



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

Thank you

Following a second national lockdown, we understand many of you have been anxious about sending your children back to school. We want to assure you that we do put the safety of all our families and staff first. This week I have been observing learning and teaching (socially distanced) and can see pupils are happy and engaged. Also, a huge thank you to P@SS who will fund for us to have plates and bowls (rather than the trays).



Remembrance Sunday (8th November 2020)

We have been learning about the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday. Here is a link you could re-watch with your children, it is based on the Scottish Poppy Appeal, however the historical aspects are the same. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiGXTeiP5Nc>

We will be observing 2 minutes silence on the 11th November at 11am.

Lexia- 2 month trial

The government are issuing schools with catch up funding. We are intending on using some of this to purchase a reading intervention programme. This can also be accessed at home if you have internet access and a computer/tablet. Teachers will advise you of log in details if your child has been targeted for this reading intervention.

Our Christmas Shop

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/community/the-christmas-shop/>

This will go live in a couple of weeks on our website, if any parents would like a virtual stall on this page please let us know. It will cost £10 to advertise your products for sale. P@SS will have a number of items for sale. office@swillingtonprimary.com

Tea Time Club

This starts up again next week, the cost of the sessions are below, please contact the main office to book.

1 hour 3.30-4.30pm = £3



2 hours 3.30-5.30pm = £6

A full week of full sessions = £25, saving £5.

Attendance

Thank you for following our procedures for attendance. We understand that some pupils are isolating, remember to call the office if your child is absent. This week our attendance was 97%.

Whole school attendance from September to November 5th= 96%

Online Teaching Via Google Meets

After our successful virtual teaching experience, please find some advice for any future Google meets.

In the event of a class bubble collapsing due to a positive COVID test result, the children will be taught daily via Google meet. To ensure that everyone gets the most out of their virtual teaching please ensure that you child/ children:

Are sat in a quiet area with minimal distractions (games consoles, phones and siblings)

Uses the chat function only when asked to by their teacher.

When using the chat function, make sure they use appropriate and respectful language.

Keeps their camera on where possible. This is especially important when the children are on mute.

Staggered start/finish times- Autumn 2

Please remember to arrive/collect at the **start time of your allocated slot**. Thank you.

A-G to arrive at **8.40**-8.50 Leave at **3.00**-3.10

H-N to arrive at **8.50**-9.00 Leave at **3.10**-3.20

O-Z to arrive at **9.00**-9.10 Leave at **3.20**-3.30

These times will support our members of staff to have conversations regarding the classes' learning and will also support those parents that were struggling with the earlier finish times. We appreciate your co-operation at this time.

We hope you all have a happy and safe weekend.

Thank you,

Mr M Cahill
Headteacher

