



Headteacher Newsletter

October 2016



I can hardly believe I am writing the October Newsletter already. The school year has begun well and September has brought us some fabulous weather we have all enjoyed. The school swimming pool for the first time ever has remained open throughout September which is fantastic. We have launched the new website and look forward to any comments you would like to make regarding likes and ideas for further improvements. A big thank you to one of our talented parents who took some beautiful images to add to the site this year 'Olivers Daddy'.

We have met with the parent representatives in September and they will be writing to you all soon.

Thank you for all of the inquiries regarding Mrs Williamson our Deputy she is off long term sick but hope to have news of her return soon. If you have any cards you would like to send please leave them with the school office and we will pass them on to her.

Reception pupils have settled in exceptionally well in fact we think they have all been at school secretly for years as they have been so wonderful and thriving in Reception. A big thank you to all of the parents for your wonderful comments and kindness to the staff regarding your praise for the team. Well done Mrs Lloyd Head of EYFS and her team :)

We have had a wonderful September and here are some of the highlights. The pupils in KS1 and EYFS enjoyed a theatre production of 'Dotty the Dragon' and KS2 'The Little Princess' and they all enjoyed the workshops that followed to inspire their reading and writing.

We began Enrichment this year with the mixed houses working together a list of the activities are listed on the next page which the pupils have fully embraced. We have been inspired by the Maths Madness Club and this began last week for this term.

Year 5 had a wonderful day working with Sustrans on a Bike Safety Project which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

In addition to this we also began our own school clubs with a staggering amount of choice—A big thank you to staff for supporting these extended school opportunities for the children.

Last week we invited parents back to school in the evening to host an evening for the Stibbington Residential for Year 2; this was very well attended and the children are now very excited about taking part in this educational residential early next term.

Last week we also invited Zoo Lab into school to meet the Year 6 with their strange and unusual animals and insects which the children held and were educated about the characteristics of each.

This week we will begin our work on making links with the Local Library by making good links with them and ensuring all of the pupils have had the opportunity to join and select books.

This week we will be taking the Year 1 to Hamerton Zoo which links with their Topic work, as well as Year 6 will visit Woburn Safari Park as part of their Science Course work.

In October and November we will also be taking the year 5 to the Science Space Centre, hosting reading workshop sessions for parents, having our class photographs, inviting year 6 parents to a SATS evening, Performing a Harvest Assembly, having a school disco, A Greek day for year 6, Year 5 singing event at the theatre, Parents Evenings, Evacuating Year 3 as part of their topic work.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS

- Masie achieved her second Dan—wow an incredible achievement for a pupil so young—we are all proud of you
- Two school gymnasts won regional competitions
- Several Majorettes won National Trophies
- Parent Representatives group met to support the school improvement
- Strange Creatures visited the school to meet the Year 6
- Year 5 took part in a national project on bike safety
- Two theatre companies visited the school to inspire the children in reading and writing
- The New children in EYFS settled in amazingly well



Enrichment Begins 2016-17

Enrichment is a unique feature of the school where we provide enriched activities for the pupils whilst they work in groups across their age phase in their houses.

This year we have responded to the schools priority of improving reading and writing by making links throughout all of the enriched activities we have also surveyed the pupils on what they enjoy and want more experience doing as well as responding to national and school initiatives. Listed below are this years enrichment activities:

KS1:

Story Telling, Forest School, Right and Wrong, Traditional Games, Cooking, Morals in Stories, Dance, Music and Lyrics, Art, Staying Healthy, Computing, French.

KS2:

Story Telling, Forest School, Law, Sewing Machines, Food4Life, War and Conflict, Dance, Wildlife, Staying Healthy, British Values, French, Charity, Fitness, Comic Books.



AWARDS FOR LAST MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2016

Achievement Awards

Annelise W, Filip K, Aston R, Antoni R, Sally N, Sophie C, Christabel H, Louise F, Adam G, Edward J, Caitlin R, Miley S, Marcus L, Jakob B, Seren M, Katya L, Gemma B, Lola D, Charlie H, Callum K, Emily S, Jessica B, Amelia E, Tyler A, Paige C, Sophie H, Lucy H, Dorian D, Noah P, Freya B, Milan M, Amber N, Liam S, Finley F, Freddie M, Theo B, Massimo R, Benjamin S, Ousman N, Jaiden P,

Marvellous Manners

Dhiran J, Grace L, Patrick R, Jonah S, Isabelle T.

Punctual Attendance

Ruby B, Ruby C, Ruby AB, Neo B, Eva BH, Hollie B, Julia B, Elisa A, Oliver B, Dexter B, Diaras B, Theo B, Oliver A, Tyler B, Fatimah A, Noah B, Zakariys A, Charlie A, Edward B, Tyler A, Georgia AP, Sian A, Mateusz B, Zoe B, Freya B, Scarlett A, Coby B, Michal B, Jack P, Frankie B, Amelie C, Sophie Z, Emily M, Modestas S, Jude I, Luca S, Daiton H, Sebastian B, Edward J, Kai D, Orlanda D, Harrison S, Alysha W, Ellis A, Aaron F, Darcey S, Freya B, Jessica M, Henry C, Jaydee B, Willow M, Bilal K, Logan VT, Bradley L, Amber C, Jack P, Caitlin R, Amelie F,

HARVEST CELEBRATION



Southfields is proud of the Charity work it undertakes and with a very pro-active Pupil Charity Group things are always going on to raise awareness and support the community beyond the school.

This half term two year 3 classes will perform the Harvest Assembly as well as oversee the display and collection which this year will be donated to the Soup Kitchen following the work of students earlier this year.

We ask children and parents to bring along tins and food packets to donate to this worthwhile cause. A letter will follow from the children with further details.

A lovely Story to read about Squeak the Mouse

Meet Squeak the harvest mouse. He lives in the hedgerows around the fields where the farmer grows the wheat. This story is about when the weather was becoming cold and Squeak decided it was time to find a new, cosy place to build his nest.

Squeak set out on an adventure to find a new home. Scurrying along at top speed Squeak dashed here and there - across fields where the farmer was working and through hedges. All the time using his amazing hearing to listen out for any danger. At last Squeak arrived at Southfields Primary School in the playground.

.....Oh children :(the rest of the story has been lost ... I wonder if you could help me finish it ?

I do know this thoughthat Squeak visited the children at Southfields to help him learn about the Harvest and took part in an assembly and visited the Soup Kitchen and found a new home with one special pupil who helped him. Can you help me finish the story there is a lovely prize I think Squeak would love you to win.



Win me :)



BIRTHDAYS

October



Kitana C, Jason K, Filip K, Daniel J, Jagpreet S, Louisa H, Sally N, Ade-wonuola O, Jaiden P, Sophie L, Lucas M, Thomas M, Zack S, Charlotte SH, Ashley P, Eva BH, Adam G, Aaron F, Sophie Z, Alfie J, Elizabeth P, Kyla M, Imman Q, Kieran TP, Kady C, Ella H, Macy W, Caitlin R, Jindrich S, Mia R, Aisha S, Jack S, Ella M, Anna G, Charlie H, Jonah S, Keeley R, Shea F, Isla S, Wilson Z, Taylor G, Elijah H, Marcus L, Phoebe W.

House Point Winners

September 2016

KS1 Kings

Diaras, Tyler , Oliver

KS1 Queens

Harleigh, Sophia, Diryana

KS2 Kings

Dominykas, Logan, Josh

KS2 Queens

Melisa, Lexi, Christabel

Year Scores to Date

2016-17

1st Parrots 854

2nd Kingfishers 829

3rd Robins 783

4th Canaries 699



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