



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children



So, the song which I think would most aptly describe the feeling amongst us all right now, contains the words:

*'the smiles returning to the faces
...it feels like years since it's been here'*

A brief newsletter for the start of this half term to acknowledge the announcement from the Prime Minister at the beginning of the week, which I am sure brought with it a much more positive feeling amongst everyone. We await updated guidance from the DfE but our initial thoughts are to welcome all children back to school on 8th March. I will write to parents again next week to clarify details and arrangements for drop off, pick up, equipment needed for school etc. In the meantime - let's all enjoy the sunshine and first signs of spring appearing in school which are certainly helping to lift our spirits.



World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We are going to be celebrating World Book Day next week, both in school and remotely with our pupils at home. Teachers will be sharing resources and activities with their classes and year groups. However, there are a couple of activities Mrs Cummins will be organising for the whole school.

EXTREME READING

We would like parents to take a photo of their child reading somewhere unusual either in the house, in the garden or out on a walk perhaps? Please send them in via email to your child's class teacher for us to create a mural in each building at school.

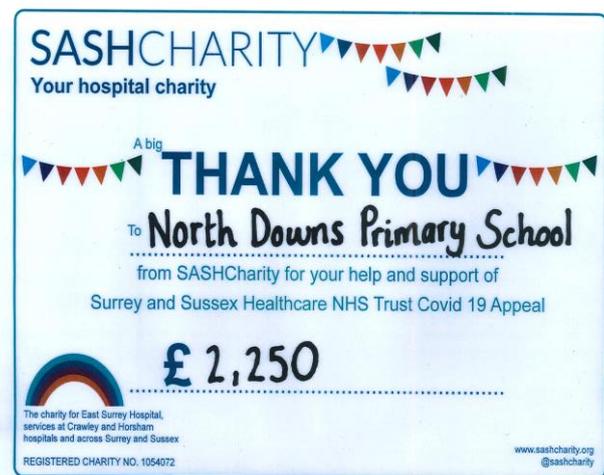
COMBINED STORIES

Mrs Cummins will be supplying a setting, characters and the objects. She will be challenging everyone to create stories, comics, PowerPoint, film, games - using any skills genre...perhaps a challenge for everyone at home to join in with...more details to follow.

Amazing...thank you!

Back in the first lockdown Abbi Lampard and Mark & Vanessa Dean organised a 5k challenge for the children of North Downs to raise vital funds for the NHS during the pandemic. The fundraiser was so successful that not only was the very talented Mrs Dean able to make a whole set of scrubs for the staff at Medwyn Surgery in Dorking; we also managed to donate over £2000 to Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Trust. So many North Downs families helped raise this amazing amount of money; it was so popular that Mrs Lampard even ended up talking about it on BBC Surrey radio!

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved to support the cause.



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