



Weekly Bulletin Term 5, Week 2

Monday 22nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Updated Behaviour Policy

After considerable staff and pupil consultation and research, we have made some changes to our behaviour management policy at Smarden. We are moving to a more regulation based approach where children will be encouraged to reflect more deeply on their behaviour in order to ensure that excellent behaviour is always the goal of all who come to Smarden. The policy will be driven still by our values of ambition, kindness and respect and our overall aim is that children are always ready to learn, show respect to everyone, are kind to each other and themselves and keep themselves and others safe while at school.

Headline changes:

1. The card system is being replaced by a traffic light zone system which has reflection built into it. The aim is for the children to self-regulate their behaviour so they are always striving to be in the green zone. This will be used both inside the classroom and in the playground and will be consistently followed and implemented by all children and all staff.

2. The traffic light system will be clearly displayed both inside the classroom and outside in the playground so children will have permanent visual reminders of how they can be "good to be green".
3. Rewards will continue to focus on attitude to learning as well as for academic achievement and children will now be awarded certificates to specifically highlight excellent behaviour and for consistently following the key values we promote as a school. Parents will be invited to an assembly every Monday, commencing on Monday 29th April to share and celebrate the children being given their awards.
4. Teachers will be encouraged to send an email directly to parents when a child goes above and beyond in terms of their behaviour and for consistently following the values we promote as a school - they have attained the gold behaviour zone. This email will be sent via our new Management Information System, Arbor, and soon, parents will be encouraged to download the Arbor app so that messages are clearly visible.
5. Children who are finding it hard to regulate their behaviour will be offered time out and reflection spaces for them to become calm and to self regulate.
6. Self reflection sheets will be completed and recorded when children are in the red zone for them to reflect on why they are behaving the way they are and for them to try to resolve this and move back to green.
7. Any children who exhibit seriously poor behaviour will be placed in the red zone and will be seen by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and parents will be notified after they have completed a relevant time out and a reflection sheet. This will be communicated in the same way as we communicate children who have reached the gold behaviour zone.

Our guiding principle is that "ALL BEHAVIOUR IS COMMUNICATION" and we need to always try to understand what a child who is behaving in a certain way, is trying to tell us. Then we can help them to resolve this and to ensure that they can self regulate their behaviour and move always into the green zone.

We will be holding an information session about the updated behaviour policy with tea and cake on Friday 3rd May at 2.30pm and again online for any working parents at 4.30pm that afternoon/evening.

Mr Steve Davies

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



16th April - Parents informed by KCC of Reception places for school in September 2024

19th April - Year 2 swimming

30th April - Ashford School Maths Competition - letters will be sent out to selected children shortly

2nd May - Living Land, Detling Showground Year 3 and 4 - letters on DoJo

2nd May - Travelling book fair - daily after school in the main playground

23rd May - Revised date for John Atkins Memorial Run

24th May - Year 1 start swimming

24th May - Last day of term

3rd - 7th June - PGL France Residential Year 6

4th June - Bags2School collection

6th June - NHS Mental Health show for all children

7th - 9th June - PGL Bawdsy Manor Year 5

11th June - Year 5 & 6 Benenden School Science Day

20th June - Class Photos with Tempest Photography

1st - 4th July - Homewood school transition week Year 6

10th July - Sports Day (17th as back up)

15th July - School Reports

18th July - Governors Prize Giving in Charter Hall - time to be confirmed

23rd July - Leavers Service for Year 6 - venue to be confirmed

Parent Notices



Holiday in term time

We would like to remind parents that any term time holiday will be unauthorised and a penalty notice could be issued. The cost of penalties will be increasing from August 2024.

Appointments in school time

Please, where possible, could we ask for all appointments at dentist, GP etc to be made outside of school time. All leave from school **MUST** have an absence form completed at least 24 hours prior unless in an emergency.

School Debts

School Gateway payments must be made at the time of booking. If we continue to have accounts incurring debts we may look to put a £0.00 allowance so no bookings can be made without payment. This could lead to your child being turned away for wrap around or a phonecall for packed lunch to be provided for lunches. We would rather not have to take this action so please could you ensure you book and pay at the same time for your child's requirements. Thank you

School Lunchtime

We are waiting delivery of the new tables and stools for the dining hall which FoSP having generously paid for. In the meantime, children will be served school lunch in the link corridor by waitresses, Mrs Miller, Mrs Speight and Mrs Pickard. Children with a packed lunch will be in Dickens Classroom with Mrs Venter supervising. We have been advised the new tables are due on Monday so this is only for a short period of time.

School Uniform Purchases

A letter was sent out previously in regard to a change with Smarden Primary School uniform.

As stock sells out we will not be replenishing this in school. Below is the link to our new online uniform shop where you can order and pay online. Currently it will only show items that we do not hold so if it is not online please revert back to School Gateway to place an order.

For those moving into Reception Class in September, please DO NOT order uniform on School Gateway. A separate form will be included in your welcome pack which you will receive shortly.

You will also notice the gold trim on jumpers and cardigans has been removed, this is to enable a much quicker turn around time from ordering to delivery.

If you have any questions in regard to uniform please contact the school office.

<https://www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/smarden-primary-nursery-school/>

Term Dates:



TERM DATES 24/25

TERM 1: MONDAY 2.9.24 - 18.10.24

TWO WEEK HALF TERM 18.10.24 - 4.11.24

TERM 2: 4.11.24 - 20.12.24

TERM 3: 6.1.25 - 14.2.25

TERM 4: 24.2.25 - 4.4.25

TERM 5: 22.4.25 - 23.5.25

TERM 6: 2.6.25 - TUESDAY 22.7.25
EVEN THESE TWO LAST DAYS
OF THE YEAR ARE IMPORTANT!

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME
- EVERY DAY COUNTS.

Online Safety



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And finally,



As ever, I am available to talk about anything you are worried about, no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to ring me on 01233 770316 or email

head@smeden-tkat.org

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Miller