

## Dates for your diary:

## Bikeability (Y5) w/c 28 September <br> Non Pupil Day 23 October

Half Term 26-30 October

Flu Immunisation (YR-Y6) 18 November

End of Term 18 December

## Stars of the week

Drake: Eva Lewis: Dexter
Seacole: Elsa
Darwin: Harry
Golden Leaves

Drake: Marlie Lewis: Kate
Seacole: Orla
Darwin: Hugo



## Message from Sarah Price

What a wonderful start to the week! The children have been absolutely amazing and have taken to the new systems like a duck to water.
I would like to thank you all for adhering to social distancing whilst dropping off/collecting and for your patience while we establish these new routines.
To have the school full of children eager to learn is why my colleagues and I became teachers. It has been absolutely amazing to hear laughter echoing around school and to see lots of happy, smiley faces enjoying being with their friends again.

## First Steps (Pre-school)

We would like to welcome our new and returning children and families back to First Steps. It's lovely to see you all and we are very excited for the new term. We also are delighted to welcome Mrs Weetman who is our new apprentice in First Steps. We will be taking part in lots of brilliant play and learning opportunities throughout the term and helping our new children and families to settle into their First Steps journey.


## Darwin Class (Reception)

What a fantastic first week at school for all the Reception children in Darwin Class! The children have spent time getting to know their new friends. Having plenty of time to find out about each other and play with one another. Between exploring the outside and inside classroom, the class have been showing off their name writing in their special new writing books and counting skills using pesky pom-poms. Well done Darwin Class, you have all been brave and amazing this week!

## Seacole Class (Years 1 and 2)

Seacole class have had an amazing first week back. It has been great to have a classroom full of children working hard and enjoying learning. This week we have read a short story which describes different adventures a girl and her little friend go on. We have now made our own little friends and they have started go on their own adventures.


## Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

Lewis class have amazed me this week by settling back into routines and demonstrating fantastic learning powers. One of the highlights was our science lesson on microbes. We looked at how far a sneeze can travel and the importance of covering our mouth and nose with a tissue or our elbow. We then looked at the best conditions to wash our hands in (warm water and soap) to get rid of the microbes on them.


## Drake (Years 5 and 6)

This week we have spent a lot of time talking about how we are feeling about being back at school and the wider world.
We have based our English learning around a collection of short stories called 'The Book of Hopes' which are full of amazing imagery linked to feelings. In maths, we have begun investigating place value - reading, writing and comparing numbers. In our afternoon sessions, we have also looked at the life of Sir Francis Drake (our class' namesake) and the children took this information and produced some wonderful products of their choice.


We understand that social distancing can make it hard for you to speak to your child's class teacher so please email or phone the school and we can arrange a time to discuss any issues or concerns in private. Social distancing is essential to keep our teachers safe so although I know some might find this frustrating it is necessary to ensure that the school stays open.

If you need to contact us please email sampford@ventrus.org.uk or phone and we will get back to you.

