

COMING UP SOON IN

2017
A FEW DATES FOR
YOUR DIARIES



**LITTLE BLUE MONSTER
PRODUCTIONS FOR KS1**
FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER



HARVEST FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 3RD
NOVEMBER LED BY
THE YEAR 3
CHILDREN

**Parents
Evening**

PARENTS EVENINGS-
6th and 8th NOVEMBER

SAFETY, WELFARE AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



One month down of this academic year and we hope you have had a great first month back.

Many congratulations to Mrs Campbell who recently joined the Welfare team and has just completed her Child Protection training.

Five new community cadets have been chosen to work with Councillor Rush and Mrs Dawson out in the community. Congratulations to Saskia, Martyna, Rhys, Thomas and Malachi on their appointment.

We are also pleased to advise that we have formed a Charity Leaders Group which will be managed by the Welfare Team with Jakob, Sophie, Amellia, Courtney, Jessica, Prathika and Aisha being chosen to support staff with charity events.

Our school Counsellor, Philip Boddey, has started to see ten children across the school. He is a very valuable resource and we are extremely fortunate that we have been able to support some of the children with their concerns and worries by giving them time with Philip.

We have some wonderful events planned for the next few weeks including our Harvest Festival, Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying Week. Our Harvest festival will be taking place on the 3rd November 2017. All items that are kindly donated by the families of our school are being donated to The Salvation Army to support homeless and underprivileged people. The festival celebrations are being led by the Year 3 children who will take us back to how early humans lived and celebrated Harvest. They have been working really hard in rehearsals. Parents of pupils in Year 3 will be invited to share in the celebration, please refer to letters that will be sent home with further details soon.

With many events that parents can come and join in with, can we just remind you of our policy with regards to taking photographs. Please could we ask that if you take any photographs at any of our school events that they are not uploaded onto any social media websites if they contain images of other children. This is a safeguarding issue and therefore

could result in you being asked to remove the pictures if found to have used such images. We are very lucky that Mrs Martin allows parents to take pictures for personal use at our school events. It would be a shame if this were to change in the future like many other local schools in the area.

Once again we have had several parents and a local residents raising concerns about parents parking on double yellow lines and grass verges outside of our school entrance. The Glatton Drive Car Park is always very well used and can be full so please do park at our alternative Community Centre site if you are unable to get in at Glatton Drive. We are very conscious that inconsiderate parking not only puts the safety of children at risk but also upsets the local residents and gives them reason to complain.

HIGHLIGHTS

The children have had a very successful first month back. Everybody has settled in really well.

Congratulations to the amazing amount of children who received purple lights so early on in this academic year.

Children have had the ice cream parlour treat this week and there are many more on the list for next week's treat.

Keep up the good work.

We have had a very successful first drop in session with our School Nurse Allison Bellamy. Please note that she will be holding another School Nurse Drop In on 16th November 2017 from 9am until 10am. Please feel free to just pop in and chat with her about any health related issues in respect to your children between those times.

Parents evenings are already fast approaching and the Welfare team will be available to speak to should you have any concerns that you would like to discuss.

Please could parents ensure that school have a copy of any medical appointments that your child may have within school times. This is important so that it can be recorded on the register as medical. Unfortunately if no evidence is seen, appointments could be recorded as an unauthorized absence.

It is great to see so many of the children coming into school on bikes and scooters, helping promote healthy walking and ride your bike to school. We would just like to say that we are seeing many children riding their scooters and bikes on the school playgrounds. Could we please ask that they refrain from doing this as we have really small children, pregnant ladies, older citizens and partially blind people coming in and out of school during school mornings and afternoons. We just have to be mindful of everyone and try to prevent any accidents that may occur. This rule of NO RIDING on the school playgrounds has been shared with the whole school and if any children are seen to be breaking this rule they will be given a green light.

At Southfields Primary School children learn that our personal lives are very different from each other and nobody knows what anyone's background story is. Therefore, we need to be really mindful of how we judge somebody because there might be reasons why someone is behaving in a certain way. We need to treat others how we would like to be treated and not make assumptions. As you can appreciate we all have our own stories and past events which have shaped the way we are today. So on this note, could we please ask parents too to be kind and respectful of other parents whilst on the school grounds. None of us know the circumstances or background of other families and it is important that we always speak kindly towards and of others.

I am sure many of you, as parents, have Social media accounts and we would just like to ask you to please refrain from speaking negatively about and naming staff members. We can assure you that our whole school team work incredibly hard to ensure that the children are getting the best education possible but if you do have an issue please do come in and speak with us. We understand that everyone is entitled to their opinion but naming people on these platforms is a form of defamation and should not continue. If you feel that you are unable to speak to the staff member involved, in any given situation, please either contact our Welfare Team or speak to the Head of Year or member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Behaviour Lights

Below are details of lights issued during September to date

Racial/Homophobic Incidents	1
Bullying	0
Verbal Incidents	0
Physical Incidents	9
School Expectations not met	6
Disruption/Preventing Teaching & Learning	6
Purple lights and treats	44

	Purple	Green	Amber	Red	Number of children with behaviour plans who received lights
Year R	4				
Year 1	5	1	1	1	1
Year 2	6	3	2		2
Year 3	5	4	1		7
Year 4	5	4		1	1
Year 5	12	1			3
Year 6	7				

Finally we just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents that we have had the pleasure to work alongside so far this year. Please continue to pop and see us at the Welfare Reception. We will always try to make time to chat with you, have a coffee and try to help you with any concerns that you may have.

Mrs L Martin Mrs R Farooq-Ayub Mrs H Dawson Mrs H Yeoman Mrs D Campbell Mrs H Magee
 Designated Lead Deputy Designated Lead Welfare Office Attendance Welfare Officer Welfare Officer