



Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome back to the Summer Term – We have had an eventful April with many amazing things to share with you in this newsletter.



I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and made some wonderful memories, we were so lucky with record high temperatures and sunshine. Firstly a big thank you to parents, children and staff for attending and supporting the Year 6 Easter School.



We would like to welcome Mrs Quigley, Mrs Hilton and Miss Parry to the team who began this term to permanently replace staff who have relocated and are now unfortunately too far to travel to school each day. This term Miss Smith will also return to school after her maternity leave and Mrs Ward is proud to announce the arrival of her beautiful baby boy Emmett. We are all in love!

As with every month there are a few reminders. Please, I know we ask regularly but please could parents not park on the pavements, double yellow lines and zig zags as this is very dangerous. In addition to this we have now put up signs to remind parents and children not to use the play equipment at the beginning and end of the day, nor ride their bikes or scooters as we have many young toddlers and babies who could be hurt by this unsafe behaviour. Could I also ask that children don't climb or hang on railings - this will weaken them and is also very dangerous.

With the beautiful weather soon on the way could I please ask you to put sun cream on your children daily as well as bring along a hat to wear (named). We have water for the children in school so there is no need to bring along additional water unless your child has agreed medical needs that require a variation.

This term we have so many exciting things to look forward to, it is my favourite term of the year. With the better weather we can finally get outside a lot more and enjoy our wonderful grounds. Please could any parents help and support us with painting areas and with the grounds, if you can please drop us an email or do Jo Mrs King - there is always things to do and we really appreciate your support.

We have updated the website with dates - please see the calendar for Sports days, Arts week and Gallery Tours, Move Up days, Awards Evening, Fun Run, Music Evening, SATs evenings for parents as well as residential pre and post parent evenings which also continue, as well as our Year 6 Leavers Assembly...as always I will definitely have my tissues at the ready for that. In addition to this we have our usual day and residential visits going out, visitors coming in, the usual celebrations and wonderful learning opportunities that we have in every term.

Finally, a big thank you to the PTA who have been very proactive this year with fund raising and organising events for the children and families. They have worked incredibly hard and have many more exciting things planned including our Summer Fete on Saturday 6th July which you are all invited to attend with your friends and families.



Highlights from the past few weeks

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as characters from our favourite stories and having a day dedicated to enjoying reading.

The Year 4 children loved Horstead and had a fantastic time...thank you parents for your support and for the staff for giving up their own free time to support this visits unpaid the parents asked me to say thank you

Year 1 visited the Dinosaur Park and found out some amazing facts.

Year 4 visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and have since produced some fabulous writing about this.

We took part in Comic Relief week and all got active through the week!

Pupils took part in the Easter Egg and also the Easter Hats competition which were amazing please see newsletter for pictures

The Easter bunny visited school and we had a hopping good time!

April Pictures and Memories



Swimming!

It will not be long and we will be opening up our Swimming pool for lessons from Reception to year 6. We have prepared the pool and are now waiting for the good weather to begin the sessions and will update you when lessons will begin. In preparation for this, please can I ask parents a huge favour? If you have any old costumes that your children no longer uses that is still in good condition or towels that you no longer need, please would you donate these to school for spare kits for pupils who forget or are unable to afford their own kits. Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

Just a reminder that all children need to wear a swimming hat in the pool, bring a towel and swimming costume (one piece only, no bikinis please) too. Swimming hats will once again be available to purchase from the main school office for £1.00.



Class Dojo

I think you will probably all agree with me in what a fantastic resource Class Dojo is. Staff have asked me though to communicate this message to parents - please can you use dojo respectfully. Sadly during the day when staff are teaching, staff are unable to reply and any urgent messages would be better shared with the main office. In addition to this could we ask you to consider the timings for your messages and try to refrain from sending messages after 6pm and before 8am in the mornings in addition to holidays, unless it is a real emergency, as they too need to have time with their own families and friends.

Congratulations!

I big congratulations to Miss Gray who was married over the holidays and has now changed her name to Mrs Brewer-Gray. We are so very pleased for you and wish you and your husband all the love in the world for the future. .



Little Princess Trust



Sometimes, things come along that completely blow me away. I am always bowled over by the kindness and thoughtfulness of our children at Southfields, but this in particular did make me smile. Many of you will be familiar with the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and in addition fund vital research into childhood cancer. A very special little girl in KS1, decided that this was something that she would like to take part in and therefore grew her hair before having it cut off and sent to charity. Well done Macy, we are so very proud of you.

After returning on Tuesday, I was also then shocked to discover that our own Mrs Harlow from Reception was also sporting a much shorter hairstyle! It seems that Mrs Harlow also had the very same idea and she has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust also. Amazing Mrs Harlow, we love you.

What a thoughtful idea that costs nothing at all but will bring a smile to the face of a little one going through a much more difficult time in their lives.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Teigan, Nevaeh, Lucas,
Rebekah, Daphne, Ruby,
Michal, Pictr, Lucy,
Edward, Millie, Jeremiah,
Mazin, Laura, Lacy,
Charlie, Riccardo, Brooke,
Dashel, Harry, Tymon,
Sian, Joe, Keeley, Alysha,
Sebastian, Luke, David,
Riley, George, Lexi, Oliver,
Levi, Yashi, Oliver, Levi,
Alexander, Sienna, Shae,
Diaras, Isabella, Adas,
Brentley and Broadie.

HOUSE WINNERS

END OF TERM RESULTS SPRING 2018

1st Canaries	398
2nd Robins	390
3rd Kingfishers	342
4th Parrots	293



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 or email my PA clairedale@southfields.peterborough.sch.uk

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 23rd April
May Day - Monday 6th May
Half term - Monday 27th May to
Friday 31st May
Ends –Friday 19th July

April

Post Horstead Session 24.4.19
Yr 2 SATs Evening 30.4.19
PTA meeting 2.5.19
London Visit 1.5.19

June

Awards Evening letters 3.6.19
Year 1 visit Sundown 4.6.19
Year 6 visit Drayton 5.6.19
New Parents Evening 5.6.19
Year 4 Greek Day 6.6.19
Country Dancing 6.6.19
Travelling by Tuba 7.6.19
May Day Festival 7.6.19 PM
Phonics Year 1 10.6.19
Dance Festival 13.6.19
Governors 12.6.19
Scarborough Yr 6 17.6.19
Sports week 24.6.19 – 28.6.19

Fun Run 27.6.19 4

May

KS2 SATs
Governors Meeting 8.5.19
Year 6 SATs week 13.5.19
Governors 15.5.19
Year 2 SATs week 20.5.19

July

Music Evening 1.7.19
Reports to Parents 2.7.19
Move up 2 days – 3.7.19 + 4.7.19
PTA meeting 4.7.19
Summer Fete 6.7.19
Arts week – Communication is key 8.7.19
to 12.7.19
Governors 10.7.19
Awards Evening 12.7.19
Year 6 Leavers 15.7.19
Behaviour Awards 18.7.19
Leavers Yr 6 assembly 19.7.19
School Closes 19th July 2019