



Headteacher Newsletter

November 2016

The first half term has gone by so quickly this year. We have already had so many lovely trips and visitors into school this year.

This half term is one of my favourites in school as we will be busy preparing for all of our lovely Christmas activities. This year we will be looking forward to seeing all of the children's hard work with their Christmas productions, which I know have already been started in some classes. We will also be having our two Christingle services, where KS2 will walk down to the church and KS1 will have Reverend Anne Shorter into school for the afternoon. In addition to these Christmas activities there will also be a Christmas Crafts evening for parents and families to enjoy, a talent show for the children to audition and take part in, we have a Pantomime booked for the children to watch in school and we will be having our Christmas buffet lunch.

We have been meeting with the parent representatives and this has got off to a good start.

During October we have had some sports coaches in with Years 5 and 6. They have taken part in an inter-house dodgeball competition where parrots were the winners for Year 5 and Kingfishers were the winners for Year 6. Year 3 and 4 school rugby team has had a tag rugby coach into school for some additional coaching.

Last month, we had lots of trips out of school to extend our learning beyond the classroom. Reception children have had their first taste of trips and visits at Southfields. They have already been to Frankie and Benny's to make their very own pizzas and some of them have even visited the local library. Year 1 have been to Hamerton Zoo and they thoroughly enjoyed this trip. They have produced some amazing work based on what they saw at the zoo and have talked to me lots about what they saw and what they learnt whilst they were there. Year 5 have visited Leicester Space centre, to engage further with their Science topic. The children were really excited about going on this visit and even more excited when they returned sharing their knowledge of what they had learnt. Year 6 visited Woburn Safari Park and again learnt lots about adaption and living in the rainforest as well as some amazing facts on different species of animals.

Miss Parsonage and her team worked extremely hard on the Interfaith council multicultural event that took place towards the end of the first half term. It looked amazing as the children were dancing, enjoying foods from around the world and learning about different cultures.

Key Stage 2 children worked hard in their first enrichment groups of the year. The children in the charity enrichment group have worked exceptionally hard and they have raised £140 for Sue Ryder charity through a cake sale they organised. Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff member that baked and donated cakes in order for this to be possible.

Also coming up during this month will be our first parents evenings, where you will have the opportunity to see your child's work and talk to their class teachers. Year 5 are taking part in a singing day at the theatre, a book fayre has been arranged to come into school on the week commencing , Year 3 will be having an evacuee day 14th November 2016.

This week Year 3 performed their Harvest assembly which was amazing so many parents came to support this event. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated food this was the best we have seen yet with the stage and display completely full of food for the Soup Kitchen. The representatives will be in school on Friday to show the children how they serve the food and talk about this voluntary role they play in helping the homeless.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS

- KS2 pupils organised a cake sale as part of their enrichment and raised £140 for Sue Ryder charity.
- Parent reading workshops have taken place after school.
- We held an Eastern European Coffee Morning.
- Sports coaches in school to inspire the children.
- Interfaith council multicultural event took place and was a huge success.
- Early Years children had their first experiences of going on a trip out of school.
- The new library opens to the pupils
- Parent have come into school to watch reading being taught in school

Reading and Our Library

AWARDS FOR LAST MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

Achievement Awards

Patrick Z, Nathan U, Logan C, David S, Gracie L, Ruby F, Alfie D, Elliott M, Luca P, William P, David F, Chloe G, Rocco R, Sienna D, Mason J, Lewis R, Trinity G, Melody D, Victoria S, Amber N, Lottie H-S, Samuel V, Eva B-H, Hollie B, Maddie H, Ema G, Storm G, Roxanne S, Fatima A, Nathan P, Liliana S, Nieve B, Brandon T, Alannah L, Zack S, Manpreet S, Cerin M, Robert G, Henry C, Youseff A, Sanjana P, Jack W, Kady C, Bradley L, , Simona H, Jessica L, Daniel K, Isabella F, Diana H-J, Madison P, Elizabeth P, Isobelle V, Frankie B, Alfie J, Clara G, Jessica L, Shania W, Evalyn S.

Marvellous Manners

Christabel H, Annabelle H, Archie J, Isabella F, Charlotte L,

Punctual Attendance

Jack D, Shea F, Youssef A, Cody P, Alfie J, Keana M, Jake G, Emilia B, Ibrahim Q, Elizabeth D, Adam G, Shyla J, Elijah BH, Calum S, Keeley R, Katie N, Ruby W, Olivia B, Marco B, Eva B, Oliver A, Jacob R, Neo B, Jonah S, Nico B, Bradley M, Ella-Louise B, Lucy B, Evie S, Maisie C, Aleena O, Charlie A, Daphne D, Harleigh B, Ugne B, Cerys B, Marko B, Harley B, Xavier B, Cohen C, Paige C, Alex D, Holly B, Amber CD, Nell C, Dorian D, Rebecca C, Faith B, McKenzie C, Caitlin L, Grace J, Ella-Louise B, Jack W, Alexander C, Julia S, Hanna B, Chloe C, Elliott H, Daniel L, James C

Reading is hugely important to us here at Southfields. We are so very lucky to have such a book rich environment on top of the lovely visual literacy spaces.

During the half term, break, we have had our school library refurbished. It has been repainted, new carpet and we have had brand new furniture put in. We hope this space will become an exciting place for children to enjoy reading for pleasure. We will be adding to this space over this half term to further develop it.



During the last few weeks of the first half term, teachers have worked hard on delivering some reading workshops to parents. These have been very successful and we have received some great feedback from these from both staff and parents. Thank you very much to all the parents and carers that attended these! The children that attended thoroughly enjoyed the sessions



Reading Competition

As our library is newly refurbished, this month's competition will be to write a book review of one of your favourite books and draw a picture of your favourite book character.

The best entries will be put up on display in our new library.



Where's my owner?

THE LOST TEDDY



This lovely teddy is lost. He was found outside the main office. Please let us know if this little bear belongs to you. I am looking after him well :) and he loves school but I can't help wondering if he misses his owner.

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended the workshops and reading sessions with the classes. We have lots of resources if you missed the sessions and you can see what we did in the phase areas of the web site.

BIRTHDAYS

November



Harleigh B, Alexander R, Archie W, Diana J, Macy C, Evan H, Reuben D, Kallum R, Ryan A, Temidayo O, Jakob B, Reuben B, Amelie F, Malakhy L, Edward B, Marta G, Dana L, Jessica M, Brennen S, Abigail W, Jassiyah F, Malachi JS, Kian L, Blake S, Ibrahim Q, Hollie B, Calum C, Alexis H, Brandon T, Riley E, Ruby S, Paige J, Patricia R, Ali W, Laura K, Charlotte E, Simone H, Daniel L, Mateusz K, Tiana R, Vienna S, Dawn I, Sophie H, Youssef A, Jakub S, Erin S, Lucy M.

House Point Winners

October 2016

KS1 Kings

David F, Theo B

KS1 Queens

Diryana, Anabelle H

KS2 Kings

Aston R, Joshua P

KS2 Queens

Chloe W, Ella J

Year Scores to Date

2016-17

1st Kingfishers 2060

2nd Canaries 1842

3rd Robins 1808

4th Parrots 1796



Southfields Primary School

School term dates 2016/17

Autumn term 2016

Opens - Wednesday 7 September

Half term - Monday 24 to Friday 28 October

Ends - Wednesday 21 December

Spring term 2017

Opens - Wednesday 4 January

Half term - Monday 20 to Friday 24 February

Ends - Friday 7 April

Summer term 2017

Opens - Wednesday 26 April

May Day - Monday 1 May

Half term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Ends - Thursday 20 July

Polite reminder: Please do not leave children unattended in the morning on the school grounds the school opens at 8.40 and a number of children have been in school at 8.15. The school office opens at 8.35 to parents. In addition to this some children are not picked up on time please could parents pick up children at the end of day 3.10 KS1 and 3.15 KS2.

Also please could parents support us with not allowing small children or school children to play on equipment at the beginning and end of the day as they are not covered with health and

Safety. In addition to this please do not use bikes or scooters on the school grounds it is busy and we have very small children, push chairs and pregnant or elderly people on the grounds and it is very dangerous.

Up and Coming Events

Parents Evening 7.11.16

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Welfare Drop In 16.11.16

Stibbington Yr 2 21.11.16

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Cinderella Panto 7.12.16

Christmas Fayre 7.12.16

Xmas Production Yr 4 9.12.16

Xmas Production Yr 3 12.12.16

Xmas Production Yr 5/6
13.12.16

Xmas Production Yr1 14.12.16

Xmas Production Yr 2 15.12.16

Talent Show Christmas Buffet
and Disco 16.12.16

Xmas Production Yr R 19.12.16

Christingle 20.12.16