



Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome back to the Spring Term 2017...how is it possible that we are already in 2017?!!

I am pleased to say that we have had a fantastic start to the brand new year and all the children are working very hard, although some are still a little bit tired from all the festive family fun so a few early nights this week I think.

While we are thinking of getting ourselves back to school, can I remind you all that the school needs to be secured for all children's safety at 8:50am, so please ensure that all pupils are in school by this time. We have seen an improvement in this area but know that there is still room for improvement. Our admin and Welfare team are still needing to record, escort and telephone parents which is using up valuable time.

As you will already be aware, we said a farewell to Mrs Williamson at the end of December. We spent lots of time trying to decide the best way forward for our school and have made two appointments to continue on with her role. So we welcome back Mrs King who has been away on maternity leave with her second child who will be our KS2 Deputy and Mrs Farooq-Ayub will take on the responsibilities for KS1.

The Spring term is longer than usual this year, so we have packed it full of exciting learning opportunities for the children to enjoy. This term we see three year groups go off on their residential adventures starting with the Year 2's at Stibbington in February, followed by the Year 3's at Aylmerton and Year 4's at Horstead. All information regarding these visits will be coming home shortly if you have not already received it.

Next week clubs will resume once again. You should have received a letter with all of the new clubs available for the term. Please return the slips promptly so that arrangements can be made for all children. Letters will be sent home to confirm places.

As your child's Head Teacher, it is very important to myself and the school staff that your child enjoys coming to school and is enthusiastic about their learning. Please could you continue to ensure you read the learning diary and add a parental comment in the parent section so that we also have your feedback about learning. To achieve high quality learning diaries, we will endeavour to spend as much time as we can with the children to complete them until they are independent and can be completed at home.

The staff and I always meet and greet our families at the beginning and end of the day. We like to take the time to get to know our families and gather feedback on what is happening in school each day. If you have any suggestions you would like to contribute please complete the Parents Comment slip at the back of this letter and return it to school. We try as much as possible to use all parents ideas in our daily work - thank you for your support.

In the last Newsletter, I mentioned about our school philosophy being based around kindness, dignity and respect. Please continue to bare this in mind when speaking to members of staff. We understand that everyone has different views and we do appreciate your opinions, but please can we ask that you think carefully about how you communicate these.



Highlights from the past few weeks

The children performed their Christmas plays, 40 in total!

Santa came to visit us :) we were all on the nice list yippee

We had another very successful Christmas Craft event

We enjoyed another wonderful Christingle service at St John's the Baptist Church

Christmas jumper day was a huge success and we raised £291 for school - thank you for your continued to support with our fundraising events

A final thank you to those who made donations for our Christmas productions. We made an incredible £577.90 which will go towards our new stage lighting costing £1300.00

New Years Resolutions

What will yours be?

The New Year stands before us like a fresh chapter in a book. What will you write for the next chapter in your book? It is entirely up to you. By setting your own resolutions, you are taking the first step to make sure that it is a good great chapter. Many people think about ways they can improve a specific skill. Others think about how they can adapt their lifestyles by eating more healthily or doing a bit more exercise. We would love to hear what you are planning to write in your own books. Please share your resolutions with us - we will use any you send in to create our own big book of resolutions.



Snow Day?

School closure information



With the colder weather approaching, 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, teachers will 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.

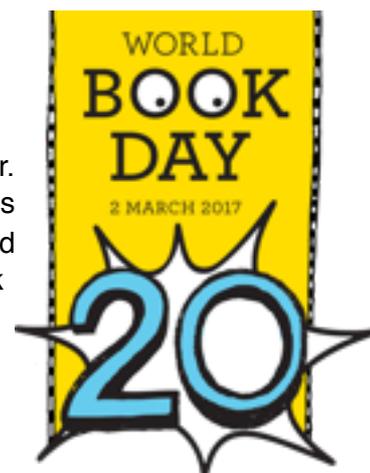
We try not to close the school as we are very aware that child care arrangements can be very difficult at short notice and unless the weather is very severe the school will endeavour to stay open (also I love playing in the snow with the children!). This is also very dependent on staff being able to 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 snow man's nose...we always run out!) two lots if they love being outside and then they will have a change if they get wet.

World Book Day

2nd March 2017

Once again we will be celebrating World Book Day as it goes into it's 20th year. Details will follow shortly to give you all a heads up on this years theme. We will, as with every year, be setting up some fab competitions alongside the day and encourage everyone to get involved with this wonderful national event. Take a look at the website for more details and for some inspiration. On the website you can also find a list of books that can be purchased for just £1 using the token that will be sent home on the day: www.worldbookday.com

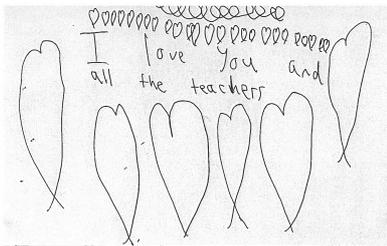


A thank you from the children

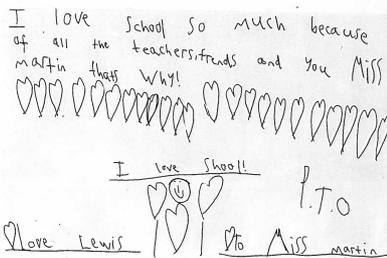
Being thankful for the things you have and the opportunities you are given sets you up with a positive mindset. We always appreciate when parents and children show their gratitude towards members of staff who work hard day in and out to provide the very best education they can for your children. Last term I came across a few letters that children had taken upon themselves to write and I thought I would share them with you.

Last term Mrs Pardoe and Miss Smith organised a fantastic session for the Year 6's with Colin Pawson a professional football referee. Jack sent in a lovely letter for Colin, to thank him for teaching him all about a different type of football! We love how this session has inspired Jack to go for his dreams of becoming a professional footballer. We can't wait to see you achieving your dreams Jack!

Dear Craig Pawson,
Thank you for coming to Southfields to talk to us about football. I thoroughly enjoyed playing the new type of football, where we were sitting on our bottoms kicking the ball with our feet and bum shuffling. We played football inside as the grass was too wet. This experience has inspired me to become a professional football player in the future. I wish you all the best while refereeing football matches,
good luck
from
Jack Putton



I personally received a beautiful letter from Lewis, telling me how much he loves school because of all the teachers, friends and myself. It really made me and all of the staff smile - thank you for taking the time to make this for us :)



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:
Chloe P, Nicholas DS, Simone B, Saskia S, Grace L, Nathan P, Marcelina B, Christabel H, Jessica B, Keisha F and Arslan S.

Achievements KS1:

Alexandra T, Diaras B, Charlie A, Mateusz B, Avika Y, Faith S, Enija M, Aimee CD, Imogen G, Hermione L, Jake AB, Lexie K, Malou S, Sophie L, Maisie D, Neo B, Evan Q and Rebecca R.

Achievements KS2:

Mia F, Madison P, Harry S, Katie N, Thomas P, Malachi JS, Amber C, Jack T, Jack P and Elliott H.

Mathletics:

Zulaikha K and Dhiran J.



Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is organised by Insafe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world.

We feel that this is an extremely important topic so will be holding our own Safer Internet Day to teach the children the importance of being safe online. More information about this and how parents can get involved will follow shortly.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Aimee CD, Katie N, Scott T, Archie J, Henry T, Nicole H, Christian C, Lora L, Jessica P, Grace R, Manprett S, Benjamin S, Elizabeth D, Weronika G, James C, Scarlett H, Patriks Z, Dorian D, Misie D, Freddy H, Zulaikha K, Lauren L, Sanjana P, Benjamin H, Olivia S, Saskia S, Riley AT, Arslan BS, Ugne B, Callum F, Melisa N, Mia B, Robert G, Kieran H, Frank J, Bradley L, Gracie L, Isobelle V, Farhan C, Samuel J, Cerin MB, Giovanni B, Jake G, Jakub G, Jayce U, Eliza A, Holly B, Jacob B, Amelie C, Muhammad K, Martyna L, Tyler A, Xavier B, Jake B, Lexie K, Joshua P, Divyana P, Tamara C, Logan M, Logan C and Evalyn S.

HOUSE WINNERS

KS1 - King: Ashton J (GW)

Queen: Hollie B (JW)

KS2 - King: Riley (JA)

Queen: Cailin (RFA)

END OF TERM RESULTS

1st Parrots	2352
2nd Kingfishers	2337
3rd Robins	2332
4th Canaries	2203



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.

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.

Happy New Year Everyone

Love from Mrs Martin and the Southfields Team xxx

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

School Nurse Drop in 11.01.17

Clubs 1st week 16.01.17

School Nurse Drop in 18.01.17

Year 1 Multiskills 20.01.17

February

Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics 03.02.17

Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition
07.02.17

Class photos and Yr 6 Individual
08.02.17

Internet Safety Day 09.02.17

Valentines Disco 10.02.17

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017

Opens Wednesday 4th January

Half term - Monday 20th to Friday

24th February

End - Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Opens - Wednesday 26th April

May Day - Monday 1st May

Half term - Monday 29th May to

Friday 2nd June

Ends - Thursday 20th July