





THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action packed week at Southern Road Primary School. We can not believe it is February already and as the year races by our sporting achievements continue to mount up. This week alone, both our girls' and boys' football teams defeated St. Stephens during two thrilling matches. Well done to Ms Burgess and Mr Petruk; their training programme is certainly paying off!

On Thursday one of our Year 5 classes had the great privilege of visiting Lister Community School to view a performance of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. The feedback was fantastic and they thoroughly enjoyed the show.

If you have a child in Year 4 please do not miss their assembly which takes place on Tuesday morning. Also on Tuesday, there will be another 'Read With Me session' for Reception parents, so please do attend if you can.

On Friday 9th February (the last day before half term) the whole school will be celebrating 'Number Day'. For a £1.00 donation, the children will be permitted to wear non uniform on this day.

Further information is found in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire

Dates for Diaries

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

Tuesday 6th February -Reception Read With Me Session (8:45am-9am). Year 4 Internet Safety Parent Assembly 9.00am

Friday 9th February - Number Day, non uniform for a £1.00 donation

19th March- Cross Country

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 April 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 6WJ! 100% of the class came to school every day!

Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st- 6WJ (100%)

2nd - 1BE (98%)

3rd -3MC (97%)









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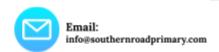
Fundraising QR Code

If you haven't already please sign up to our fundraising page. This can be used to earn school funds when you do any online shopping. Scan the code below using your smartphone to get started.











London Marathon 2024

On Tuesday 30th January, Key Stage 2 pupils had one of the most exciting assemblies that has ever taken place at Southern Road Primary. The members of the charity TCS (who are the sponsors of the London Marathon) delivered a special presentation to tell all of the staff and pupils that our very own Mr William Jenkins (year 6 teacher) has been selected for this year's London Marathon. He has managed to obtain one of the highly sought after places that is specially allocated for teachers by the TCS charity. Mr Jenkins fought off stiff competition and we are so thrilled that he has been awarded a place.

However, it wasn't just the fact that Mr Jenkins will be a competitor in the London Marathon 2024 that filled the hall with great excitement, but the charity also played a video that they had made last week whilst visiting the school. Some of the children in Mr Jenkins's class spoke so eloquently about the way that he inspires them to always try their best during the daily mile and to never give up in all that they do. Mr Jenkins also spoke about why he considers it so important that children participate in sport.

The charity brought along a mascot who proved to be a huge hit with all of the children, but there was another major surprise still to come. It was a video message from Olympic and marathon champion, Sir Mo Farah. He personally congratulated Mr Jenkins on being selected and said how impressed he was with the way that Southern Road Primary School children participate in sport. The London Marathon will take place on Sunday 21st April. We will all be cheering Mr Jenkins on and we wish him every success!







Number Day

On **Friday 9th February 2024**, we are taking part in Number Day. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. It also gives children the opportunity to apply mathematical skills. We are planning a fun day full of exciting maths activities. Each class will take part in a variety of fun mathematical activities; quizzes, puzzles, class activities and games.

Nursery/Reception and Key Stage One

As part of Number Day, we will also be taking part in Dress up for Digits where children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie). If children prefer, they can be as creative as they wish by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.





In support of Number Day we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1. We are all very much looking forward to a fun day full of wonderful maths activities and would love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.



If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Key Stage 2 Pupils on Number Day









Sports Update

Football Success

On Tuesday, Southern Road played St.Stephens primary school in the toughest match of the league so far. The boys played superbly well and won 6 - 0. The girls also played with passion and determination to withstand the strength of St. Stephen's girls team. Southern Road girls also won 2 - 1.





On Thursday, Southern Road played Tollgate Primary School. The boys played well against a powerful team in Tollgate. They were beaten 7 - 2 but never gave up hope. The girls were victorious in their match. They won 1 - 0. Well done to Zara, who scored the winning goal.

Both teams have played 4 games so far this year and both the boys and the girls sit on top of their leagues. The boys have 9 points from 4 games and the girls have 12 points.

Gymnastics

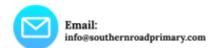
This week our year 5 children have continued to have gymnastics lessons, where they have been coached by the staff and year 10 pupils from Lister school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons, where they have been working on paired shapes and counter balance.













These children had the biggest improvement in their speed sounds



Erika in 4DL is 13.96 seconds faster than last week!



Eisa in 4DL by 7.42 seconds faster!



Shafia in 3TP by 5.18 seconds faster!

Southern Road Most Played

1.3MC & 3TP 100%

2. 4CW 97%

3 4DL 96%

4. 6LT 93%

5. 6WJ 90%

6. 5LV 89%

7. 3GT 87% 6VP 86%

8. 5NA 85%





