

Coming up
Soon in 2017

A FEW DATES FOR
YOUR DIARIES



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 29th
SEPTEMBER 2017



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN
THURSDAY 28th
SEPTEMBER 2017

Anna's Hope
For children and young people
with brain tumours

ANNAS HOPE FUN RUN
SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER
2017

SAFETY, WELFARE AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS

The pupils have had a wonderful settled start back to the new academic year :)

Staff have all undertaken relevant Safeguarding training during our Profession Training Days

So far the pupils attendance has been wonderful, keep it up everyone!

Welcome back to all our parents and in particular the new parents of our three Reception classes, some of whom we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break.

We have a new and very valuable member of staff who has joined the Welfare Team, Mrs Campbell. She will be overseeing behaviour within school and has lots of strategies to help any children who are struggling to modify their behaviour. Mrs Campbell will continue to observe children on the playgrounds at lunchtimes and will also be popping into classrooms observing. She will also likely be your first point of contact at the Welfare Reception and is already proving to be a great asset.

Last year we introduced a new child focused role in school for Anti Bullying Ambassadors. Over the next couple of weeks the Welfare Team will be talking to the Year 6 teachers and looking to appoint two Year 6 children that we feel will fill that role for this year.

As our Year 6 Community Cadets have moved on we will be looking for a new group of children to also fill this role. The Year 5 children will be spoken to about what the role is and will have the opportunity to volunteer. Names will be drawn from those interested. Councillor Rush will continue to support that group of children in school.

We will welcome back our school Counsellor, Philip Boddey, on the 19th September. He sees five children each of the two days that he is in school. He is a very valuable resource and we are extremely lucky that Mrs Martin places such a great emphasis on the children's wellbeing.

Please note that our School Nurse Allison Bellamy will be holding a School Nurse Drop In on Thursday 28th September from 9am until 10am. Please feel free to just pop in and chat with her about any health related issues in respect of your children between those times.

A large number of staff have been trained on the use of an EpiPen as we do have children in school who have serious allergies. With this in mind, can I please ask that you do not send peanuts or peanut related food into school.

I have been walking through the dining room this last few days and have seen some very healthy lunch boxes. Thank you parents for packing up such wonderful healthy treats. It is so nice to see the children enjoying carrot and cucumber sticks, grapes, cheese and all kinds of fruit.

We have some wonderful events planned for this next few weeks including Harvest, Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying Week. The children have started their Enrichment lessons and have been telling me all about some of the lovely things that they have been learning in these sessions. I understand that in the charities group the children are supporting Annas Hope this year. We do encourage the children to think about others that are less fortunate than ourselves and already two girls have asked if they can arrange an event to raise money for the Red Cross appeal for the hurricane Irma and Harvey that has wreaked such havoc across America. With this in mind we are having a toy sale closer to Christmas to raise funds for the Red Cross, please save any good quality toys that your children no longer play with for us. We hope that you will all support us just as amazingly as you have in the past.

As with each academic year, we have attendance targets that we are working towards. This year we are working towards a target of 96% and are already looking to see where we can make improvements to support parents and children with achieving this. Please help us by ensuring that your children are in school, on time, every day unless they are poorly. If your child is unable to attend school because they are unwell please also remember to call the school and leave us a message with reasons why they are now able to attend. This will save our Attendance Officer, Mrs Yeoman, lots of time in chasing parents for this information.

Finally, as you may be aware, last academic year the Year 5 pupils did lots of fundraising for the charity 'Anna's Hope' as part of their learning in school. Since then the pupils involved and many staff members have decided to take part in the Anna's Hope Fun run coming up in early October to help raise valuable funds for the charity which supports children and young people with brain tumours. We would just like to take a moment to wish everyone involved good luck and if anyone would like to sponsor the staff taking part please send in any donations to the office who will pass this on to one of the staff members getting involved. If you would like to get involved yourself, please go to the Anna's Hope website for further details.

We are looking forward to having our best ever year to date here at Southfields.
If you do have any concerns please do feel free to contact us at any time.

Mrs H Dawson Mrs H Yeoman Mrs D Campbell
Welfare Officer Attendance Officer Welfare Officer