



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

Newsletter Date  
September 2016

# Headteacher Newsletter

## September 2016

What a wonderful start to this academic year September is warm and sunny allowing us to make the most of our amazing outdoor learning space The Reception children have settled in incredibly well and have really thrown themselves into life at Southfields and are very happy and confident .

Could I begin by saying that the school is very proud to have featured last year as one of the top schools in Peterborough in a recent independent survey which made headlines in the local press. This grade included the parents views so thank you once again for all being so supportive and appreciative of the staff and school provision. This year we do anticipate with the new tests that with the enhanced resource provision and percentage of children with additional needs the reading comprehension in Key Stage Two will be low due to the difficulty and expectations of the new national tests which has an impact on the league tables as they only show data from all areas combined however with your continued help and support parents it will not be long until we are again back at the top I am sure.

Next week we agreed a target with the Governors and the Local Authority of 96.5% for our attendance, currently we are on track and it is a really good start please help us to achieve this target this year by ensuring your child is at school everyday on time and not taking term time holidays.

This first week back was great and the children in Key Stage two enjoyed a visit from a theatre company the little princess with workshops and class linked work to support their learning.

Sadly over the Summer the Writing Shed the pupils ran events to raise money for and make was completely destroyed however the children have all decided to put it back to how it was during playtimes and lunchtimes and remake the resources and fix what they can. This vandalism is needless and I felt very sorry for the pupils who had worked so hard to make this incredible space.

Once again the class parent representatives meetings will begin and these have been my favourite meetings in the past two years where as a school we are able to use your wonderful ideas and suggestions to take the school further forward. Your class teacher will be asking for representatives for each class please could you approach your teacher if you are interested in taking on this role.

We are a kind, thoughtful school which prides itself on relentless hard work and commitment to the children who remain at the heart of everything we do. We try hard to include parents fully in all aspects of their child's education and also within the life of the school. If you think we could do anything better or have any suggestions please tell us as we will endeavour to listen and use as many as possible.

In October the Heads of Phase will be inviting you to workshops based on reading please let your class teacher know if there is anything you would like to have explained better or training on.

We will be hosting our evenings for parents for the Stibbington Residential Visit for year 2 this month . We are already really looking forward to the residential visits planned for this year to Stibbington, Horstead, Aylmerton, London and Scarborough

Next week we will be asking pupils to put their names forward for the various pupil voice groups in school and we will update you on this in the next newsletter. This will also include CARES our children welfare team, Super Hero helpers, Play Pals and School Council.

Our Charity Events this half term will be 'Children in Need' which will be a PJ day more information will follow in a letter with ideas and ways we intend to fund raise.

The Health Promoting school committee are looking for new members if you would like to help in school please could you speak to Mrs Parsonage or contact the school office to support the excellent work of this group.

We will begin our Clubs this month and a letter will be sent out for pupils to select their choice and weekly dates these will run. This week Enrichment activities will begin on a Monday afternoon for KS1 and Tuesday for KS2 this is featured later in this newsletter .

We are overjoyed with the Parent View feedback from yourselves 100% Parents say their children are extremely happy in school and so many other areas of amazing feedback thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Going forward we will be asking more questions about Homework to further improve this score although feedback is so mixed some say too much I guess as a school we are trying to ensure families are a part of home learning and we have provided a range of ways in which you can help and support..

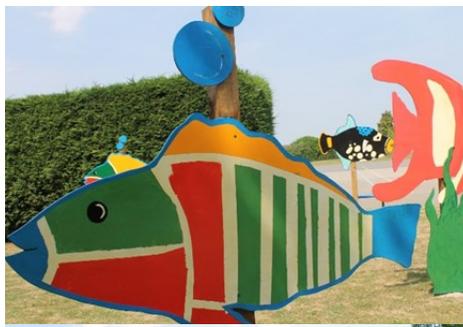


### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK

- New Pupils settle in very well
- The Outdoor Eco area looks amazing and the amount the pupils planted and grew is quite astonishing
- Pupils begin the Mindfulness project in year 4
- The Kitchens are doing well
- The pupils love all of the lunchtime activities and outdoor space
- The Teachers and Teaching Assistant worked hard on the classrooms over the holidays ready for children to return
- Lovely feedback and comments from parents



## OUR GREAT OUTDOORS



## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

IN THIS SECTION WE WILL SHARE WITH YOU THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE WON THE TEACHER AWARD FOR EACH WEEK DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH

#### PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

IN THIS SECTION WE HAVE A PRIZE DRAW EACH WEEK WITH PUPILS WHO HAVE ARRIVED AT SCHOOL ON TIME AND SHARE THE WINNERS HERE FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH

#### ATTENDANCE TARGET

FOR  
2016-17

96.5%

Theatre Company visited school with a production and workshop 'The Little Princess'

Class Teachers discussed School Council Representatives to be elected next week

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| 12th September | Enrichment Begins   |
| 14th September | Year 5 Sustrans Bike Training   |
| 14th September | Full Governor Meeting   |
| 15th September | New Web site to be Launched   |
| 16th September | Fire Drill  |
| 16th September | Pupils to select Clubs which begin next week  |
| 26th September | Classroom observations begin  |
| 28th September | KS1 Theatre Company 'Dotty the Dragon'  |
| 28th September | Year 2 Parents meeting for Stibbington  |
| 29th September | External Mathematics Clubs starts   |
| 30th September | Zoo Lab to visit year 6   |
| 5th October    | Year 1 to visit Hamerton Zoo  |
| 7th October    | Year 6 visit to Woburn Safari Park  |
| 13th October   | Year 5 to visit Leicester Space Centre  |
| 18th October   | Curriculum Evening all subjects with a focus on Reading across all subjects 3.30-4.30 |
| 19th October   | Class photographs more information to follow  |



Happy Birthday to



Kieran  
 Georgia-Mai  
 Elliott  
 Xander  
 Holly  
 Marco  
 Rachel  
 Louise  
 Kelsey  
 Melissa  
 Muhammad  
 Humza  
 Dante  
 Logan  
 Keana  
 Destiny  
 Efe  
 Prathika  
 Antoni  
 Connie  
 Kai  
 Shanice  
 Thomas  
 Liam  
 Bradley  
 Scarlett  
 Katie  
 Harley  
 Noah  
 Alfie  
 Ethan  
 Muhammad  
 Jack  
 Tyler  
 Micah  
 Luke  
 Toby  
 Dominike  
 Kai  
 Elisha  
 Oliver  
 Kaden  
 Owen  
 Adam  
 Kayden  
 Meghna

## READING

Reading helps us in every area of our lives. It helps us become successful in school and later in our careers and it helps us grow as individuals by either teaching us new information or by allowing us to step into someone else's shoes. Reading can also help us become more compassionate and empathetic, as well as give us pure enjoyment and relaxation.

Instilling a love of reading in your child is one of the best gifts you can give them in their life. Here are ways to do just that.

- \* Read to them regularly, with expression and in different voices.
- \* Let your child read to you and discuss the book they are reading—talk about words and vocabulary—It is surprising what they do and don't know
- \* Model reading. Let your child see you read often. It can be cookbooks, magazines, the newspaper, novels or non-fiction.
- \* Talk about the books or articles you have been reading. This is a great thing to do at dinner time. Share the excitement or intrigue you have experienced.
- \* Timetable a time to read all together with no distractions or TV "Family Reading Time".
- \* Buy books where their name appears or someone they know. This is a fabulous technique for encouraging reluctant readers! It worked brilliantly with me as a child.
- \* Find books that come with a CD either in bookstores or the library so your child can listen and follow along. This is also a fantastic way to encourage reluctant readers or to keep the motivation high for those children who are struggling with learning how to read.
- \* Give books as gifts for birthday, Christmas, Easter, holidays or as prizes in goodie books
- \* Give books "just because" for teamwork tasks (aka chores) being well done or because you noticed them demonstrating a positive virtue like compassion or kindness.
- \* Take your child to the library regularly. It could be to participate in a library program or just to hang out and read follow up with hot chocolate or nice drinks so you can all talk about the books
- \* Read aloud books that have been made into movies and then watch the movie and do a comparison about which was better – the book or the movie.

**Did you learn to love reading as a child? If so, what did the adults in your life do to encourage your passion for reading to grow let us know on the last page of the newsletter in parents feedback and I will use your ideas in a parents love to read display. A picture of you reading now would also be great too :)**

## Children in Need



The school will be holding a charity event in aid of

### 'Children in Need'

Children and staff are invited to dress in their PJ's and raise money for this event

We will again sell the bear ears and small key rings bears

More information to follow in the October Newsletter ready for 18th



## AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS JACKSON IN OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Mrs Jackson joined the school 20 years ago as prior to this she had been volunteering in school.

Mrs Jackson is the School Secretary and also My PA. She is known for being kind and supportive with parents and staff.. She likes to get things organised.

### An Interview with Mrs Jackson

What is your favourite thing about Southfields Primary School ? Family spirit

What was your favourite subject at school ?

English I love to read.

What are your interests and hobbies outside of school ? Socialising and visiting new places

What is your favourite dinner ? Sunday Roast Dinner with all the Family.

What was your favourite toy when you were little? A little Panda but I lost it :(

Do you have any children ? Two boys who are grown up now

Do you have any brothers and sisters? Yes I have 6 sisters and had one brother who was treated like a king until he left home!

What was your favourite holiday ? Florida

If you weren't a school secretary what would you be? An Air Hostess because I love to travel to new places

Best Day Out—Anything spending time with my family making memories I love Autumn Days :)

## MORE TO FIND OUT ABOUT MRS JACKSON

My favourite colour is Green. My Star sign is Aries and my favourite season is Autumn because of the colourful landscape.

I think the best feeling in the world is being loved.

My favourite book when I was little was my little Poetry book

I loved the film Snow White as it has good memories for me.

The Record I bought was by the David Cassidy—How can I be sure.

As I grew into a teenager I loved to go bowling and roller skating

Animal—Panda

Scared of—Snakes and Spiders

Heritage—British

Allergy—Bees

Scars—No scars or injuries

Lucky Number—2

Birth Stone— Aquamarine





## The 2016 Summer Paralympics

(Brazilian Portuguese: *Jogos Paralímpicos de Verão de 2016*),

This is the fifteenth Summer Paralympic Games, are a major international multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities governed by the International Paralympic Committee, being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 7 September to 18 September 2016, making them the first Summer Paralympics to be held during the host city's Autumn time. The Games mark the first time a Latin American and South American city hosts the event, the second Southern Hemisphere city and nation, the first one being the 2000 Summer Paralympics in Sydney, and also the first time a Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) country hosts the event. These Games will see the introduction of two new sports to the Paralympic program: canoeing and the paratriathlon.

The lead-up to these Paralympics have been met with major financial issues, which were primarily attributed to tepid sponsor interest and ticket sales. These shortcomings have resulted in cuts to volunteer staffing and transport, the re-location of events and the partial deconstruction of the Deodoro Olympic Park. However, none of these cuts have affected the Games themselves.

This is a lovely web link to Sarah Story on the BBC winning again just a few hours ago for Great Britain with her 12th Medal and some of the other highlights of the Games.



# September Recipe

Are you thirsty? Let's make lemonade!!

- You need -
1. One lemon
  2. A glass of cold water
  3. Ground sugar
  4. A lime squeezer, glass and spoon



### Method -

1. Squeeze the lime in the glass
2. Add the ground sugar (2 tea spoons, or more if you like!)
3. Mix well and add water
4. Your lemonade is ready!! Drink and keep cool!



Provisional Data for last  
academic year  
2015-16

**EYFS**

National Average GLD 61%

**School Average 15-16**

GLD 61%

Reading 61%

Writing 65%

Number 66%

Shape and Space 69%

**KS1 Year 2 –2016**

Reading 86%

Writing 82%

Mathematics 89%

Science 90%

**KS2 Year 6 –2015-16**

**New National Tests with much  
higher expectations and standards**

Mathematics 72%

Writing 76%

GHASP 66%

Reading 22%

Science 86%

**Year 1 Phonics 2016**

74 %

**KS1—Year 2 Phonics 2016**

79%

**School Priorities**

**Priority 1 Reading**

**Priority 2 Writing**

**Priority 3 Mathematics**

**Priority 4 Pupil Premium**

**Priority 5 Handwriting/  
Presentation**

## PARENT BOX FOR COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

Please add your comments here for the Headteacher or if your comments are private please return in an envelope marked 'Headteacher comment return' These are essential if we are to remain outstanding if you feel we could do anything better or have any ideas then please write to me. Also if you love something or have enjoyed something please tell us so we keep doing it :)

**This Month we are asking parents to comment on their thoughts about reading and how they learnt to read , what books they liked as a child and also to send in a picture of them reading for the display board I am doing called 'Parents love to Read'**