



The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 13 Friday 3rd July 2020



Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

I know, it is not easy at present with everything we are having to cope with and there are changes occurring every day we are having to get used to, due to the exceptional circumstances we find ourselves in. We also have nothing to compare it with and we do not know how long this is going to last.

As adults it is hard enough, so for children it is even harder and especially for those who are not in school Monday to Friday, in the world they knew, which allowed them the freedom to go to the park or to play safely with their friends and not worry about how far apart they now have to be.

By September, some children will not have been in school for six months and we simply do not know what effect this will have had, or even if we will all be back in school, together. We hope we will, but so many decisions are still to be made that we have no control over. It is still really important, therefore, that children have routines and that they do the work set online to the best of their ability, in Class Dojo or, if you cannot access this, you contact us to get hard copies posted out to you. We will, of course, be looking at intervention and catch up sessions when the children return, but if we can reduce the negative impact that Covid-19 may have had on their education now, it would be really worthwhile and not put any child at a major disadvantage.

I am sorry we have not been able to open up for more year groups, but we simply do not have the physical capacity in school and although the Village Hall has kindly been offered to us to use if we need it, we could not staff it safely, due to the distance from school, but we are very grateful for the offer and the wonderful community spirit this shows in our village.

We are having more children join our "bubbles" in the year groups we are allowed to have and I have to **praise** all of the **children** in the way they have adapted and been so brilliant to work with over the last few weeks.

We will, however, **not be admitting** any further children into the "bubbles" as of **Friday 10th July**, as we begin to wind down for the summer. We will not be opening to any groups

of children over the summer, as we feel it is essential that our staff get a summer break, as they have not had a holiday since February half term. They have not just been teaching every day and in school supporting the children, they have also been setting work online and writing reports, as well as preparing for September. The **staff** have done a **sterling job** and myself and the Governors **cannot thank them enough** for all the hard work and dedication to their profession and the children over this time. Many could have been self-shielding due to health concerns, but choose not to, as they wanted to ensure the children were safe and well cared for. **The staff are incredible and have shown what an amazing team they are - so thank you and well done.**

I would like to **thank** all the children who have returned to school, for the wonderful way they have come back in and adapted to all the changes. It has been **lovely** to hear the school full of the **sound** of the **children** getting involved in their **learning, playing** and **talking** again, as this is what we want to hear all of the time. I would also like to say a big **well done** to all the **children at home** for sending in their work on **Class Dojo** or by **post**. I have seen some incredible things being done across all year groups and I hope this will continue up to the end of the term.

Thank you!

Attached to the newsletter is a **booklet** about returning to school after Covid-19, to help deal with any anxieties, and you may find this useful to read with your son/daughter.

Year 6 into 7

I am aware that **Sandy Secondary School** have posted out a number of letters with key information regarding transition. They have also posted videos onto their website, www.sandysecondaryschool.com, under the Admissions tab, to help support your son/daughter with transition into Year 7 and answer any questions they have.

There is also a special email address of transition@sandysecondaryschool.com, that has been set up for you to ask any questions, if you need to, to help reduce any issues or concerns.

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Staffing changes and thanks

I would like to thank **Mrs Fordham** and **Mrs Smith** for the massive amount of work they have been doing, with other staff in our outside area, especially for our Nursery children. We are actually no longer going to call it our nursery, it will be known as our **pre-school** and the children will be known as "**Chicks**", before they move up to Robins in reception. I am very pleased to announce that **Mrs Smith** will be our new **Nursery lead**, with **Mrs Kitchener** assisting. **Mrs Murphy** will be moving to **Reception**, to assist Miss Rice.

We have also appointed a full time Year 1/2 teacher **Miss Aktar**, and look forward to welcoming her in the new academic year.

We are really excited about the possibility of having all the children back in September, but until we get official notification from the Government on this, we are unable to say how this will look in September. As soon as we know, we will share this with you and I know that Miss Rice is in the process of sending home transition information to all children coming into Reception in September.

Facebook

Sandy Secondary School have their own **Facebook** page with lots of useful information, news and events. This may be useful for any Year 6 parents to join, where they will be able to see lots of videos regarding transition information for **Year 7 children**, including a tour around the school.

We are always adding photos and information to our own **Moggerhanger Primary School Facebook** page, so please feel free to **join** and you will be able to see what the children have been doing in school.

Prestige school uniform

Our **uniform** supplier for both Moggerhanger Primary and Sandy Secondary School, is **Prestige Design & Workwear**, and they have an online booking appointment system in place. You will be able to book a time slot and visit either shop to try on uniform.

<http://www.prestigedesignww.co.uk/>

Food Bank Appeal

We sent out a letter this week about our food bank appeal. The summer holidays, for many families, is a very worrying time, as they do not know where their next meal may come from. I know the Government has extended their free school meal voucher scheme, but for many, this still is not enough to allow them at least two meals a day. If you are able to donate anything to us, on the list provided, we would really welcome it, so we can help those in need.

Have a good weekend.

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal



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We are excited to announce that, moving forwards, we will be referring to our 'Nursery' as '**Pre-School**'. We believe this is much more fitting with the type of setting that we provide. We have also decided as a team that pre-school class will be known as '**Chicks Class**' in order to distinguish between 'Chicks' (Pre-School) and 'Robins' (Reception). We are working on a new Pre-School Prospectus which we look forward to sharing with you soon. The name was inspired by our annual visits to our local farm. It is such a shame we are unable to visit at the moment but we look forward to visiting as soon as its safe.



BNF Healthy Eating Week @ Home

British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week @ Home, a virtual event, will take place 22-28th June, aiming to encourage people of all ages to take part in a range of key health challenges, increasing their knowledge of healthy eating and wellbeing, the benefits of physical activity and cooking.

The new event is an online alternative to the annual British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week which normally takes place at schools and workplaces in June. Last year, more than 4,770 nurseries and schools and 2,100 workplaces and universities registered to participate in the week. While the coronavirus pandemic has made large-scale physical events impossible for the time-being, looking after our health and diet is more important than ever, and the British Nutrition Foundation team has developed a new format to allow the Week to continue remotely.

The British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week @ Home comprises of seven daily health challenges, which people can take part in at home, or in schools and workplaces where social distancing measures allow. The challenges will be supported by a range of evidence-based, easy to access resources on a dedicated area of the British Nutrition Foundation's website, as well as a series of cook-a-longs each day. This year's challenges include:

Check the link on Parentmail for all the activities you can do at home.



Eat Well

Eat More Wholegrains

Have 5 A Day

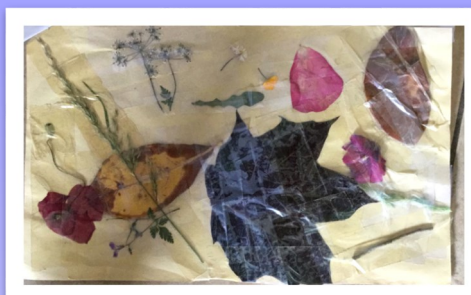
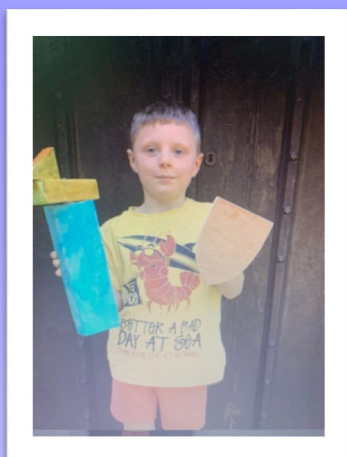
Drink Plenty

Move More

Be Mind Kind—help a friend or neighbour

Make a Change

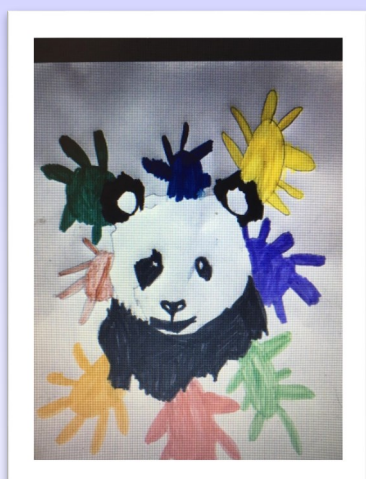
Examples of Woodpeckers work from Class Dojo



Oscars 'Colours of Summer' and Oscar's alien detector machine.

Florence's England fact file

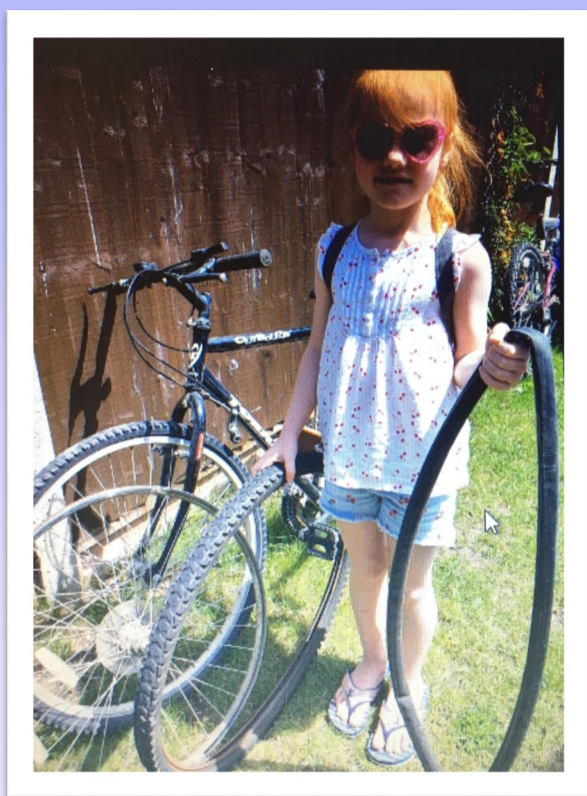
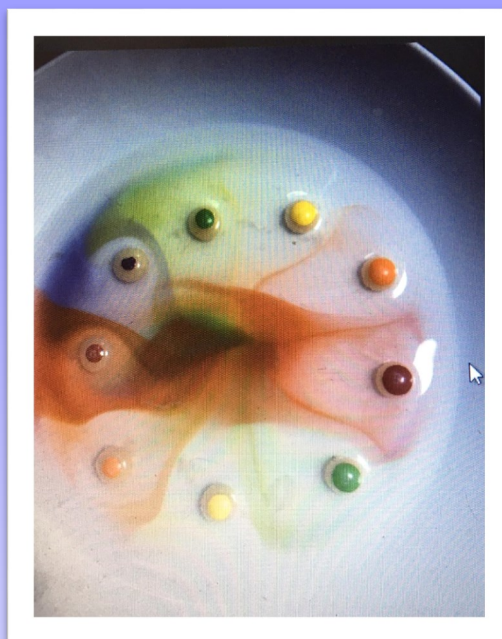
Country: England
Capital: London
Language: English
Population: 55 million
Famous: Creams, butterflies, Cheeses, Edward Elgar. He was famous for composing famous buildings. Brixworth was tower of London, House of parliament, St John's College.
Weather: usually sunny but sometimes rainy.
Famous sport person: Pele is a famous footballer who played as a forward. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time he was the most successful.
Festivals: The Glastonbury festival is a three day music festival held each year at the Glastonbury Festival site in the war memorial park, Glastonbury, England, named after the city's famous former inhabitant Lady Glastonbury.



Elara wants to be an illustrator when she grows up!

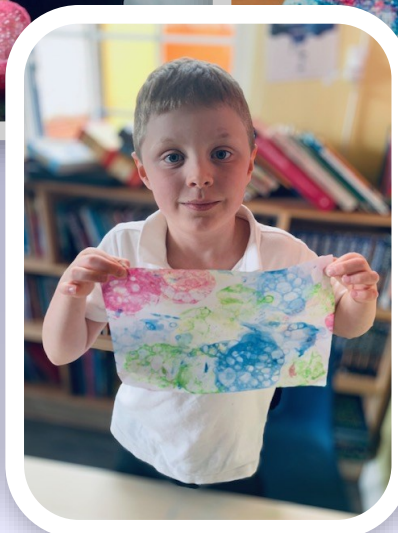
Examples of Woodpeckers work from Class Dojo

Isabella's rainbow experiment using
skittles!



Woodpeckers continue to enjoy
bike based curriculum
activities. Lula-Belle has
developed her knowledge of how
to repair a puncture!!

Our Key Worker class have been making some lovely bubble painting pictures





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NATIONAL Writing Day

24 JUNE 2020

The children in Kites have been writing some 24 word stories as part of National Writing Day. The stories had to start with 'One day...', written in 7 minutes and have exactly 24 words.

'One day I looked at the sky,
And something peculiar took my eye.
It was an astronaut floating on a balloon
To the moon...' *Chloe-Louise*

'One day Mr Alien was
travelling to the world. He got
in his ship and zoomed down,
but a voice was heard; "NOT
AGAIN!"' *Olivia P*

'One day, on the Isle of The
Sky, Cyro was fighting for his
life. He did his favourite move;
"Throw teleportation portal!"
It failed.' *Lewis*

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Back to School

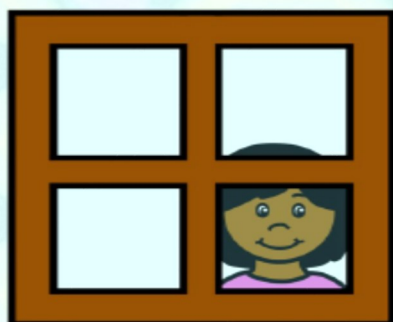
A story about
returning to school



By
Debbie Palphreyman



You have been Superheroes and stayed at home.
You stayed in your house most of the time apart from daily exercise or shopping.
You did all your learning at home.
You kept to the social distancing rules and stayed 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your house.
You sneezed into your elbows.
You washed your hands with soap for 20 seconds or you counted elephants as you washed your hands- 1 elephant, 2 elephant, 3 elephant and so on.
You used tissues to wipe your noses and you put them in the bin!
You even stopped seeing your friends and family who didn't live with you.



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GUESS WHAT?

LESS people are getting the Coronavirus now!
You did an **AWESOME** job!

You should feel really proud of yourselves for helping to fight the Coronavirus!
You are true superheroes!

You deserve a round of applause! Give yourself a clap now!



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Our government want to get things back to normal. They have a plan.
A plan is a list of things that needs to be done to make sure everyone stays safe.

EVERYONE MUST follow the plan.



Very important government plan

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

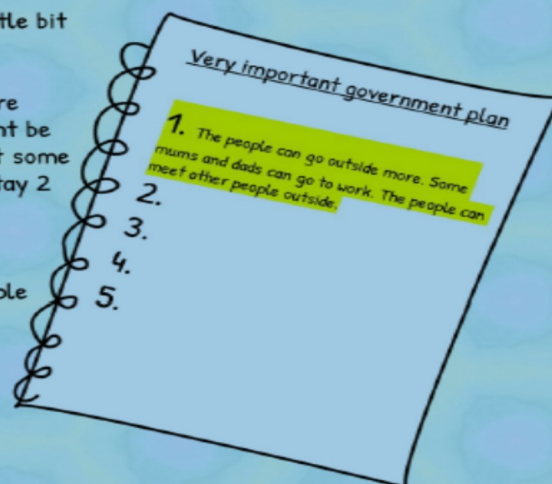


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To get back to normal everything needs to be done a little bit at a time.

You might have noticed that you are allowed outside more now? You might have noticed that your mum or dad might be going to work now. You might have noticed you can meet some people you know outside of your house, providing you stay 2 metres apart.

It is important that everyone sticks to the plan. We don't want LOTS of people getting sick again. If people don't stick to the plan then that might happen.



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Number 2 on the plan is that...

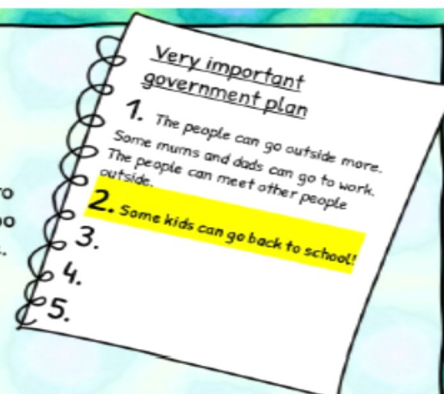
SOME KIDS CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

Our very important scientists think it is safe now for SOME kids to go back to school. They can't ALL go back at once. That would be too much because remember a plan is about doing a little bit at a time.



Reception, Year one and Year six can go back to school!

It is safe for them now!



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YOU have been chosen to go back!
How does that feel?

You might feel worried, excited, happy, sad, scared, angry, shocked or something else?

But do you know what? That is ok!

All feelings are ok. If you have big feelings then there will always be someone at school that can help you and make you feel better and safe. Your teachers are really good at that. They can help you feel better if you talk to them.



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When you come back to school some things will be the same and some things will be different.

Your teachers will tell you more about that. They are working hard to make your school SAFE.

Here are a few things that will be different.

You will be taught in bubbles (not bubbles that you blow with bubble mixture) but this means groups of children. You will have been taught in groups before so it isn't THAT different.

You will be taught and spend time in school with a group of children and one or two of the adults from your school. It might be your teacher now but it might be another teacher. This will be your bubble!

Your friends might be in other bubbles and you won't be able to play with them. That might make you feel a bit sad but it won't be forever! You can still wave at them or smile at them.



2 metres or 3
large steps



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Your teachers will tell you MORE about what might be different in your school.

You just need to remember what you were doing at home to stay safe and you will do similar things in school to stay safe.

Your teachers have organised lots of exciting things for you to do at school.

Most importantly it will be FUN!



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So remember you are in the Superhero team and you are going to continue to fight this virus!

Be proud of yourselves.

You have done a brilliant job so far!

The school staff can't wait to see you again and welcome you back to school.

They have MISSED YOU so much!

See you soon!



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Academic Calendar 2019/2020 revised version June 2019

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

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Term 1 - 75 days Term 2 - 61 days Term 3 - 59 days = 195 days.
Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. School will be closed on four of the 195 days. These four days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.
Training days set as follows:
Monday 2 September 2019, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Friday 29 November 2019, Monday 20 April 2020, plus 4 twilight sessions.