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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see you and the children again this week after the half term break. I hope you are all keeping well.

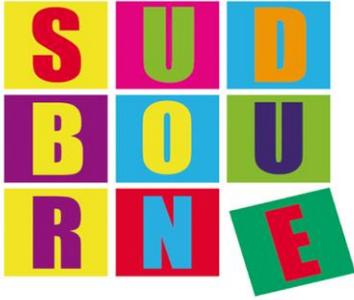
Covid-19

I have been assessing and reviewing the last half term within the context of Covid-19. A number of other schools and localities have needed to reintroduce more strict control measures. This is because the infection rates have risen to a high level. At Sudbourne, we have had a very small number of positive cases of Covid-19 since September. This means that we have not had to reintroduce any measures that we previously had in place. We are not complacent and we will maintain our current procedures, including an enhanced cleaning schedule. This means that we can continue our return to normal and go ahead with plans and events that we would typically undertake and that we had organised prior to the pandemic.

PTA

You will recall that the PTA had raised an amazing £20,000 prior to March 2020 when schools, due to the pandemic, had to plan and organise themselves very differently from that point to the start of this term. On the 24th June last academic year, I provided an update on how we were working towards the agreed plans for the £20,000. We are continuing, as restrictions have eased since September, to organise, purchase and develop the areas that were agreed as part of this spending plan. A key area was the development of the library which has taken place (see photos below). From next week, each class will have a time to visit the library and take books out. Another important part of the funding provided children with the opportunity to learn yoga. This has proved very successful.





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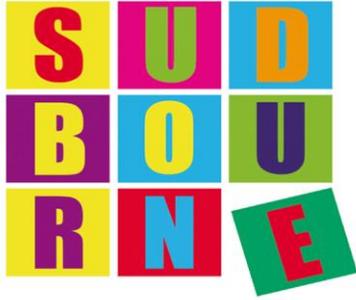
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I have a meeting next week with Dave Richard, the chair of the PTA, and I will provide you with further information as we complete the projects. Dave has done an excellent job as chair in what has been an extraordinary passage of time for everyone. I'd like to thank him for all his hard and dedicated work. I have very much valued his many varied contributions to the life and work of the school. He has been planning to step down so if anyone would like to support the school in this crucial





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role, please let Dave or I know by emailing admin@sudbourne.com or pta@sudbourne.com

A really important date for your diary – the PTA Winter Fair is on **Saturday 4th December 2021, 12-3pm**. It is our first PTA fair for such a long time so please come along if you can.

Staff

As I have mentioned in previous letters Ms Walters joins us as our new school business manager. She had a series of induction days and started full time with us during the October half term break. We welcome Mr Stanbury as temporary premises officer. Mr Lowe left his role at the end of October. Mr Stanbury comes with much experience and we welcome him very warmly.

Piano playing

Thank you to Mr Caines who was playing the playground piano as the children waited to come into school on Wednesday morning. If any parents and carers enjoy playing the piano please feel free to play for our Sudbourne Community - it was lovely to hear.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Blackmore - Headteacher

