



*Shining with God's love,
pride and success*

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Update

- All children have returned safely after a lovely sunny half term holiday. They are looking smart with their full uniforms. Please can we remind parents that we do not allow lines/patterns in hair and large earrings should not be worn. Please see school policy. Children can still come to school in their PE kit (yellow **logo** t-shirt and blue/black shorts) on their PE day. NO tracksuits, football kits or non uniform clothing is to be worn.
- When the sun is shining please could you make sure that you send your child with a hat and a water bottle and that sun screen is applied in the morning before school. We are not allowed to apply sun cream on a child.

Attendance

Please remember to inform the school office before 9:30am if your child is going to be absent. This will stop us informing the other agencies. Please remember that being on time to school makes you ready for the day and clear about what is happening. If you are late or even absent for just one day then this can make you unsure and confused about what you are doing and you will have missed a huge chunk of your learning. Please try your best and be in school every day and on time!

SCHOOL STARTS at 8:45am

Children who are late can not be given a choice of lunch as the numbers will have been collected by the kitchen staff.

Fines will start being issued from September for those children who have unauthorised absences or who are continuously late for school. NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised.

Covid

Last week you were sent a letter to ask you to sign to say that you would test your child if we had a bubble closure in school. Thank you to the parents who have ordered tests and consented to help us as a school to stop the spread of Covid. This helps us to get the children back into school asap so no more learning is missed. At SMG we have followed the guidelines strictly and kept the children as safe as possible. This is why we have had such low numbers affected in comparison to other primary schools. We continuously disinfect and spray communal areas throughout the day. Please could we ask that you continue to support us and wear your face covering at home time as it is difficult to keep the 2m distance from everyone. Thank you.

Staffing

We will be waving goodbye to Mr Draper at the end of the summer term as he has secured another teaching post at a school in Kirkham. We wish him every success as he welcomes more leadership

opportunities. We will miss Mr Draper greatly but this will leave us with an exciting opening for another outstanding teacher to come and join our team. We are holding interviews next week.

Mrs Angela Barton was successful in interview this week and starts our school in September as our Family Support Worker. Angie is very excited to be joining us and can't wait to meet you all at the gates.

We will also be advertising for a Caretaker in September, so if you think you are up to the job! Look out for the advert in September.

We are hoping to let you know soon who your child's class teacher will be in September. We have amazing, hardworking staff who dedicate their time to giving our children the best opportunities we can.

Lunches

As from September 2021 the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.35 which is still great value for money. The school kitchen do a super job of serving delicious meals every day.

Please note –we do not follow the LCC menu on a Friday –it's 'chippy' day at SMG! The children can choose from sausage/burger/pizza/or fish and chips served with peas or beans in a takeaway carton.

Please make sure that there are no debts at the school office as we will be unable to offer any lunches to anyone who has not paid in advance. Thank you!

Y5 taster Day

The Y5 taster day at Corpus Christi is still going ahead. This is because our children will be kept as a bubble and will not mix with other children from other schools. They will be taught in one classroom with the teachers changing. Corpus Christi have a fun-filled day planned for us and are looking forward to meeting you all.

Y6 Hothersall

Y6 will be leaving for Hothersall Lodge on Monday 5th July and will be returning on Wednesday 7th July. Please can we ask that all monies are paid so that no child is left disappointed. Mr Draper has sent out a statement about what to do if your child displays symptoms or becomes ill whilst at Hothersall lodge. Please make sure that all emergency contacts are up to date with the school office so that you can be contacted at all times. All children must attend school on Thursday 8th July.

New Starters

The transition days for our new starters have had to be altered because of the guidelines given from the PM this week. Letters have been issued to all families with the new arrangements. We are looking forward to meeting the new children and their parents on Wednesday/Thursday this week even though it will only be for a short time.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads/Step-Dads/Grandads and father figures. We wish you a wonderful day on Sunday and hope your children spoil you rotten.

As always, please get in touch if you need us!
Mrs Rich