# Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year.

It seems like yesterday that I was welcoming everyone back from their summer holidays and yet here we are with only days to go until the end of term. The time really does fly by.

As I sit here writing this newsletter, the sun is shining which always puts a smile on my face. It is welcome to the rain we have in the middle of June. The sunshine always puts a positive outlook on everything and now that we can get outside more we feel much happier. I am sure this is the same for those still learning at home.

This has certainly been a year of highs and lows, never at any point in my career did I think that I would be trying to manage lockdowns and children not being in school, I think if anyone had a crystal ball and told me what was to come I still would not have believed them. However saying that I think our whole school community has really pulled together and done everything possible to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children. I know I have said this in my last few newsletters, but can I once again extend a huge thank you to all of my wonderful staff who have truly worked their socks off to provide learning both in school and at home. I think the parents will all agree that you have continued to put the children first and adapted so well to the challenges we have faced. Alongside



this can we say a big thank you to all of the parents, carers, families and children for their support throughout this whole process. We are by no means at the end of this but together we will pull through and continue to be the strong team that we always have been.



Before this term saw a change to schooling as we knew it, we had enjoyed some fantastic opportunities with the children. We took part in a range of day trips, had many visitors into school and had our very first skiing trip to Alph d'Huez...and what a fantastic experience that was. Although residential visits for the moment have been put on hold, we know how important these visits are to our children and families, so when it is safe to do so we will begin to look at a way forward with this.

In addition to trips and visitors to school we have hosted many events such as our Christmas Crafts back in December. Unfortunately many of our favourites haven't been able to take place but we hope you have enjoyed some of the virtual events instead. We look forward to next year getting back to our usual summer events such as May Day, Sports Days, Arts week and Musical Extravaganzas. Another big event which we are usually about to present is our Governors Awards Evening. This year we have taken the decision to cancel the event and also consider how this may continue in the future. We are always proud of the achievements of not only the award winners but many others in the school and this year each class will be hosting their own mini awards ceremonies instead. The teachers will be in contact with you all soon to give you more information about these events.

Although the event itself will not take place we will however be awarding the Head Boy and Girl Award to pupils in Year 5 ready for their important roles in Year 6. I will announce the winners of these before the end



Our final event of the year to take place is our Year 6 Leavers Assembly. It is always a very special assembly and one that brings a tear to the eye of pretty much everyone in attendance. I know the Year 6's and their teachers have been working hard on a virtual performance but we know this still won't feel the same. We will do everything we can to make it special for you all and end the year on a high as you make your move onto Secondary school. Please know that you will always be a part of our Southfields family and we wish you all the very best for your futures. Please come back to visit us soon.



Finally can I wish you all an amazing summer break, you all deserve it. I know both parents, carers and children have all been trying their absolute best during these times to keep on learning and remain happy and content. We know it isn't easy...imagine adding an extra 29 to your classes! Thank you all once again for your continued support, positive feedback and kind messages. We hope to see you all soon, take care everyone.



Wishing you all an amazing summer break, see you in September:) SOUTHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL JULY 2020

## **Celebrating You!**



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### September 2020 Plans

As we say goodbye to some of our wonderful staff at the end of this term, let me share with you an overview of our teams for next academic year.

Year Group	Leader	Teachers
Early Years	Miss King - Year EYFS	Miss King Miss Prodrick Mrs Harlow Mr Aldous Mrs Howlett
1	Miss Wilson - Phase Lower	Miss Wilson and Mrs Ferrara (when she returns from maternity leave) Miss Ashton Miss Tangl Ms Martin Mrs Bennett
2	Miss Newns - Year 2	Miss Newns Miss Tawn Mrs Gibbins
3	Miss Mescall - Year 3	Miss Mescall Mrs Peacock-Millington Miss Lander
4	Mrs Hilton - Phase Middle	Mrs Hilton Miss Maracine Miss Smith and Mrs Ward
5	Miss Dooley - Year 5	Miss Dooley Miss Schofield Mrs Kapler Mrs Davis
6	Mrs Jones - Year 6 Mrs Welsh - Phase Upper	Mrs Jones Mrs Welsh Mr Addison Mrs Churchill

Alongside this we have myself and Mrs Steward who oversee the whole school, Mrs Payne our Inclusion Lead (SEND and Welfare) and Mrs Magee is our HUB Manager. All of these roles are further supported by other members of staff who can all be found on our school website.

At the end of last month (30th June) we also said a happy goodbye to Mrs Boothby as she retires from her role working with our lower school on phonics. We miss you already Mrs Boothby. Alongside this, we see our lovely Mrs Urciuoli begin her maternity leave with her second baby due in early September. We wish you all the very best with the rest of your pregnancy and cannot wait to see the newest addition to the Southfields Family.

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#### **BIRTHDAYS IN JULY**

Mariama, Zoe-Eliora, Henry, Alan, Maysie, Alissa-May, Martyn, Sofia, Chelsie, Ashton, Ava, Dominic, Alfie, Cameron, Enya-Skye, Rose, Nico, Olamide, Wuchen George, Noah, Jayden, Rebecca, Logan, Kaden, Lily, Sophie, Cerys, Tony, Tyrese, Antonella, Boris, Antonina, Abubakar, Lucy, Oliver, Isobella, Isabelle, Lucian, Emilija, Hyronemo, Imogen, Jackson, Thomas, Eshaal and Erin.

### **BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST**

Adriano, Rehan, Nasir, Ruby, Sebastians, Chloe, David, Sienna, Fatima, Olivia, Ishween, Brooke, Victoria, Scarlet-Rose, Ema, Sarena, Macie, Lucy, Joseph, Elouise, Nell, Isla, Annabelle, Edon, Ethan, William, Patrick, Melody, Luka, Teddy, George, Varnika, Kyle, Rupert, Aimee, Patrick, Jaydee, Ruby, Callum, Delilah, Lilly, James, Devon, Katherine, Elliot and Thomas.



#### 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.

Wishing you all the very best for the Summer break. Take care of one another and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September - we will continue to update you when we can via Class Dojo regarding this.

Hope to see you soon, Mrs Martin xx

### Important dates for your diary

# Academic Dates 2020-21 Autumn Term

Monday 7th September - opens 26th to 30th October - Half Term Friday 18th December - ends

#### **Spring Term**

Monday 4th January 2020 - opens 15th to 19th February - Half Term Friday 26th March - ends

#### **Summer Term**

Tuesday 13th April - opens Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday 31st May to 4th June - Half Term Tuesday 20th July - ends