



Spring Term Newsletter 1.



January 21st 2021.

Dear parents/carers

I have been rereading the newsletter I sent out just before Christmas and still can't quite believe UK schools have ended up where we are today, again. In some ways it feels like SBPS is back to where we were when schools closed to all back in March 2020. However, many things are different to the first school closure and many things are better this time.

Huge improvements include:

- SBPS staff are now fully trained in using Teams and Seesaw to provide a very high-quality and personal remote learning offer.
- All children now have logins for all the online services we can provide.
- SBPS children from YR to Y6 are growing in confidence and capability regarding learning from home.
- Every child at home can have face-to-face contact with their teacher and classmates every day. (I have thoroughly enjoyed joining morning Teams meetings and have had the nicest chats with boys and girls from every class, sometimes after the official meeting has ended and the teacher left that meeting.)
- SBPS has been provided with a small number of devices for home learning that we have shared with families. (If you need devices/wifi please contact school and Mr Patterson will do what he can.)
- The BBC now have a range of excellent home learning programmes on CBeebies and CBBC to support families.

Of course, the ideal situation is for all children to be accessing their education in school and we look forward to when we are able to do this again.

My sincere thanks go to the whole staff team at SBPS for the way they have adapted, again, and risen to the challenges faced, again, to provide the best offer they can in these circumstances.

My sincere thanks also go to every parent and carer whether you are juggling home education with your responsibilities or whether you are accessing in-school provision.

My special thanks go to every SBPS boy and girl for your adaptability, resilience, hard work ethic, humour, positivity and so many more qualities in these challenging times. Your teachers have been blown-away by the amount and quality of learning and school work that you are doing from home. (And on-site of course.) Your teachers and Mrs Lamb and I are buoyed and cheered every day when we join you in daily Teams meetings. I think I have met nearly everyone's pet now and been shown more teddy bears, lego, dinosaurs, pokemons and other collectables than I thought existed. Of course, we love to see those of you who are accessing on-site education too. Keep it up boys and girls you are all amazing.

Your teachers will try to celebrate some of the fabulous things that are happening in SBPS with you as much as possible via Twitter. That may be SBPS in your house or SBPS on-site. Your teachers will continue to communicate with you every day via Teams, SeeSaw, email, Eduspot, telephone. Mrs Coombe and Mrs Parker are on-site every day to assist you. Mr Patterson and Mrs Lamb and I are available every day.

Currently we have no date for school reopening. The Education secretary has stated that parents, carers and schools will be given two weeks' notice of reopening dates. I will continue to communicate with you as and when I know anything about our situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell

Calendar of Events January 2021 to July 2021

Please note some dates may change and hopefully **LOTS** of other dates will be added throughout the year.

Dates	Event
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day. School closed to children.
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Spring term. National school closure.
15 th to 20 th February	Half term holiday.
19 th March	Red Nose Day.
29 th March to 10 th April	Easter holiday.
12 th April	First day of Summer term.
3 rd May	Bank Holiday.
31 st May to 5 th June	Half term holiday.
16 th July.	Last day of summer term.
19 th and 20 th July	Inset days. School closed to children.