October 2019

#### SOUTHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



# **Headteacher Newsletter**

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



What a fantastic September we have had. The children have settled in well and Ofsted have been to school and the report will be with us soon to share with parents and children. A big thank you for all of the positive comments and support



have begun well and have been well attended.

Year 3 visited Flag Fen and found out more about the stone age as well as talk to archaeologists.

Mr Buckingham told pupils the story of the Blue Chickens and the Fox who came to school to help them find the nest of blue chicken eggs.

Mrs Martin was very happy as children gave her the best gift in the world ....Conkers

Special mention for Nico ③ who made me smile everyday with his amazing conker finds ©

The Reception children all settled in well and it seems like they have been in school forever as they are so well behaved and such good learners already 🙂

We have had a busy first month some of the highlights I will share with you in this newsletter. I will also outline some of the exciting things to look forward to during the next few weeks.

News from the Head of Years will come to you weekly. The news will focus on teaching and learning during the past week and looking forward to the learning journey for the next week. Please read their updates on class dojo every Friday ©

is you say cheese?

Class Photographs are this week so please make sure that your child is ready for these in their uniform and best smiles ©



The Year 3 had a wonderful time returning to Stone Age Britain for the day. They had stories in the roundhouse, made pots, handled artefacts and worked alongside archaeologists to inspire their history topic.

The Reading Cafés have begun with many parents attending and enjoying learning new ideas to support reading at home. There are many more cafés to come so please see the leader's updates for more invitations to these and similar events in our endeavours to ensure that all pupils develop a love of books and reading.





We are going to host a Harvest festival again this year and ask all children and families to donate to this good cause.



Please take time to talk about the pictures below with your children as we all think about our own lives growing up at this time of year and the importance of harvest for all of us.



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The Book Bus will be coming in to school to inspire all of the children to read and over the next few weeks we will be supporting the pupils to ensure they all have a library card and are able to go onto the bus to select a book to bring home and share with parents and families.

Please take time every day to read with your child and discuss words, phrases and content of the books they read to you. We would love more parents in Year 3 to 6 to share books with their children even if you feel they read well, it is great to be able to share and talk about the book with parents.

This term Mrs Bennett will be training as a leader For Forest schools to take forward our Eco work within the school – more information to follow as pupils will be needing wellingtons and old clothes whilst they enjoy some of their lessons outdoors.



The year 5 will be enjoying a huge planetarium adventure to support their work on Earth and Space. They will have the opportunity to watch the sky at night in their own virtual world and learn from an expert astronomer about the sky, planets and how things have changed over time. This is an amazing experience which brings to life learning as they virtually touch the sky, stars and constellations above them.



We will be celebrating children in need once again this year and ask that the children wear their Pyjamas and dressing gowns to school and also bring along a good book to share.

During the day we will share a drink

and a cookie as well as celebrate the day with a love of all books.

We ask that children bring along a  $\pounds 2$  donation -  $\pounds 1$  of school to purchase the top 100 books for each year group and  $\pounds 1$  for the Pudsey Children in Need Charity. We will once again be selling some of the Pudsey merchandise and information about this will follow shortly.



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 zag as this is very dangerous.



In addition to this we have to 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 on the site 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 they are not safe to climb on they are just designed to hold onto when walking. Also Mr Eddings has painted the top of the brick walls by

year 2 please do not climb on these as he has worked hard on these projects to improve the school environment for the children and adults.





The ducks are ready and lined up for their book adventures hiding around the school – well done to the winners so far this year ©



140 children take up additonal music lessons

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## **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

Keniah, Charlie, Jason, Filip, Amelia, Daniel, Jagpreet, Chelsea, Lola, Adewonuola, Maddie-Louisa, Jaiden, Lottie, Sophie, Lucas, Harper, Anda, Phoebe, Blagoj, Ashley, Ethan, Eva, Rose, Evie, Elizabeth, Kieran, Jacob, Vanessa, John-Junior, Ella, Luka, Rocco, Jack, Rohan, Shea, Wilson, Taylor, Ana-Gabriela, Elijah-Blue, Phoebe, Marcus, Sofia, Abigail and Lukas.

# HOUSE Points this term – linked to Dojo

1 <sup>st</sup> Parrots	342
2 <sup>nd</sup> Robins	321
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kingfishers	289
4 <sup>th</sup> Canaries	286
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## PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

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 me directly.



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Year 1 ... I saw this on my camera's do you know anything

about this ?

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Y5 Mobile Planetarium Thursday 3rd – School Photograph Day - Individuals Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – YR visit the Library Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th – Book Bus visits YR and Y1 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Peterborough English Challenge Tuesday 17th – Full Governing Body Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Half term break November 2019 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings by appointment only Wednesday 13th – Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need PJ Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Flu Immunisations December 2019 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime visits school Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fete Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Christmas Performances Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Christmas Performances Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Christmas Performances Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year R Christmas Performances Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Special visitor in school Wednesday 18th - Talent Show, Christmas Dinner and DISCO Wednesday 18th – Explorers early close at 4:30pm Wednesday 18th – End of term