



# Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome to a brand new academic year, how quickly did the Summer go!

I am pleased to say that we have had a fantastic start to the brand new year, all of the children have come in very settled and we are amazed once again at how brilliantly the Reception children have settled into life at school they are all stars.

As we begin a new academic year we not

only welcome our brand new Reception pupils we also welcome some new members of staff. Joining our teaching team we have Miss Johnson (Year 2), Miss Dooley (Year 4), Miss Mescall (Year 4) and Mr Pye (Year 5). Also joining the Southfields Team we have Mrs Payne senior leader over seeing our special needs team and pupils alongside Mrs Magee, Mrs Ward, Mrs Barnard and Mrs Pook. And finally joining our Teaching Assistant Team we have Mrs Mallia who will be joining the Reception Team. I am sure you will all make them feel welcome and support them in their new posts.

So as with the start of any term, there are a few reminders that we wish to share with you all. Firstly can we please remind you that the school needs to be secured for all children's safety at 8:50am, so please ensure that all pupils are in school by this time. At the end of last term we saw a big improvement in attendance however the admin and Welfare team were still needing to record, escort and telephone parents which uses up valuable time you could help us better with. So if your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please ensure you telephone the school and leave a message to let us know that they are unable to attend and why we have a dedicated line for this. You can also use Class Dojo if you prefer to notify the teachers who will update the registers.

As you all know we have a school uniform. We believe that a uniform helps the children to take pride in their appearance and helps to develop a positive attitude to each school day. We do ask the children to keep as smart as possible and take pride in their uniforms by tucking in their shirts and doing their best not to get too dirty at break and lunchtimes. This is also the same for PE. We have very basic PE requirements and ask that you help us in ensuring the children follow these simple guides. For indoor PE a white t-shirt/polo shirt and a pair of blue/black shorts. For outdoor PE a white t-shirt/polo shirt, blue or black tracksuit/shorts and suitable trainers. It is really important that children to wear correct clothing for physical activities. To also help us to help you in keeping all of your children's items together can you ensure that all items are clearly labelled, as you can imagine trying to find a white t-shirt belonging to one pupil in a sea of 30 can be quite tricky when they have no names. We want to do our best to minimise lost property and this will help us return any items found to the correct pupil.

You should receive a clubs letter today. Please return the slips promptly so that arrangements can be made for all children we have a huge number of clubs and I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time to run them. Letters will be sent home to confirm places once this has been organised and the dates on which the clubs will run.

This is going to be one busy term, at the end of the letter are some of the important events and dates for September however in addition to this we have also added this terms dates to the school website under the calendar section. I can't wait to see where the children take their learning this year.



## Highlights from the past week

Our Reception pupils had a fantastic first few days in our Early Years Base. Lots of big smiley faces were seen :)

The whole of the school had a great return to school and have settled straight back into learning, we are all very proud of you all

M&M Productions visited KS2 on Thursday 7th to share a performance of the Jungle Book - wow it was amazing!

The staff have all completed two Professional training days and are all raring to get stuck into our learning this year, we have lots of fantastic opportunities planned for your little ones, watch this space!

A big thank you and well done to all of the children who continued to complete home learning over the Summer. I have been blown away by the quality of homework and scores on our online provisions - incredible work everyone

## School Performances

### What will my child take part in this year?

This year we have considered as a teaching team the amount of performances and opportunities we share with Families throughout the year. As you can imagine, any performance that the children do takes time to prepare, practise and deliver which can impact learning time. We wanted to make sure that going forward every year group has the opportunity to take part in a performance or some sort of family sharing within the school year without too much disruption to learning (performing is still obviously a fantastic skill to have so we do not want to lose it completely like many other schools). So to make it fair for all year groups and ensure that all parents have the opportunity to come in throughout the year to share something special with your little ones we have come up with the following arrangements for performances which we hope you will all be happy with and look forward to.

Reception: Christmas Production, May Day and Sports Day

Year 1: Christmas production, May Day and Sports Day

Year 2: Mothers Day Assembly/Cafe, May Day and Sports Day

Year 3: Harvest Assembly/Feast for Parents and Sports Day

Year 4: Christingle for Parents and Sports Day

Year 5: Xmas Production, Fathers Day Assembly/Picnic and Sports Day

Year 6: The Big Write - Writing Cafe, Sports Day and Leavers Assembly

## Anna's Hope



As many of you will be aware, last term the Year 5 pupils took part in some fundraising for Anna's Hope and raised an incredible £310.78 for the very worthwhile charity. Coming up on the 8th October 2017 is the Anna's Hope Fun Run which many of the children have shown interest in completing. As this is outside of school we thought we would bring it to your attention should you wish to take part and raise even more money for such a good cause. Below is a link to the website where you can sign up. There are a few teachers taking part who will, I am sure, run along with you all.

<http://annas-hope.co.uk/latest-news/anna-s-hope-fun-run.html>

## Online Resources

As with last year, we have purchased access for the children to a range of online resources that they can access in and outside of school. Inside their diaries you will find a log in information page with all of their access codes detailed here. Please encourage your children to use these as much as possible to support them in furthering their learning outside of school. Resources available include Active Learn (Bug Club, Abacus Maths, Science Bug, Phonics Bug), Mathletics and RM EasiMaths. PiXL (Year 6)



Active Learn

Mathletics

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

**Punctual Achievement:**  
Look out for the upcoming Punctual Attendance winners. Who has been on time and in school all week and been chosen this week?

**Achievements KS1:**  
Here you will see all of the children who have received an award in the KS1 Friday Celebration Assembly.

**Achievements KS2:**  
Here you will see all of the children who have received an award in the KS2 Friday Celebration Assembly.

**Mathlete of the week:**  
Look out for all the Mathlete's of the week award winners here!





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Piotr, Faith, Shanice, Logan, Micah, Thomas, Bella Mae, Liam, Katie, Bradley, Keana, Scarlett, Harley, Sophie, Luke, Owen, Franciszek, Paige, Marco, Rachel, Luke, Noah, Louise, Vanessa, Toby, Evie, Destiny, Dominike, Alfie, Ethan, Efe, Muhammed, Prathika, Max, Kai, Adam, Katya, Kelsey, Melissa, Humza, Meghna, Antoni, Jack, Oliver, Connie, Elisha, Dante, Kai, Julia, Kaden and Tyler.

## HOUSE WINNERS

Find out who has been the King and Queen of house points here each month.

## END OF TERM RESULTS

Here you will see all of the points scored across the school in each house group. Who will be the overall winners this year? Last year the results ended in July as:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Parrots</b>	<b>2352</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Kingfishers</b>	<b>2337</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Robins</b>	<b>2332</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Canaries</b>	<b>2203</b>



## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM DATES

#### Autumn Term 2017

Start - 6th September

Half term - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Last Day - Tuesday 19th December

#### Spring Term 2018

Start - Thursday 4th January 2018

Half term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Last Day - Friday 29th March

#### Summer Term 2018

Start - Wednesday 18th April 2018

Ends - Thursday 20th July

Half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Last Day - Tuesday 24th July

### September 2017

Monday 11th - Enrichment begins for KS1

Tuesday 12th - Enrichment begins for KS2

Wednesday 27th - SEND Parent Cafe 2:30-3:10

Monday 18th - Clubs begin

Thursday 21st - Year 5 Mobile

Planetarium to visit school

Thursday 28th - Year 5 to Space Centre

Friday 29th - Year 6 Living Rainforest

### October 2017

Wednesday 4th - Reception visit the library

Friday 6th - Year 3 to Flag Fen

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