



Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome to the December Newsletter. Christmas is almost here!

December is upon us already, it is our final week of term and we have achieved so much in our final few weeks of term.

We would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fete, it was once again a very festive and fun way to start the month and our run up to the end of term. Lots of fun was had by all with plenty of stalls, games and crafts to get involved with. One family even said "This is our favourite event we do as a family. We love it!"

Early on in the month we also had our Christmas



Jumper Day alongside our visit from the Panto company who shared a very special story of Aladdin. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I have seen some amazing work completed surrounding this, well done everyone.

Our own productions have all taken place, with Receptions today...super cute seeing all of the youngest children in the school on the stage performing their little hearts out. We are extremely proud of all of the children who have taken part, learnt lines, sang songs, danced and acted throughout. My cheeks are still aching from all of the smiling!



In between all of the performances, we have had our Purple Light Treat to the Ice Rink to watch Sleeping Beauty on Ice and our Christmas Party with our KS1 and additional Purple Light winners. Congratulations to everyone who earned a Purple Light for excellent behaviour this term. I am sure there will be many more children earning Purple Light next term as we look forward to the next treats.

To end our term we have got a very special visitor coming in to school tomorrow with gifts for all of the children following on from his special letters and reindeer food. This is followed by our final day of Talent

Shows, Games, Christmas Parties and DISCO. Remember that you can all come dressed in your favourite Christmas party clothes to join in the celebrations. I can not wait to see all the fantastic talents that have made it through to the final...I wonder who the winners will be this year.

Just a little reminder that tomorrow we have the wonderful Charlie coming into school for Pupil Haircuts. If you have booked an appointment, please make your way to the main school office at your appointment time. Thank you again to Charlie for offering such an amazing service for our children and families, cutting pupil premium children's hair for free or other pupils at a significantly lower price.



How have we got to the end of the first term already? It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back from the summer holidays. As we reflect on the term and look forward to the next, it has been a fantastic term and one that we can be proud of with our very early visit from Ofsted gaining our 'Good' inspection and starting off our new academic year positively. We would like to thank once again, all of the families and friends of the school for their continued enthusiasm, support and well wishes throughout the process. We are very blessed to have such wonderful families with amazing support.

The rest of the term now feels like it has sped at a bit of a blur but if we look back we have had numerous visitors into school, taken part in many off site day visits, completed sporting activities here, there and everywhere, competed in other curriculum events such as the English Challenge which we won and move onto the final next term. We have also completed our learning of all of our wonderful topics, had parents meetings, cafes and evenings galore to talk about your children and their education.

As we move towards a brand new year, have a think as a family about what your New Years Resolutions might be for this coming year. What are you going to really work on or would like to achieve over the next year? It would be a really good time to think about everything that has happened this year, what we have done really well and where maybe we could do a little bit better. I look forward to hearing some of the children's own resolutions in the New Year.

Next academic year sees many new opportunities and we are particularly excited about our first Ski visit embarking mid January. Mrs King and I flew over to the resort in France two weeks ago, over a weekend, to complete our risk assessments and...wow! The children are going to have an amazing time. Thank you so much to all of the parents and children for their enthusiasm and support with this visit. We cannot wait to tell you all about it on our return.

Snow or Flood Closures

With the colder weather approaching and the recent flooding sweeping the nation, please could I take a little time to explain the school's weather closure procedures.

If in the event that the school needs to close we will parent pay in the first instance, update the school website, send a Class Dojo message and parents can listen to 'Heart FM' on 102.7 where all of the Peterborough school closure announcements will be made. This can also be found on their web site www.heartpeterborough.co.uk.

Posters will then also be put on the external gates by the caretaker.

We try not to close the school as we are very aware that childcare arrangements can be very difficult at short notice and unless the weather is very severe the school will endeavour to stay open (also we love playing in the snow with the children!). This is also very dependent on staff being able to arrive at school as we have many staff who drive as long as an hour to reach us.

If we are able to remain open, please could children bring extra clothes, (warm jumpers, wellies, socks and trousers or snow gear if you have any, warm hats and gloves...oh and a carrot for the snowman's nose...we always run out!) two lots if they love being outside and then they will have a change if they get wet.



BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Dylan, Amelia, Tobius, Oliver, Callen, Caitlin, Abolaji, Kaylee, Ajay, Amber, Oskar, Mason, Ariana, Daniel, Dante, Mckenzie, Lucas, Mea Maree, Anaiya, Neo, Melissa, Gracie-mae, Kaleb, Danny, Lewis, Kahkashan, Jessie, Alexandra, Giovanni, Dexter, Fatimah, John-Joe, Natalia, Leonie, Lily-Mae, Keira, Julia, Alexis, Niamh, Maisie, Amber, Freddie, Jamie, Leon, Lena, Rosie, Leo and Jayden.

Happy birthday everyone!



Outside of school, lots of our children get involved with a variety of sports, music and other interests to which they excel in. Each month we would like to take the opportunity to recognise some of those pupils and share their successes with you all.

If you would like your child to be featured in the future, please email Mrs King with the subject 'Amazing things I've done at home' followed by your photos and information regarding their success.

This month we would like to congratulate Ruby, Ema and Cerys for their fantastic achievements.



Ruby took her first musical theatre exam and received an distinction!! What an amazing achievement. We cannot wait to see you on Britains Got Talent in the near future...can we have your autograph now please?!

Ema has been working extremely hard at her swimming and took on and achieved her Gold Swimming Challenge Award...wow! Well done Ema :)

Cerys recently took part in the Peterborough Gang Show along with a cast of over 80 scouts from across Peterborough (and including a few other Southfields pupils too!) taking over the Key Theatre for a week of shows. They sang, dances and entertained the audiences. Well done to Cerys and all of the other Southfields pupils who took part, what a fantastic opportunity and achievement.



We would also like to congratulation Imogen on her ongoing success with her martial arts, achieving extremely well at their end of year awards ceremony :) well done Imogen!





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Monday 16th - Year R productions
 Tuesday 17th - 🎅 visits school
 Thursday 17th - Pupil Haircuts
 Wednesday 18th - Talent Show, Xmas dinner and DISCO
 Wednesday 18th - End of term - No Explorers Club

January 2020

Monday 6th - Term opens
 Thursday 9th - PTA AGM
 Monday 13th - Y6 Motivational workshops
 Wednesday 15th - Full Governing Body Meeting
 Friday 18th-25th - Ski Visit to France
 Tuesday 21st - English Challenge Final at Town Hall
 Wednesday 29th - Y1 Multi Skills at Stanground Academy

February 2020

Monday 5th - Y5 to Jorvik Centre
 Tuesday 4th - Y4 Explorers Academy - Mountain Adventure
 Wednesday 5th - Y6 Explorers Academy - A journey to the rainforest
 Thursday 7th - Inclusion Cafe
 Thursday 7th - Children's Mental Health Day
 Monday 10th - 14th - Y2 Stibbington Residential week
 Tuesday 11th - Y3 group to 999 Club
 Wednesday 12th - Valentines DISCO
 Thursday 13th - Parent Rep Meeting
 Monday 17th-21st - Half Term Break
 Wednesday 26th - Y4 Sports Hall Athletics at Stanground Academy

2019-2020 TERM DATES

Spring Term 2019

Opens Monday 6th January
 Half term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
 End - Wednesday 1st April

Summer Term 2019

Opens - Monday 20th April
 May Day - Friday 8th May
 Half term - 25th to 29th May
 Ends - Tuesday 21st July

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 the 'Comments Box' located in the main school office.

Christmas is here!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you all very much for your kind messages, cards, gifts and well wishes for the festive period. We hope that whether you celebrate this time of year or not that you have a wonderful break with your families and make fantastic memories.

See you all on the 6th January 2020!

With love from Mrs Martin, Mrs King and all of the Southfields Team xxx

