

# THE MICHAEL SYDDALL C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Coronavirus Lockdown #3 – Weekly update 4

In this update, you will find reminders and further information relating to things we would like to make you aware of during this time.

## TOP SECRET...THE RETURN OF MISS KP

This message came in the post for Year 3 yesterday! But shhh...it's TOP SECRET!

**For Year 3 eyes only:**

**TOP SECRET**

**Dear Year 3,**

**This is a TOP SECRET MESSAGE from MI6 department of mysterious missions. This message may self-destruct once opened.**

**Last October, we were informed of the unexplained disappearance of none other than The Easter Bunny who was last seen by his good friend the Tooth Fairy whilst they were travelling together on holiday in the jungle of Peru. One night whilst camping in the rainforest, the Tooth Fairy woke up to find the Easter Bunny had GONE!!**

**We had no choice but to call on our top secret agent - Agent 0026 (who you may know better as Miss KP) to locate the whereabouts of the Easter Bunny and bring him home before Easter and before children all over the world were disappointed to find no chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday.**

**Although we cannot go into further detail about this case, we can now tell you that Miss KP as our top agent was sent on this very important spy mission before Christmas and has just successfully returned.**

**Although Miss KP may now be able to come back into school, we must warn you that she may not be able to stay for long as she is still needed at MI6 Head Quarters to carry out very important spy tasks. We hope that after half term, Miss KP will be back at school as normal.**

**We are trusting that you keep this information top secret.**

**Yours Trustingly,**

**MI6 Department of mysterious missions**

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## Times Table Rockstars 'Battle of the Bands'

Well done to everyone who took part in this week's TTRS Battle. See the results below...

1	Year 6	500
2	Year 4/4C	486
3	Year 4/4S	364
4	Year 3	354
5	Year 5	129

Congratulations to Year 6. This week's battle was intense, with children and class teachers battling hard to be the 'top band'. Year 3 were leading with 1 day to go but were squeezed out late in the day. Next week's has already started so get involved! The 'most valuable players' (highest scorers) in each class are below...

Year 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Millie 2<sup>nd</sup> Caitlin & Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn

Year 4S – 1<sup>st</sup> Harry D 2<sup>nd</sup> Jasper 3<sup>rd</sup> Archie

Year 4C – 1<sup>st</sup> Callum 2<sup>nd</sup> Florence 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia

Year 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan 3<sup>rd</sup> Zackary

★ Year 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> – James 2<sup>nd</sup> – Robin 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sienna



Certificates for the top 3 scorers in each class are in children's reading packs ready to collect next week.

Overall MVP  
Callum (Yr 4C)

Each week, the battle will start at 12pm on a Friday and end at 12pm the following Thursday. We will announce winners once each battle is over.

## Extra layers in school

As part of our risk assessment to keep everyone in school safe, we are keeping all areas of school well ventilated. Obviously, in June, this is fine. January...not so much! We would like to encourage children to wear an extra layer, either a t-shirt or under armour/'skin' type layer under their uniform to keep them warm. It's easier to take off a layer than to be cold!

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's mental Health Week with a focus this year on 'expressing yourself'. Please keep an eye out for activities coming from school.



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## Reading Books

**If you are having difficulty getting to school on your child's allocated day to collect reading books, please contact the school office and we will see what can be done to help.**

- Each day, books will be placed at the front of school in plastic wallets with children's names on.
- The day you can come and collect your child's book will depend on surnames (see below)
- These days will remain the same for collecting and handing books back in. For example, if your surname is Bloggs, your allocated day is a Monday. You can come to school and collect your child's named bag and, after the first week, place the bag they have had at home in the returns box for quarantine purposes. So, your child will have a bag at home with books in, to be returned next week, and a bag at school getting ready for you to pick up the following week.

- Collection/drop-off days – Monday – **surname A to E**

Tuesday – **surname F to K**

Wednesday – **surname L to Q**

Thursday – **surname R to Z**



- There will be hand sanitiser at the collection/drop-off station which must be used when collecting books.

## Parents and masks

We would like to encourage parents to wear masks at drop-off and collection or at any time when on school site. We appreciate we are in an open, outside space but it simply is to reduce the chances of anything being passed on even in the outdoor environment. This also forms part of our on-going risk assessment. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Youtube - Drumba and collective worship

We are continuing to upload videos to Youtube with our Drumba tracks and collective worships. These will remain



accessible via the links that class teachers send and will be added to as lockdown progresses. We'd like to encourage parents and other family members to use the Drumba tracks. The aim was always to provide this as an adult class but obviously, current restrictions mean this isn't possible. To save any more wooden spoons being broken(!), you can buy branded Drumba sticks at

<https://www.rockleymusic.co.uk/shop/>

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## **Ultimate Warrior and Football Challenges**

Please continue to complete these...we have had a good uptake so far and are doing well in the league tables! These challenges can be recorded by following the links on the instructions. All scores entered go towards our school's total against other local schools. Please give them a go and then try to get your child to beat your score! If you don't have the links to the rules, please contact your child's class teacher.

## **Children in school for some days**

If your child is in school for some days during the week but not all days, please endeavour to continue with home learning on the days they are not in. Often, work is set as part of a sequence and children will benefit from completing the work set on Seesaw or Tapestry on the days they are not in if they can.

## **Children's return to school...**

We're sure you will have seen this week, the Prime Minister's announcement that children will (potentially) be returning to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. At the moment, we have no further information on this and the understanding is that we won't know anymore until after February half term. The promise has been that school, parents and children will have 2 weeks' notice before they return to the classroom. As soon as we know anything, we will let you know.

## **February half term**

School will be closed as normal during February half term. We will shut at 3pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## **DRUMBA LIVE!**

We will be hosting a LIVE Drumba afternoon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February with separate sessions for Foundation Stage/KS1 and KS2. Links and timings will be sent to you nearer the time.

More updates next week! Please remember to come and collect reading books on your daily walks!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs McHarg

Mr Saunders

Head Teacher

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