



Headteacher Newsletter

Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.



I know I say this every month, but how are we already in March?!!

I have no idea how we have found ourselves here already. This year is zooming past so quickly! Before it gets away from us we need to have a think about what we have been up to this last month and what we have to look forward to in the run up to Easter.

So in the past few weeks, we have seen half term come and go and are now on the quick run up to Easter. Don't forget that this year we break up on Thursday 29th March, the day before Good Friday. We then have two weeks break and return after our two training days on Wednesday 18th April.

Over the past month, in addition to our week away, we have enjoyed many exciting learning activities across the school including; Year 2's first residential visit to Stibbington; Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace; Year 3 held a Greek Day in school with History off the page; we celebrated Safer Internet Day; Year 5 also visited the Cathedral in the centre of Peterborough; our Growing Readers Programme began; Year 2 visited the Peterborough Museum; Year 4 enjoyed a dance workshop with Peterborough Regional College and we celebrated World Book Day too.

With less than a month to go until we break up from the Spring Term and move into the Summer, let's have a think about what we have to come. Today we are celebrating World Book Day and many of the children (and staff) have dressed up for the occasion, wow parents - I can't believe the quality of some of these costumes, you have blown us all away! Next week we have our second round of parents evening for the year. If you still haven't had your time for an appointment, please get in contact with your class teacher over Class Dojo to arrange this as I believe most classes are now full. Please be really mindful on this day to ensure you come into school with enough time to sign in, have a look at your child's books and speak to the teacher at the allotted time. We will do our best our end to keep to timings and not run over too. If you require a longer appointment or would like to continue your conversation then please ask for an additional appointment at a convenient date and time for yourself and the teacher. In these next four weeks we have several trips outside of school for various year groups: Year 1 visit the Dinosaur Park; Year 3 visit the Hospital 999 Club; and Year 4 visit Harry Potter Studios. Year 4 also have their fantastic residential visit to Horstead to look forward to on the very last week of term.

Being the run up to Easter, we obviously have all of the eggciting activities planned that we always do including our Easter service at the church, Easter Egg competitions, Healthy Schools Bingo and hopefully we may even have our lucky visit from a hopping, fluffy bunny! Week there is so much to fit in...well that's Southfields for you!

Just a few notices to finish. In the last newsletter, I talked about age restrictions of online platforms. If you haven't yet taken a look at the ThinkuKnow website, please do take a look to ensure you are fully informed on how to protect your children online.

Whilst talking about safety, I would also like to remind you to ensure that children are locking up their bikes and scooters securely on the school site and ensure that they are collected at the end of the school day and not left overnight. We have been very unlucky to have a few scooters and bikes go missing in the past and we don't want any other pupils to fall victim to theft. We hope that you will all support the school in doing your best to make your own child's property is safe while on the school premises. Thank you for your help with this.



Highlights from the past few weeks

We enjoyed celebrating Safer Internet Day and learning all about the ways to keep ourselves safe when using online devices.

The Year 2 children had a fantastic first residential visit to Stibbington.

The Year 3's enjoyed a successful History off the page Greek day in school.

Year 5 visited Peterborough Cathedral

The Year 3/4 Gymnastics Team competed at the Spirals Gymnasium and did the school proud

Year 2 also visited Peterborough Museum, they certainly were busy this month!

Sport Relief

Get Active Week - 17th-23rd March 2018

In the not too distant future, Comic Relief will be upon us and this year they are inspiring everyone to 'Get Active' all week. As in previous years, we will be doing our bit to 'Get Active' and ask that during this week all children have their PE kit in school ALL WEEK to enable children to take part in a range of active activities throughout the week. Letters will be coming home closer to the time to let you know what each class/year group are going to be getting up to...I wonder how many different ways the children can 'Get Active' that week.



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

You may have heard in the press or on the news about the upcoming changes to the General Data Protection Regulations coming into force at the end of May this year. As a school we are well on the way to reviewing our practises and making any necessary adaptations to ensure that we are compliant. This means that the way in which we keep some data in school will change over the next few months and we will be in contact with you all about the various ways in which this will affect you. Please can I ask you all to keep an eye out for such correspondence from the school and respond to school with any actions as promptly as possible to ensure a fluid and safe transition over to these new practises. Thank you all in advance for your help and support with this...it's a huge job and I know with your help we can move forward quickly with this.

A Short Easter Story

Jesus had many enemies who wanted to be rid of him. Jesus knew that he had only a short time left. The Thursday before he died, Jesus invited the disciples to have supper with him. It was their last meal together.

"Remember me," Jesus told them, "when you eat the bread and drink the wine. I am going to live with my Father in heaven, but I will be with you wherever you go."

On Friday, soldiers arrested Jesus and nailed him to a cross. Jesus said to God: "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." When Jesus died, his friends placed his body in a cave and covered the cave entrance with a rock.

On Sunday, a friend of Jesus named Mary Magdalene went to the cave. The rock had been rolled away! The cave was empty! An angel appeared and said: "Peace be with you. Jesus is risen from the dead!"

Jesus came back to visit his friends. He told them to teach about God's love. "Tell the people," said Jesus, "to believe in me even if they can't see me." And then Jesus went up to heaven to live with his Father.

Scan this QR code to watch a short clip of someone retelling the Easter story.



Staffing Update

As we are coming to the end of a term, unfortunately that also means that we come to the end of some of our posts in school so we have to say a few thank you and goodbyes. At the end of March we will be losing three of our teaching staff who are going onto different endeavours further afield. Firstly we will be losing Miss Wicks, one of our Early Years Practitioners who has made the decision to move closer to home in Boston and will be taking up a post in a Nursery. She has a passion for the Early Years and I am sure this move will enable her to continue to grow and develop her skills in this area. Secondly we will be losing Miss Ward from Year 1, who has decided to take some time out of the profession completely and take some time to explore the world a bit more while she is still young (we are not jealous at all)! And finally we will be losing Miss Wren from the Year 3 team, who is not moving too far away from us but has made the decision that she would like some more experience in a different setting. We wish all three teachers lots of luck in their new adventures.

Alongside our goodbyes we also get to tell you some really exciting news as we welcome new members of staff into school to fill these positions. We are extremely lucky to have already appointed Mrs Clark, with over 20 years of teaching experience, who is currently completing some accelerated learning programmes with our EYFS and KS1 pupils. At Easter we will be welcoming Ms Martin (no relation) into the Early Years team who has bundles of experience in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. In Year 1 we welcome Miss Peacock-Millington, with several years of experience in teaching and she brings with her a specialism for teaching children with severe learning difficulties and experience of working in a Special School. Finally, starting at Easter we have Mr Aldous who will join the Year 5 and 6 team. Mr Aldous is not new to Southfields as he ran the Primary PE department at Stanground Academy for many years and has more recently taken the step into Primary teaching alongside his love of Eco and the outdoors. We cannot wait to welcome all of these amazing new staff members and see the positive impact that they have on the lives of our pupils. I can hear you wondering what the plan will be down in Year 3. Don't worry we haven't forgotten. At Easter we are also very lucky to be welcoming back Mrs Pardoe after her maternity leave with her first child, son Joshua. She will replace Miss Wren in Year 3 with many years of experience here at Southfields already under her belt, I am sure the transition will be very smooth and positive.

And to add even more to the pile, we have also appointed some amazing Teaching Assistants too to fill the remaining few posts. Please help us in welcoming Mrs Knibbs, Miss Routledge and Mrs Burnham to the Southfields team. This time we had an incredibly high standard of applications with over 60 applications going out and more than 30 applying, we were astounded! We are really happy with the appointments we have made with some fantastic experiences from a range of settings, we again, can't wait to see the positive impact they will have in our school.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievements:

Charley T, Kian PT, Tyler JB, Alex R, Holly B, Ali W, George T, Sienna D, Luke G, Marcel S, Charlie S, Rohan P, Kian L, Ashton J, Hermione L, Lucas L, Scott T, Laura, Rayne S, Lena R, Jason R, Chloe G, Harleigh B, Oliver TE, Thomas R, Kyle K, Emilia K, Freya B, Caysee K, Annabelle H, Ella B, Michal B, Madison P, Rio B, Luca C, Mia R, Gemma B, Alicia B, Marco S, Humza H, Melody D, Brennen S, Ema G, Youssef A, Grace J, Henry C, Jack W, Hannah C, Seren M, Ella J, Jake G, Lucas B and Mackenzie P

Achievements:

Marcel S, Maya R, Sienna RD, Ruby B, Tyger RD, Harry F, Kai T, Gracie L, Shae J, Kaden W, Brodie O, Jason R, Delilah W, Patriks Z, Mateusz B, Oskar, Ajay B, Poppy C, Rohan P, Frank J, Isobella P, Caris I, Ava M, Harley R, Lora L, Lillyana N, Imogen G, Luca S, Callum B, Cailin F, Shyla J, Gemma B, Alfie J, Connie G, Jack W, McKenzie P, Charlie H, Steven B, Noah B, Rebekah C, Caysee K, Teigan S, Kai D, Lucas M, Alisha W, Mylie C, Destiny W, Callum F, Amy F, Alex B, Jack T, Terry Z, Oliver C, Levi M, Edward B, Kieran TP, Blake S, Bartosz Z, Logan VT, Saskia S, Dhiran J, Saskia TD, Brandon T and Fatou T.

Mathletes of the Week:

Bradley, Diana, Luca, Zoe-Elora, Varnika, Isla, Shyla, Grace, Georgia-May, Sian, Lilly, Lauren, Shyla, Tegan, Cameron, Alexander, Kaden, Divyana, Archie, Aimee, Michal, Zoe-Elora, Kaden and Alexander.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Ayana M, Amelia D, Harry F,
 Archie M, Emily L, Ethan L,
 Alexander C, Isla P, Jack U,
 Alisha P, Pavel M, Haleema O,
 Chloe-Louise P, Lola D, Mariss A,
 Madison P, Roxanne S, Amelia E,
 Cailin F, Bilal K, Ethan K,
 Modestas S, Danielius B, Paige
 C, Poppy G, Amelia-Rose J,
 Katelyn J, Ella J, Kian TP, Mylee
 B, Lillijana LN, Ousman N, Chloe
 C, Ruby W, Marco S, Steven B,
 George H, Alexander W, Erin-Mae
 B, Amber C, Caysee K, Blake BD,
 William P, Amelia R, Alexandra T,
 Tyger Rei D, Finley F, Oliver TE,
 Alise G, Liam S, Kaiden S, Luca
 P, Rocco P, Emilia K, Grace L,
 Massimo R, Gabija V, Alfie H,
 Lewis R, Zara W, Alexander D,
 Amy F, Emma S and Ashton W.

HOUSE WINNERS FEBRUARY RESULTS

1st Parrots	315
2nd Robins	311
3rd Kingfishers	307
4th Canaries	273



PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

If you feel that you **need** to get in contact with me directly and are unable to do so through the office, please send an email to either Mrs Jackson (my PA) or Mrs King (Deputy Headteacher) on the following email addresses who will be able to deal appropriately with your messages promptly. Thank you :)

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

World Book Day 01.03.18
 Parents Evening 05.03.18
 Parents Evening 07.03.18
 Horstead parents evening 08.03.18
 Year 1 to Dinosaur Park 14.03.18
 Aylmerton parents eve 14.03.18
 Year 4 to Harry Potter 15.03.18
 School Nurse drop in 15.03.18
 Year 3 999 visit 19.03.18
 Easter Services 20.03.18
 London parents eve 21.03.18
 Horstead residential 26-28.03.18
 Easter Bunny visits 29.03.18
 Break up for Easter break 29.03.18

April

Aylmerton residential 18-20.04.18
 Parent Rep Meeting 26.04.18

May

London residential 02-04.05.18
 School Nurse drop in 10.05.18
 Parent Rep Meeting 24.05.18

Summer Term 2018 Opens

Wednesday 18th April
 May Day - Monday 7th May
 Half term - Monday 28th May to
 Friday 1st June
 Ends - Tuesday 24th July