



Summerfields Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT AND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Following the item in last week's newsletter, we are now able to confirm more details about the refurbishment to school.

The first phase is going to start during the summer holidays. It will include some classrooms being refurbished, changes to the hall and the school kitchen. We are not really sure ourselves what it may look like yet, so we are really excited to see what changes are made. We do know the hall will be made into a space that we just don't "walk through" all the time and lots of improvement will be "behind the scenes" such as a new boiler and work to the roof.

Therefore school will not reopen to pupils until **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020**. This is to enable staff to set up classrooms etc once this phase of the building work has been completed.

Even when we are open in September the building work will continue—the second phase is creating a Design Technology room and cloakrooms for Year R and Key Stage 2.

While all this is going on parking, etc, will be really tight as the builders will be using the car park and probably the laybys near school. It may be easier to think of alternative ways to get to school in the autumn.

TRANSITION DAYS

We hope everyone in Years R to 5 have received an email about coming in to school to meet their new teacher. These were sent via ParentMail on Thursday 2nd July 2020.

It would be really useful for you and your child to watch the video made by children in school before they come in for their session so they know what to expect. The link is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nmkWaWeWXk

It may also be useful to watch again in the summer holidays to remind all children what to expect when they return in September.

MATHS WORD OF THE WEEK

Hendecagon -

A two dimensional shape with eleven sides and eleven angles. It is also called a undecagon.

WHOLE SCHOOL MINDSET

Be yourself, because an original is worth more than a copy.

SCHOOL MEALS

Next week's menu will be the same as last week:

Monday — Cheese Whirl

Tuesday — Vegetarian Sausage Roll

Wednesday — Baguette

Thursday — Sausage Roll

Friday — Vegetarian Sausage Roll

Baguettes will also be available every day as an alternative with a filling choice of either tuna, cheese or ham.

COVID SUMMER FOOD FUND VOUCHERS

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal (not a Universal Infant Free School Meal) please look out for an important email next week on how the summer food fund voucher scheme will work. Thank you.

Government guidance for parents - online harms

The government has produced a useful webpage listing sources of advice and support for keeping their children safe. The guide includes information about:

- Protect children from domestic abuse
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Crime, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines, violence and gangs
- Protect children from radicalisation
- Prevent
- Online child safety
- Mental health

You can find the information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Privilege Seat Applications – Academic Year 2020/21

Dear Parent/Guardian

As advertised in April this year, due to a new home to school bus contract starting in September 2020, the number of school bus services available will be significantly reduced. This will affect the number of privilege seats that can be offered.

We are unable to confirm which services will be running at this stage but intend to have this information towards the end of July 2020.

We aim to open the first privilege seat application window towards the end of July 2020 for mainstream students, only, therefore, Post-16 students will not be able to apply. There may be an opportunity for Post-16 students to apply later but only after the start of the academic year. We are unable to confirm an application date at this stage, therefore, sixth form students are expected to make their own transport arrangements.

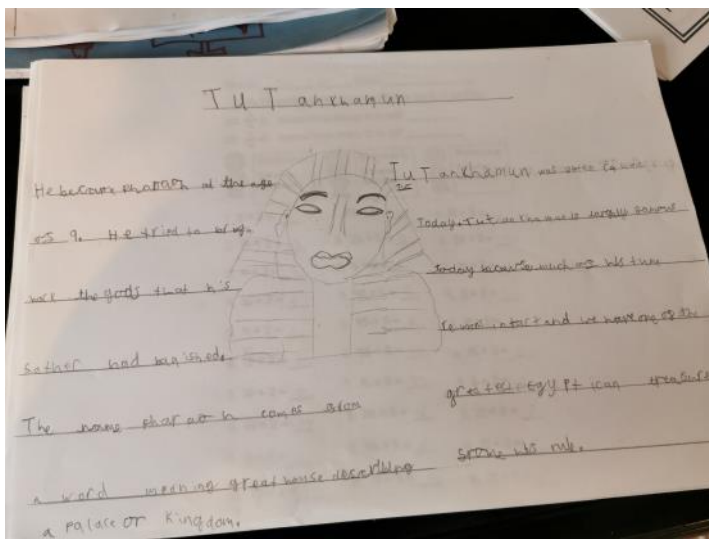
Once we have further information, the following webpage will be updated: <http://www.iwight.com/IWCPrivilegeseats>

so please ensure you check this page regularly should you be interested in applying for the scheme.

Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

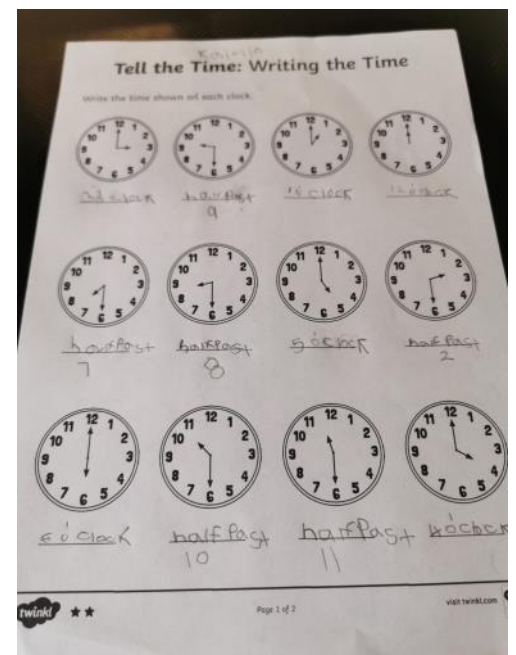
Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Thanks to everyone who has sent work in again this week. Unfortunately we can't show everyone's great work, but Ms Wood reads and replies to all emails sent. If you would like to send in some of your child's work, please email to: office@summerfields.iow.sch.uk.



Jaiden has been learning about Tutankhamun

Kaitlin has been learning to tell the time.



Children are bound to spend lots more time on devices during school closure. **DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT** – lots will be schoolwork or catching up with friends. But there are ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on



Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.

Get your children to show you their apps and games



You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?

Don't try to hide the news about coronavirus



If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

Remind them of key online safety principles



There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).

