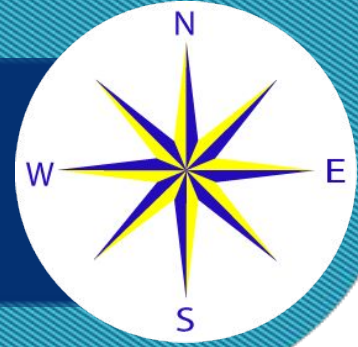


Friday 8th September 2023

THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new academic year at Southern Road! I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As we begin a new academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the return of our students and share some important information with you in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all the staff, pupils, parents and carers for making me feel so welcome this week. As the newest member of the Southern Road family, I feel honoured to be part of this community and I can already see why this is special school for learning, friendship and lifelong memories!

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and settle so well into their new classes and we are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception pupils next week.

Lastly, I would like to remind you of the importance of open communication between home and school. We value your feedback and encourage you to reach out to us with any concerns or suggestions you may have. Together, we can continue to provide the best education and support for our students.

Social Media

To keep up-to-date with school events please do follow our social media pages. We can be found on Facebook and using the following @southernroadpri on Twitter.

Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the sun whilst it lasts and see you on Monday for another exciting week at Southern Road!

Best wishes,
Mr Aloum

School Values

This week in class and during assembly, we have been speaking to the children about the school values and how these values will help them succeed in school and in their everyday lives.

- Strive

Always try your best

- Resilience

Never give up

- Pride

Be proud of your achievements and those of others

- Success

Aim high and you will succeed!



Meet The Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' parent/carer meeting, which will be held in the KS2 Hall at 8.50am until 9.20am

Year 6 - Monday 11th September

Year 4 - Tuesday 12th September

Reception - Wednesday 13th September

Year 1 - Thursday 14th September

Nursery - Friday 15th September

Year 3 - Monday 18th September

Year 5 - Tuesday 19th September

Year 2 - Wednesday 20th September

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TEACHER



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School Uniform

We expect all children to wear school uniform which consists of:

A white shirt or blouse

Grey or black trousers

Grey or black skirt or dress, or blue checked summer dress

A royal blue jumper, fleece or sweatshirt with the school badge on it

Black trainers or shoes only

Head scarves if worn for religious reasons should be black, white or school blue in colour.

Only studded earrings are allowed and jewellery worn for religious purposes.

Southern Road PE Kit

Black shorts or black jogging bottoms

Plain white PE T-shirt

Black plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with the child's name especially school sweatshirts and coats as it does make returning lost property much easier.

School uniform can be purchased from [Southern Road Primary School | Ian Howard Schoolwear](#)



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Safeguarding

At Southern Road, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the physical, mental and emotional welfare of every pupil, both inside and outside of the school premises. We implement a whole-school preventative approach to managing safeguarding concerns, ensuring that the wellbeing of pupils is at the forefront of all action taken.

What to do if you are concerned about a child?

Adults have a responsibility to share any concerns they have, even when they may have some doubts as to whether a child is being harmed. If you are concerned about a child, speak to someone. This might be a health visitor, teacher, family doctor, social worker or police officer. You can also contact the school and request to speak to one of the safeguarding leads who are: Ms Yearnshire, Ms Lawrence, Ms Crozier, Ms Bobat and Ms Henna

The school's safeguarding policy can be found on our website.



Attendance

I cannot stress enough the significance of regular attendance in primary school. Attending school every day not only ensures that your child does not miss out on valuable learning opportunities but also helps them develop a sense of routine, responsibility, and discipline. Moreover, research has shown that consistent attendance leads to improved academic performance, increased social interaction, and enhanced overall well-being.

Should your child be unable to attend due to illness or any other unavoidable circumstances, we kindly request that you inform the school as soon as possible. No holidays will be authorised during term time.

Our school gates open at 8:35 and the school day begins at 8:45 and ends at 3:00pm.



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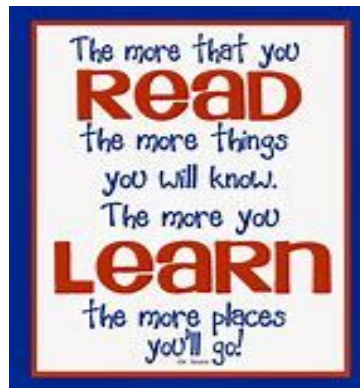
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Homework

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading log. Children in upper KS2 can read independently.

Reading logs should be stored in their bookbag and brought into school every day. These will be checked weekly by the class teacher.

Please practise spellings and times tables at home every week.

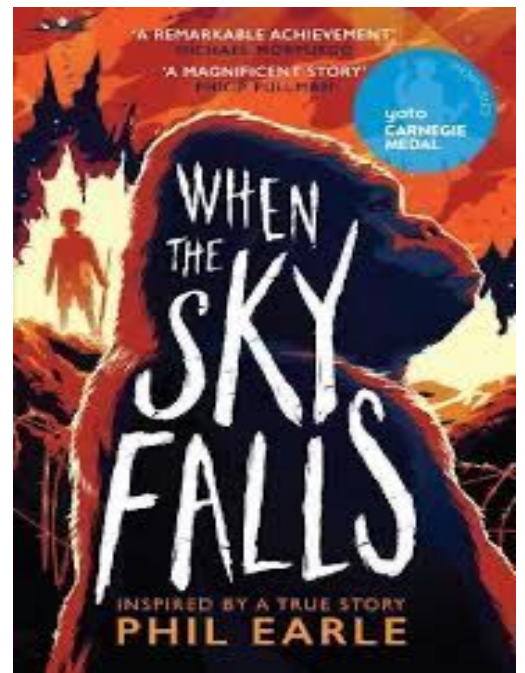


Book Review

When the Sky Falls

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should

it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it? An extraordinary story with historical and family truth at its heart, that tells us as much about the present as the past.



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Diary Dates

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Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th October 2023 - School closes at 1:15

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024

INSET Days

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

School re-opens for pupils on Monday 8th January 2024

Our school term dates for 2023-24 can be found on the school website.



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What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING



Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.



What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON



How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCH PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

