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Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will already know, unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Mr. Aloum yesterday. We were very sad to see him go and wish him all the best for the future. Ms. Yearnshire and I have been asked by the Governors to step up and lead the school pending the appointment of a new Headteacher later in the school year.

Both Ms. Yearnshire and I consider it a real privilege to have been entrusted to continue to lead this amazing school for the foreseeable future. Many of you will already know both of us, as we have been here at Southern Road working together as Deputy Headteachers for over 8 years. We are both honoured and delighted to take on the role of Acting Co-Headteachers and will continue to do our very utmost to ensure that we provide the best possible education, outcomes and experiences for the wonderful children of Southern Road Primary School.

If we are not familiar to you, please do not hesitate to come and say hello (we are always outside of the main reception every morning and afternoon) and as ever, if you have any concerns, worries or problems concerning your child's education, then do not hesitate to find one of us.

Ms. Yearnshire & Miss Lawrence



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Please Be On Time For School

There have been a number of children who have been arriving late for school every day. Please can we remind all parents that the gates open by 8:40am and the children must be in school by the time that the gates close at 8:50am.

Punctuality and attendance are extremely important and have a direct impact upon your child's chances of academic success. Even if your child is only 5 minutes late each day, they will miss 25 minutes of learning across the week.

The school does operate a Breakfast Club, please see the school office if you wish to apply for a place. More information is also available on school website.



Attendance

Just a reminder that holiday requests during term time will not be authorised. If parents do take their children out of school during term time (including to visit sick relatives abroad or for medical reasons) then in line with the local authority's strict guidance they should expect to receive a penalty notice. Currently this is £60 per parent per child. All travel information (i.e. outbound and return tickets) should be submitted via email to info@southernroadprimary.com in order to avoid your child being reported as missing from education during their period of absence.

Well done to 5LV! 100% of the class came to school every day!
Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1. 5LV	100%
2. 3GT	98.3%
3. 6VP	97.5%



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SPORTING ROUNDUP

Cross Country Fun

Last Friday, all of the children participated in a cross country event on the Lister School playing field. The children didn't let the windy conditions dampen their enthusiasm, as all of them bravely challenged themselves to complete the course to the best of their ability. Reception, year 1 and 2 ran 800 metres. The year 3 and 4 pupils ran 1.3km and the year 5 and 6 pupils ran 2 km.

Many of the staff also ran alongside the children. Well done everyone! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who came along to cheer on the pupils and as ever to Mr. Permaul whose enthusiasm and love of PE continues to rub off on all of the children.



Footballing Triumph

We have to say huge congratulations to our football teams, who competed against School 21 on Tuesday. The girls' team had a resounding victory as the final score was 4 - 1. The boys' team also had something to celebrate as they beat the opposing team 6-5. We are so very proud of you all and the great sportsmanship that you displayed.



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Year 3 Visit The Horniman Museum

As part of this term's History topic, pupils in Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum and Gardens. Pupils used artefacts displayed in the museum to further their learning of Britain through the Ages. The children explored the beliefs and achievements of people living in the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, and looked at how these influenced change through time. The pupils enjoyed having the opportunity to handle some of these artefacts and further explore aspects of Prehistoric Britain, including meeting some of the museum's furry and feathered residents inside the 'Animal Walk' section!



National Gallery Visit

Year 2 went to the National Gallery to view the work of artists Van Gogh and Cezanne. They really enjoyed getting to have a close look at this amazing artwork and discussing the artist's techniques and use of colour. They also got to see the lions at Trafalgar Square.



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Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 13th December– Winter Fair (children finish at 1:15pm. Fair starts at 1:30pm –3:30pm)

Thursday 14th December– School Christmas lunch & wear a Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December– Key Stage 1 Christmas performance at 2pm

Tuesday 19th December—Children’s Christmas parties

Wednesday 20th December– Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1:15pm

Monday 8th January 2024—Pupils return

Monday 12th -Friday 16th February 2024- Halfterm



Come along to our 'Read With Me' sessions,
where you get to read in class with your child.

Every Wednesdays:

8:40 - 8:55 for AM children

12:20 - 12:35 for PM children

Our first session will be on the 8th of November 2023

**Nursery parents and
carers only!**



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