

## Headteacher

I hope you are all managing to stay safe and sane in week 5 of this lockdown!!!

I know these are incredibly difficult times but please remember that we are always here to help and if you need anything just let us know.

I am super impressed with all the home learning,

I know this is not easy but you are doing a fantastic job!! If there is anything extra you would like us to do to support you with this please let us know.

Take care

Mrs Allen



This year's theme is "EXPRESS YOURSELF" and we're encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can EXPRESS OURSELVES, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas.

One of the ways we can express ourselves is through what we wear. Therefore, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 pupils can wear their own clothes to school (no uniform required) and 'DRESS TO EXPRESS'. They can wear their favourite colour or a variety of colours that express how they are feeling. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions

We want to see everyone getting involved in this so even if you are at home, please send photos of your child 'DRESSED TO EXPRESS'. We want to create a short video of all our pupils (and adults) at home and in school so get involved and get EXPRESSING YOURSELVES!!

## World Book Day 04.03.21

Get your thinking caps on in preparation for World Book Day. Who is your favourite character? What is your favourite book? Watch this space for more details!!

## General Information for all Parents/Carers

**Vision Aid-** Just to remind you that we still support Vision Aid and any glasses that you no longer have any use for can be sent to school with your child (when they return) and we will pass them on to Specsavers.

**Batteries Recycling-** We are also still collecting any used batteries in partnership with Groundworks in our pursuit to win another recycling prize for our school. So, keep a hold until your child returns to school

**School Uniform and Book Bags** - just a reminder that you can order online all uniform from Total Sport NE, Hendon Road, Sunderland, SR1 2JD.  
We no longer sell uniform from the school office.

## Dates for your Diary 2020-2021

Fri 5 Feb 2021 - Dress to Express (non-uniform)  
Tues 9 Feb 2021 - Internet Safety Day  
Fri 12 Feb 2021 - School closes for half term  
Mon 22 Feb 2021 - School reopens to Key Worker/Vulnerable pupils  
Thurs 4 Mar 2021 - World Book Day  
Wed 10 Mar 2021 - School Photographs  
Fri 19 Mar 2021 - Comic Relief Day  
Fri 26 Mar 2021 - School closes for Easter  
Mon 12 Apr 2021 - School reopens  
Mon 3 May 2021 - Bank holiday School closed  
Tues 4 May 2021 - School reopens  
Fri 28 May 2021 - School closes for half term  
Mon 7 Jun 2021- **INSET** Day - School closed  
Tues 8 Jun 2021- School reopens  
Fri 18 Jun 2021 - St Benedict's Sunflower Day  
Fri 16 Jul 2021- School closes for summer holiday

**ATTENDANCE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 Overall attendance 98% Target 97%**

**R1 98.4% R2 97.9% Y1.3 97.8% Y1.4 98.2% Y2.5 97.9% Y2.6 98.0%**

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