in order to decide if opening is a viable option. Please could you send an email to the school office if you would be interested in Good Morning World Club stating the days you would need. We cannot confirm at this time if the club will run but will let you know as soon as a decision is made.

Swimming

Again, due to the global pandemic we will not be able to run swimming lessons next term. Once the pool re opens and we have received guidance on school swimming we will let you know. We are hoping to have an update by October half term.

Book/PE Bags

These are available from the school office, please email and let us know if you would like a book/PE bag and we will put one aside for you. The book bags cost £4.50 and PE bag £3.00, if existing students could pay via School Comms we would appreciate it.

School Lunches

We are still considering how and if to offer hot dinners, we will update you as soon as a decision is made. Cold dinners will be available.

School Reports

You will receive school reports via School Comms next week.

Assemblies this week:

Monday	All the ways to be smart – Davina Bell and Allison Calpoys
Tuesday	Ish – Peter Reynolds
Wednesday	The 13-storey tree-house – Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton
Thursday	The 13-storey tree-house
Friday	The 13-storey tree-house

Fundraising

Thank you so much to those of you who have been ordering Friday cakes! Thank you to our excellent bakers and organisers too. We understand that money is tight for many and we totally understand that you may not be able to support FOSS as you have previously. Clearly the current situation means that we cannot hold our regular fundraising events therefore whatever you can do to help is appreciated even more than usual. When we return to some kind of normality, we would be very grateful for donations of your time to help with building and grounds maintenance jobs.

Volunteering

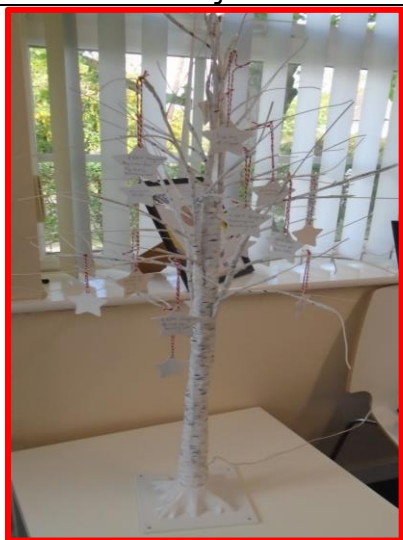
A lovely picture of Bertie who has been helping out at the Lister pop up tent this week.



Resource Request

We know that lots of people have been having a sort out at home, Mrs Hart and Class 1 would like any 'small world' toys you no longer want. These would include miniature people, animals, buildings, transport etc. that can be used in imaginative play activities. We are always grateful for donations of reading books in good condition that are on the AR reading scheme. Non-fiction books are always helpful too!

On the giving tree at the moment there are lots of small items:

A mulberry tree/sapling		Large bag of compost x 1
Loom bands (new or unused from home)		Hama beads (new or unused from home)
Rechargeable AA batteries x 4		K'NEX Imagine - 34698
K'NEX Imagine - beginner fun fast vehicle set		K'NEX Imagine - motorcycle building set
K'NEX Imagine - stealth plane		K'NEX 17023 Imagine - Dune set
K'NEX 17021 Imagine - space shuttle		K'NEX Imagine - rocket car building set
K'NEX 25525 Imagine - 12 model cars building set		K'NEX Imagine – Beginner fun fly away building set

We are also compiling an Amazon list for books; we will share the link for this shortly. The books don't have to be bought from Amazon; David's in Letchworth is an excellent local bookshop which offers savings on books for children on a Saturday morning. Just let us know if you have bought a book from elsewhere and we can remove it from the Amazon list.

Philosophy for Children

Thoughtful Conversations for Families Week 11

<https://dialogueworks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Hometalk-week-12.pdf>

Activities for all ages from 3 years old upwards



With fundraising being quite tricky in the current climate, FOSS are looking into new and different ways of raising funds for the school, which are needed more now than ever before to help get all the children back to school safely.

We plan to sell large items of donated furniture on eBay. If you have any unwanted large items - garden furniture, dining tables, unneeded nursery furniture or anything of that ilk - that you'd be happy to donate to FOSS, please text or ring Sian to arrange collection on 07954 357872.

In September we are hoping to be part of the Sandon Village fete. This will be arranged very differently this year to allow for social distancing. FOSS's part in the fete will include a bric-a-brac and craft stall, so if you have anything suitable after a lockdown clear out that you'd be happy to donate, or any craft items you'd like to make for us to sell, please contact Sian to arrange for collection and storage before September.

The new logo and rebranding for FOSS has been delayed until September, so please feel free to continue sending in your logo ideas! Think bright, bold colours and unfussy design. Something that will be easily recognisable and easy to reproduce. Email your designs to foss.sandon@gmail.com

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