



# SURFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Week Ending — 12th February 2021

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**WILLOW CLASS** - Connie - For her consistent positive attitude towards her learning and setting high aspirations for herself. Keep it up Connie!

Leah - For her great attitude towards her learning and for continually applying this attitude to provide a good standard of work.

**MAPLE CLASS** - Isla - For all the effort you put into your work ensuring you complete every piece of work.

Freya - For all the effort you put into your work and your resilience.

**OAK CLASS** - Melissa - For picking up the pace and completing her work to a high standard. Well done.

Tilly-Mae - Working hard on all of her learning and supporting others in school.

Alicia - Attending live lessons and contributing to lessons as well as completing work to a high standard.



### School Reading Books

As we all know how important reading is, we think it is vital that we continue to provide school reading books to children during the lockdown period. For children in school, this will be facilitated as usual and we will ensure that these books are changed regularly. However, for children at home, we will need a slightly different plan!

To ensure that all children have the opportunity to read an appropriate book at home, we will select a book for each child who is working at home and place this in a plastic self-seal bag that is named. There will be the opportunity to then collect these books once a week from a class box that is outside the school office. This will then mean that you do not need to enter the school building or interact with any staff unnecessarily. All we ask is that you return the current book and place this in the bag when collecting your new book. This means that we will know the book has been returned (so we don't have to chase you for it!) and also we will still have plenty of books in school to make sure we can provide them. To start this process, we need your book to be returned so it can be changed. Therefore, the boxes will be outside from Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> with the empty bags in. All you need to do, is to put the book in the empty bag and then we will make sure a new book is in the bag within two days.

If your children are attending school, please make sure they have their book in school as normal every day.



Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the meeting with representatives of the Keystone Academy Trust on Tuesday. I hope that this was valuable and that you feel you had the chance to ask any important questions. As Mrs Radley outlined in the meeting, if you have any further questions, these can be passed on to me and I will make sure she receives them. As ever, I am more than happy to answer any queries you have about our school and the transition from the Welland Federation to the Keystone Academy Trust, just get in touch.

Please find below an overview of the questions raised in the meeting and the answers that were given.

### Keystone Presentation to Surfleet Primary School parents - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Area	Question	Answer
Grounds	Can we make use of the Portacabin?	Yes, we are already putting plans in place to decorate it and look at how it will be used. This could include re-starting the nursery which used to use it.
	The heating system of the school needs to be improved. The school heats up far too much.	We have already placed bids to improve aspects of the building.
Curriculum	Will there be provision to support those children who choose to sit the 11+	Yes, it is important that the children are fully supported and prepared whenever they are approaching exams or tests. This may be through a club type provision
Educational visits and experiences	Will there be more educational visits for the school?	Educational visits and experiences have a huge role to play in motivating children and sparking their interest in a topic. Residential visits also support the development of independence and personal growth.
	In the last few years educational visits have gone to non-existent and it would be good to see these again  Will after school clubs continue?	I would encourage after school clubs as they add to the whole curriculum the school can offer.
Leadership and SEND	Will we have a permanent SENCO within the school as only have one day a week now?	There will be a permanent Senco although they will not be full time. However within the MAT there will be support available to parents should they need it.
	Would be any provision put in place for sensory need children?	We aim to conduct a full SEND review as soon as we are in post and we will consider all aspects of SEND provision.
Behaviour	Surf goes down well with the children so am pleased it is continuing	
Other areas	Will Breakfast club still be available?	Yes, this is an important service for the school's families
	Will keystone support the PTFA?	Yes, the PTFA does an excellent job and raises a lot of money for the school and so we would very much support it. One thing we might be able to provide is sharing of good ideas from other PTFAs across the Trust
	Will the uniform change?	Definitely not
	Will the management be present on the playground?	On a daily basis, it will be Mr Chipperfield who is on the playground. Mrs Radley will visit the school but you will not see her on a regular basis on the yard at the start of the day. However she will be contactable by email and this email address will be shared soon.

**Surfleet Primary School will be celebrating World Book Day in Term 4. A letter will be sent out with further details shortly.**