

WELCOME BACK TO THE AUTUMN TERM 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the autumn term 2018! Where did those six weeks go? We hope you all had a glorious summer, enjoying family time in the sunshine.

The teachers have been very busy during the holidays preparing classrooms for the children's return: arranging the learning environment; putting up attractive and stimulating displays; as well as moving the school around – all ready for a positive start to the year. Please do pop your heads in to meet the teachers and familiarise yourselves with your child(ren)'s new learning environments.

After our INSET training days as a Federation, it was wonderful to open the doors of our school and welcome all the children back. We would especially like to welcome our new Reception children, who will be joining us this week, as well as numerous new children in other year groups. It has been a delight to see all the children returning to school with enthusiasm and settling into their new classes.

We would like to officially welcome Miss Beth Slipper, our new Year 1 and 2 teacher, and would also like to thank her for all the work she did over the summer, setting up the new Owls' classroom. We are very lucky to have her at Sopley and know that she is enjoying getting to know our school and the children who make it so special.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Carolyn Johannesen who will be teaching Hedgehogs Class on Fridays. She is an experienced teacher who also works at Burley, but we are delighted to now have her as part of the Sopley team.

This academic year promises to be full of excitement! As always, we look forward to working with you and your children to ensure they grow and develop, enjoying their time as part of our very special Sopley family.

Helen Morris, Elizabeth Knowles and Andrea Hodgson

SAFEGUARDING SOPLEY CHILDREN - COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

At Sopley, keeping children safe is our highest priority. Consequently, we ask for your understanding and co-operation as we tighten our procedures for releasing children during and at the end of the school day.

If you wish your child(ren) to be collected by anyone other than their parent, we ask that you complete a permission slip. We will e-mail you a copy of this to have at home, but copies will also be available at the school office and in your child's classroom. If we have not received a permission slip detailing who will be collecting your child(ren), they will not be released until we have contacted you by telephone.

Should your child(ren) regularly be collected by someone other than their parent, you can provide this information as a 'one-off' permission slip rather than completing one each day. However, we ask that you inform us as soon as any collection arrangements change.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in safeguarding Sopley children.

YEAR 6 WRITING

We are happy to share with you some examples of our very first piece of writing as Year 6 pupils! If you want to read more of our fabulous alien descriptions, based on Ricky Gervais 'Flanimals' (and marvel at our amazing artwork) come and see the display outside our classroom....

Slither-brain; its Latin name is slithero-mindicus. When it is born, its brain is bigger than its head but it is born with venomous snakes (vemnovors) inside. A slither-brain will be very intelligent when a new-born, but the vwmnovors will quite quickly eat away at the brain reducing its knowledge (By Lucy)

The Petal Snap lives under a tree on his own. The forest and his tree are in the middle of nowhere. He likes to live away from humans. He's dangerous! If people get close to him he attacks, but he doesn't kill them because he's so good hearted. (By Vanessa)

Cambluey Ramer is very smart. It lives mostly in grassy environments like forests. It eats anything it comes across like jumbos and codlelops but its favourite meal ever is a delicious tipsy (see Gracie's book for more info on tipsies! (By Roan)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A Message from Ringwood Library...

We have had a fantastic summer at the library with an amazing 11% increase on last year's figures in children signing up to do the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge. It has been lovely to see so many keen readers who have really embraced this year's theme and we really hope that many of them will complete the challenge.

Ringwood Library will not be open from 3rd – 24th September due to a mini refurbishment which will see the installation of self-issue machines so we have therefore extended the end date of the Summer Reading Challenge to Saturday 6th October.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs run from 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Tuesday	Choir
Friday	Football – KS1 and KS2 clubs will run alongside each other. The groups will be taught separately and each will have its own coach.
Friday	Street Dance – Years 1-6 – New starters are welcome to come along and give it a go on Friday 14th September (first session is free).

Our after school clubs can only run if enough children attend. If you want to sign up, please pop in to the office.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAYS: Friday 15th February, Friday 5th April, Monday 3rd June

HALF TERM: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January

Fri 14 th September	Drama 4 All Workshops
Mon 24 th to Wed 26 th September	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Mon 1 st October	Individual School Photos
Tues 16 th & Thurs 18 th October	Parents Evening
Fri 19 th October	FSS Halloween Disco
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thurs 22 nd November	Flu Immunisations Years R-5 (TBC)
Thurs 22 nd November	Parents SATS Meetings
	Year 2 – 2.30pm-3.00pm
	Year 6 – 3.20pm-3.45pm
Wed 12 th & Thurs 13 th December	Infants Nativity (Time TBC)
Fri 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day

WE HAVE A CHILD IN SCHOOL WITH A SEVERE NUT ALLERGY

Please ensure that your child does not have any nuts/peanut butter, Nutella sandwiches etc. in school
Nuts of any kind can bring on a very severe reaction.

Your assistance with this is much appreciated – this is a life and death matter.

To clarify; some parents have asked about products that state “may contain nuts” or are “produced in a factory that handles nuts” on the label. These are fine to send in. It is only products that *actually* contain nuts in the ingredients list that we need to keep out of school

Thank you