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Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy, but extremely cold week, with the pupils settling back into their daily routines extremely quickly. With the dramatic drop in temperatures, the children have been coming to school wrapped up well with extra layers. However please ensure that all of your children's clothing and their water bottles have their names on them. This makes it far easier to identify if it is left in the playground, or is placed in the lost property.

We are extremely proud of the quality and range of sports that our children have the opportunity to undertake at Southern Road Primary. This week the year 2 pupils began Zumba lessons and the year 3 and 5 pupils started Boxercise lessons, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. There are more details of this further in the newsletter. We also look forward to welcoming our Reception parents for the first *Read With Me* session on Tuesday morning.

Enjoy your weekend!

Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire

Dates for Diaries

Monday 12th -Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term

Tuesday 23rd January -Reception Read With Me Session (8:45am-9am)

Tuesday 6th February -Reception Read With Me Session (8:45am-9am)

Tuesday 6th February- Year 4 Internet Safety Parent Assembly

Wednesday 20th March - Parent Consultation Meetings (school will close at 1.15pm)

Thursday 28th March- Last day of Spring Term. School closes at 1:15pm

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th March 2024- Spring break



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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 the 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 5NA! 98.1% of the class came to school every day!

Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st- 5NA (98.1%)

2nd - 2NW (97.2%)

3rd - 3GT (96.7%)





Exciting PE Lessons

Our pupils have enjoyed some very exciting PE lessons this week. They had the opportunity to try out some new ways of developing their fitness, stamina, flexibility and general love of sports by undertaking Zumba lessons and Boxercise lessons.



The year 5 and 6 children also competed in a table tennis competition at Rokeby School. We are so proud to say that they reached the final and did extremely well!

