

Sunday 13th September 2020

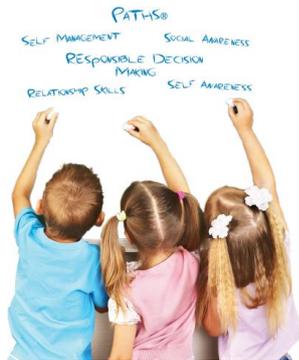
Welcome back!

It's been a long time coming but it was so great to see you all at school last week. All the children worked extremely hard and I was very proud of them for settling quickly and showing such resilience.

This term, our theme will be 'All Around the World'. We will study this through Geography mostly but we'll also be looking at Creation in RE, comparing cultures in PSHE and looking at a book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Here We Are' in English.



Forest School and PE will run alternate weeks and on the weeks where the children have Forest School, they will have a PE lesson on a Wednesday with me. PE kits only need to come into school on the days that the children have a PE lesson and children will return home in their kit with their school uniform. This week PE is with me on Wednesday.



This year, we will be starting PATHS. It is a programme that teaches emotional literacy and supports mental health and wellbeing. One of the most exciting aspects of the PATHS curriculum is Pupil of the Day. Each day, someone will be chosen to be the Pupil of the Day and this person will receive compliments from those around them and special privileges for that day. When your child has been chosen they will come home with a letter listing the compliments that they have received. It would be great if parents/carers could add compliments too!

It is with sadness, that I inform you that Mrs Massen retired at the end of the Summer Term. After working at the school for many years, I know that she will be greatly missed but I'm sure that she will be welcoming the opportunity to spend her time doing other things! I am pleased that Miss Smith (from Flitcham) has volunteered to help out until we find a teaching assistant for Reception so that Mrs Garrard can come and join us after October half term. On Fridays, the class will be taught by Mrs Cressingham as this time enables me to carry out the Head of School part of my role.

We will continue to use apps to support learning at home and celebrate success. Children can access Tackling Tables online, Sumdog which will be used for homework and Letterjoin. I will be sending reminders and messages about learning through Marvellous Me. We are also investigating a digital reading record and hoping to make use of Google Classroom so look out for more information about these. If there are any log on details that you require, don't hesitate to get in touch.

My email is hos@sandringhamwestnewton.norfolk.sch.uk.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs King