



Headteacher Newsletter



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



Welcome to the March 2019 Newsletter Spring Term 2019. This is the most exciting month for us as a school - World Book Day ☺ Which is our curriculum intent and based on books and reading.



We have been lucky this year so far with an excellent winter and some of the best temperatures in my time as head of the school. This great weather has enabled us to be outside for sports, playtimes and lunchtimes. Once again the children have continued to bring in to school some fabulous home learning which we have all enjoyed and some are on display outside of my office, please come and have a look at the wonderful efforts the children have made.

Clubs have been well attended and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in them. We will now begin to work on many after school events for children and families we have planned such as the Family Quiz, Pancake Family Event, World book day, Comic relief day as well as a very special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Please year 6 parents encourage your child to attend the Computer Club from 8am every morning where we will provide a breakfast as well as giving pupils access to online learning and support.

Reflecting on the past month, Year 1 enjoyed a Multi Skills Sports Festival with other local schools which they did very well in and were complimented on their excellent effort and 'learning behaviour' – Well done Year 1!

Year 3 became Stone Age citizens and spent the day at Flag Fen, finding out how people lived years ago as part of their topic. This has inspired their writing and historical understanding.

Year 5 visited the 'Yorvik' living museum and enjoyed learning more about the Viking invasion and how it has impacted life today. Although I did tell the children no pilfering or stealing when they returned to school ☺

The whole school enjoyed the Valentines disco 510 children attended which was a great turn out and they danced the evening away with happy smiley faces and brightly coloured glow sticks. We raised £170 once we had paid for the cost of disco and glow sticks although the most value in these events are the amount of 'Smiles ☺' We do not make much money on the disco but the children love them. A big thank you to the PTA and School staff for giving up their time to support this event.



The PTA helped Mrs Pink in the kitchens with the 'valentine cookies' which raised £366.80 and children and families thanked the school and PTA for all of their hard work on this initiative.



FIRST PLACE was awarded to the year 5/6 team in the Peterborough Gymnastics Competition 2019 we are so proud of you all – read more about this in the sports letter this half term.

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the museum and also on their residential visit to Stibbington Eco Centre where they enjoyed forest school activities as well as how to look after the world they live in.

This week the Year 4 will be sorting out their wands ready for a visit to Harry Potter World as part of the enriched curriculum to inspire books and writing.

Looking forward to the rest of this month Year R will visit Sacrewell farm as part of their learning about Farms and how to help animals – more information to follow from the EYFS team.

Highlights from the past few weeks

Science Week next week more information to follow in a special edition letter

Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics team win the Peterborough competition 2019 with 1st Place

Ski Trip is all planned and full now for 2020

Parent/Teacher Representatives and the PTA meet with the school to work on their next projects and ideas

Year 1 excel at Multi Sports

Successful residential for the Year 2 Eco Warriors

Valentines Disco and biscuit Success

Year 5 Viking Expedition is successful

Pancake Day family fun with pancake flipping competitions and pancake tasting

Year 2 become museum curators for the day

Save these important dates for your diary

25th and 27th Parents Evening

26th SEND Parents Evening

This month Year 3 will be packing their suitcases to enjoy a residential visit to Aylmerton where they will spend time by the sea enjoying learning about a contrasting locality. Year 1 will be enjoying a visit to the Dinosaur park also this month as part of their topic work to inspire their reading and writing.

We will be hosting an event for Governors in school whereby they will take part in a range of activities to follow lines or enquiry to find out how well the school is doing.

A reminder that families are invited to the Pancake event this week Tuesday 5th March and hope you will all try our activities to be crowned the Southfields Primary Parent Champion Pancake Flipper 2019 – we have trophies and all are invited to take part in this event after school 3.20 – 4pm. We will also be selling refreshments and pancakes. KS2 Middle playground by the hall for KS2 and Blue umbrella KS1 playground by the year 1 and EYFS entrance for KS1.

I would like to say a big thank you to parents who park sensibly every day and make the short walk to school. I know this is the majority of parents with only a few ignoring the safety of pupils and upsetting local residents.

Thank you to the PTA and Governors and to all of the Parents who come into school to help us on a regular basis. I would also like to say thank you to a number of parents who have donated paper, card, games and prizes as well as other useful resources to the school – Thank you this is very kind of you and makes such a difference to the pupils and teachers.



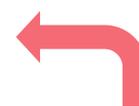
World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2019

We will be celebrating World Book Day. All of the teachers will hold a special assembly to read pupils extracts from books they loved as children. We will have a book day menu for lunch, as well as, Characters joining us in school please try and answer the questions they ask you, keep your eyes peeled... I wonder who you will find in school. **We ask the children to dress up as a character from a book** and bring in to school their favourite book to read during the afternoon. **We will raise money for new books and ask children to donate £2 which will be used to purchase books for their classes.** Miss Nicholson will keep parents updated and the winning year group will be match funded by the school towards their books.

We would also like children to bring in old books to school adult or child - for our use or a book thief year 6 bonfire display as part of their WW2 topic - we will also use good as new books in our outdoor library which is the next project for the Parent Representatives to work on.

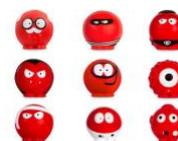
Each class will spend a day focusing on a love of books. They will dojo parents to show you the reading corners they have worked on that day as well as one display per year group in the corridors. I will share some of these areas in the next newsletter. **Any parents who would like to help on the day and would like to become a character or help reading or with any of the project work please could you let Mrs King know.**



Have you read these?



RED NOSE DAY AT SOUTHFIELDS



Friday 15th March 2019

This year we will make people smile, bring in a 'funny cupcake' as well as a school Joke competition with Prizes. We ask pupils for a donation of £1 to this charity and bring this into school on that day. The theme is 'Make Someone Smile'. Please write a small postcard sized explanation of what your cupcake is, along with your name and class and children will take them to the main KS1 or KS2 hall - so we can judge the best. As well as this bring in a joke to share. We will be selling red noses prior to the event.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Grace, Amelia, Harry, Archie, Mason, Emily, Ethan, Alexander, Isla, Jack, Alex, Alisha, Pavel, Haleema, Chloe-Louise, Amelia, Mariss, Madison, Katelyn, Roxanne, Michal, Amelia, Cailin, Bilal, Ethan, Danielius, Paige, Poppy, Amelia-Rose, Katelyn, Ella, Kian T, Ruby, Mylee, Lillijana, Ousman, Ruby, Marco, George, Erin-Mae, Caysee, Nihaal, Blake, William, Amelia, Alexandra, Tyger-Rei, Finley, Oliver, Anaya, Alise, Kaiden, Luca, Rocco, Emilia, Grace, Massimo, Gabija, Alfie, Lewis, Zara, Alexander, Amy and Emma.



HOUSE WINNERS FEBRUARY RESULTS

1st Robins	211
2nd Canaries	208
3rd Kingfishers	195
4th Parrots	176



Total Dojo to date 66,837
Head Boy/Girl Message



"the more
that you read,
the more things
you will know.
the more
that you learn,
the more places
you'll go."

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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 me directly on lauramartin@southfields.peterborough.sch.uk

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

Please read a book this month for World Book Day
Love from Mrs Martin and the Southfields Team xxx

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring term 2019

4th March Year 3 and 4 swimming
Gala

5th March – Family Pancake Event

5th March – Year 4 Athletics Sports
Event

6th March – Lent begins – Give up
something for lent

7th March – World Book Day

11th March Year 4 to Harry Potter
Studio

13th to 15th March - Aylmerton
Residential Visit Year 3

13th March Governor in school day

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th March

Year 1 – Dinosaur Park visit

15th March

Red Nose Day

18th March

Year 5 and 6 Sports Competition

20th March

Reception Visit to the Farm

21st March

Film Night – PTA event

Parents Evening

25th and 27th March

SEND Parents Evening

26th March