



15 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

End of term newsletter

I would like to thank parents, carers and children for making me feel so welcome and I am really looking forward to meeting more children in September.

I would like to say a huge thank you to staff for their dedication and support at this time. They have all worked incredibly hard to ensure that children in school are safe and happy and they have ensured that children are receiving online learning along with fun activities.

Collective Worship

I am organising a large Zoom Collective Worship before the end of term and I would like to set this up for Friday morning at 10am. If you have previously agreed to Zoom calls then you will receive this link. If you have not received the link by Thursday afternoon then please send an email to bursar@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk. This Zoom call will last approximately 20 minutes and will involve me sharing a story with the children and sharing a prayer. Unfortunately I will have to mute each participant in the call as there would be too much background noise for everyone to hear in the call.

Year 6

Unfortunately, our Year 6 children have not had their usual leavers events. We are hoping to be able to have a service at church in October in order for the children to receive their send off (albeit a little later than previously planned). I will keep parents informed of this as it obviously depends upon how the next few months go with regards to COVID-19. We hope that when we have a date that you will be able to join us at this service. In the meantime, we wish you all the very best of luck at your new schools and hope that you have a wonderful experience.

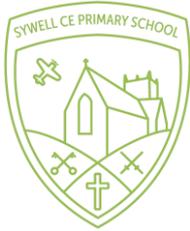
September return

Final decisions will be made regarding the risk assessment which is being put into place and if there are any updates to the following guidance then this will be communicated to you over the summer holiday period.

As previously communicated, children in Years 1-6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Please be aware that provision will continue to look different from 'pre-Covid-19'. For example, in line with government guidance, it is clear that there will be a need for the continuation of a staggered start and end to the school day in order to maintain distance between children and parents as much as possible.

Unfortunately, until we have carried out our risk assessment, we cannot state if wrap around care will be re-instated at the start of the new term.

Gates will be open between 8.45am – 9am. We ask that there is a limit of one parent per household who attends drop off or pick up. As it currently stands, children and parents will enter through the



pedestrian gate and follow the one-way system to the stop sign. Children in Years 1-6 will be met by staff and taken through the side wooden gate to their classroom by school staff. Children in Reception Year will be met at the main entrance and taken in by school staff. Parents will then follow the one way system back out of the gate. We appreciate that this is slightly different to how we would normally operate but we will still be following our COVID-19 procedures to safeguard yourselves, children and staff. We ask that you maintain social distancing using the markers to help you. In order to be considerate to our neighbours, please do not congregate early at the school gates.



Collection times and arrangements will be slightly different. **You will be able to collect your child from 3.10pm – 3.30pm.** If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and walks home unaccompanied then they will leave school at 3.30pm. All parents of children in Years 1-6 will enter through the EYFS gate by the metal railings and walk around the edge of the building to their child's class room. You will reach Y1/2 and then Y5/6 and then Y3/4. You will then continue back out through the normal wooden gate so you have done a complete circle of the school on the one way system. There will be staff to guide you. Children in Reception class will exit through the main entrance in order to avoid congestion. We ask that you are mindful of social distancing and do not crowd doorways. If you wish to speak to a class teacher then we ask that you phone through to school and they will ring you back as soon as possible.

PE Kit

You will receive information in September regarding PE and which days kit will be needed. This may run slightly differently at the beginning of the year in order to avoid PE kits being kept in school as we may ask that children come in PE kits on their PE day in order to avoid children having to get changed for PE in school.

Pencil cases

All children in year 1-6 will be issued with a named pencil case and their own equipment such as pencils, pens and rubbers. We ask that children do not bring items in from home.



Lunches

Lunchtimes will be staggered in order to ensure that children can maintain distance and that tables can be cleaned thoroughly in between use. Kingswood Catering will continue to provide a full range of lunch options and these will be available to order online as normal from the beginning of August. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this.

School uniform

Our new logo uniform is now available from Brigade. Orders placed before 7th August will arrive in time for the start of term. Again I would like to reiterate that uniform does not require a logo and new items can be phased in over the year if required. Grey sweatshirts for PE are available from Brigade. School will be providing a house PE t-shirt for your child as their house colour may have changed. Children will be told their new house when we start in September as they will be organised by the 'Sorting Hat'. Plain T-shirts will then be ordered but you can order a logo t-shirt from Brigade if you then wish. **Please do not order t-shirts for PE before your child has been told their house colour.**

Daily School Uniform

Boys

- Bottle green sweatshirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- White or bottle green polo shirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts (no denim)
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black shoes

Girls

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with Sywell logo)
- White or bottle green polo shirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt or tailored trousers or culottes (no denim)
- Green and white gingham dress (summer only)
- Black, grey or white socks (with or without a plain or green gingham frill) or grey or bottle green tights
- Black shoes

PE Kit – for all pupils

- Short sleeved team colour crew neck t-shirt. A plain t-shirt will be provided by school
- Black shorts for indoor PE
- Light grey sweatshirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Black tracksuit jogging bottoms for outdoor PE (plain, no brand logos)
- Plimsolls for indoor PE and dark trainers for outdoor PE

All pupils require a weather appropriate coat/waterproof jacket with them every day.



There is no obligation to purchase clothing with the school logo, although if sourced elsewhere, the clothing purchased should match the school colours and have no other branding or logos. Playsuits are not deemed to be acceptable in Reception class as children have to fully undress when toileting.

Children have a coat peg for their coat and they have a locker for all of their other belongings. Whatever they bring needs to fit into their locker. Therefore, we ask that children do not bring in more than they need to. Large rucksacks are not permitted.

Sywell branded items may be purchased online from the school's uniform supplier, Brigade, at www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

Sweatshirts/Cardigans

Polo shirts

PE t-shirts/sweatshirts

School book bag

School PE bag

Storm jacket (optional)

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Transfer

Unfortunately we have not been able to have our normal transfer mornings and I am very aware that children may have concerns about moving to their new class. I would like to alleviate these fears and so if your child would like to send a message or ask any questions to their new class teacher then please email me at head@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk by Thursday 16th July. I will pass on the messages or concerns and class teachers will then respond. I appreciate that some schools may have organised transfer mornings but due to cross over bubbles, we did not feel that this was an appropriate option for us. Class teachers will remain the same next year:

Class 1 – Mrs De Meo and Mrs Shortland

Class 2– Miss Longland

Class 3 – Ms Byrne

Class 4 – Mr Wilson

Term Dates 2020-2021

A term dates calendar accompanies this newsletter, and the 5 inset days for this academic year are confirmed as:

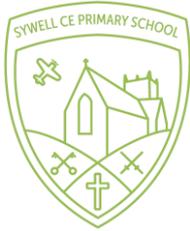
Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Thursday 11th February 2021

Friday 12th February 2021



Welcome to Reception 2020

The circulation of this newsletter is including, for the first time, our new families whose children will be joining us in Reception Class in September. Welcome to the Sywell family. It is hugely regrettable that we have been unable to invite you and your children into school for our usual "Getting to know you sessions" The information packs sent out by Mrs DeMeo and Mrs Shortland are we hope proving useful in answering most frequently asked questions and we are looking forward to meeting you properly in September. I appreciate that this situation is far from ideal for you and your child and not what I, or any of my staff, would have wanted, but in the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns over the coming weeks, please contact me by sending me an email with your details to head@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk. Please include your telephone number if you would like me to call you.

Tyres

We have removed some old car tyres from the outside play area. If anyone is interested in using them in their gardens or allotments as planters you are very welcome to them. Please contact the school office or email to arrange collection head@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Any questions

If over the summer holidays you have any concerns or questions regarding the reopening then please feel free to email me. Whilst I cannot guarantee an immediate response, I will aim to respond within a few days of receiving an email.

Please be reassured that, whilst we carry out the necessary planning, the safety of our whole school community continues to be paramount.

We would like to thank you for your continued understanding and patience throughout this difficult period; your kind, positive words of support continue to mean a great deal.

Kind regards

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