



# HINTON ST GEORGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Sprout Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents,

### Welcome to Sprout Class!

This time last year I wrote in this section that we were all looking forward to a more settled year. That didn't turn out to be the case. This year is looking more positive, and I am sure that we are all looking forward to a settled, 'normal' year. I am sure that, whatever happens, the children in Sprout class will continue to demonstrate all of the school values of respect, thankfulness, friendship, compassion, hope and perseverance throughout. It was a source of great pride for me how well all the children did last year under difficult circumstances, and I am sure that all the children, old and new, will make this a year to remember for more positive reasons.



I am very pleased that all the children have had a positive start to the school year. It has been lovely welcoming in the new Reception children into Sprout Class and getting to know them.

This term, the reception children will be exploring the different communities that they are part of. This will help them to get to know school better and allow us to get to know them better! The Year 1 and 2 children will be learning about childhood. As part of this they will be learning about how their childhood compares to children's lives of the past. They will also learn about the changes that happen during a human's lifetime.

### Reading

Reading at home is the single most important contribution you can make to your child's education. Everyone should have received their reading books and reading records by now. Please read with your child as much as possible. I know that it is sometimes difficult to fit reading into busy lifestyles, but it is very beneficial for your child. It does not have to be a lot but a 'small and often' approach works well. We can change books when children have finished reading them. If they need to be changed, the children need to leave them on Miss Trowbridge's desk in the morning so we can change them.

### P.E

We will be having P.E on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We will be continuing to wear PE kits to school as it saves so much time and allows the children a much longer P.E lesson! So far children have been playing a lot of great outdoor games challenging them to be active.

### **Homework**

Year one and two children will have weekly spellings starting soon. These will be tested towards the end of the week and a new set will be given out. This is usually on Thursday or Friday.

The majority of the homework is project based and you will find a 'homework menu' attached to this letter.

### **Show and Tell**

'Show and Tell' will continue to take place on a Friday. Each child will still get a turn, but only on a selected Friday. Last year we had a policy of paper objects or photos/drawings of objects or things they have done. This was a much better way of doing show and tell as it caused a lot less disruption and made the children be more creative in what they talked about. This will continue this year. If they are desperate to share a toy perhaps you could encourage them to draw a picture of it and write a short description.

<b>17th September 15th October 19th November</b>	<b>24th September 22nd October 26th November</b>	<b>1st October 5th November 3rd December</b>	<b>8th October 12th November 10th December</b>
Tilly Henry Riley S Claudia Leilani Elijah Eleri	Edie-Rose Gabriel George Date Riley F Cleo Myles William	Lexi-May Eira George Derryman Noah Eloise Donald Scarlett	Thomas Harlie Audrey Matthew Mason Todd Mae

### **Messages**

If you have any messages, please pass them to Mr Batchelor on the door at the beginning or end of the day or pass them on to Miss Sands or Mrs Hughes-Williams in the office.

### **No Toys Rule**

We have a strict toy policy in Sprout Class where we say no to toys. This is purely due to children becoming upset when toys go missing or get broken.

### **Snack Time and Water Bottles**

Children will continue to receive free fruit each day, if they would like. They are allowed to bring in their own fruit otherwise. Please can you ensure that your child brings in a bottle of fresh water each day.

Many thanks for your support.

Kind Regards,

*Mr Batchelor and Miss Trowbridge*

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