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Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Headteacher's Update

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has been another action packed week at Southern Road Primary School with so many exciting things happening. Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who attended the Parent Consultation Meetings either in person or online. It is so beneficial to your child's academic progress when parents and the teachers are able to discuss together areas of strength and any points for improvement that can be worked on at home, so thank you all very much for participating. We had huge response to our parent survey it is always welcoming to hear such overwhelmingly positive comments. We will share an overview of the responses after the Easter holidays. There is still time to complete it if you haven't already done so, the link is on page 4.

On Tuesday we also had the Cross Country event which took place over on the field. Again the turn out of our parents was excellent and the way that you cheered the children on, really helped them to persevere no matter how hard they found it.

We have our PTA's first event on Monday, a pre-loved uniform sale, this will be in the playground at 3pm. Please do have a look and see if there is anything that you like.

Please remember that school finishes for children at **1.15pm on Thursday 28th March** and we hope everyone has a relaxing break.

As ever we thank you for your support and hope that you have a wonderful weekend!
Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire



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Fairplay House 2024

Last week, a group of year 5 and 6 pupils went on a residential visit to Fairplay House, which is located in Maldon. Fairplay House is a huge outdoor education centre! Let us tell you about our week!



Monday- We settled in and unpacked our bags in our rooms. Then we had our first meeting with the instructors, where we learned the safety rules for the week and the 3 core values; these were resilience, teamwork and independence.

Our activity that afternoon was 'Caving'. In the evening we did the 'Nightwalk' where you had to find your way back into Fairplay house without a map, we just had to remember the instructions. The walk was an intriguing experience, and all of the students loved it. We ended the day with a lovely hot chocolate.



Tuesday- We had our morning meeting in which we were introduced to our activities and we had our room inspections. Our activities for the day were the 'Zipwire' and the 'Woodland Challenge'. Before the zip wire, as with most of the activities, we were scared at first, but we soon changed our attitude when our instructor taught us the basics and we knew that everything was safe. That evening we relaxed in the lounge then were off to bed to have a good night's sleep.



Wednesday- We started the day with a scrumptious 3 course breakfast. We then went 'Orienteering' which was an enjoyable, muddy, and interesting adventure! Afterwards, we had lunch and then went on the 'Giant swing'. I really enjoyed hearing the whistling wind against my ears and the sights that beheld us upon our flights! Later we returned to the house and ended the day with a quiz which the year 5s won! This finished another exhausting yet marvellous day.

Thursday- We went 'Canoeing' and got ambushed by a lot of trees. This was funny but we ended up having a lovely time rowing our two boats. Next we had lunch which tasted brilliant. We then had our 'handy tips' meeting before heading out to 'Archery'. We had chicken with naan for dinner which was exquisite. That evening the souvenir store was open so that we could purchase souvenirs to remember our stay. Our day ended with the talent show which was won by a hilarious granny!

Friday- It was our last day at this magnificent house. We had the last morning meeting where Lawling won the room inspections by 1 single point - we were buzzing. Then it was time for our final activity - the 'High Ropes'! Now all of our challenges were done, so we ate lunch and headed home with our heads held high. We had so much fun at Fair Play House and we left with so many wonderful memories that will always be in our head.

By Joanna Abbas and Uzair Hussain



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Attendance Matters



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!

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st =	5LV	100%
2nd =	1BE	96%
3rd =	5NA	95.5%

Which class will be the winners next week?

Parent's Survey

2024

If you have not done so already we would really appreciate it if you could complete this parent survey. We are proud of our strong relationships with parents but are always looking for feedback on what areas we can develop further. Please scan the QR code to complete the parent survey.



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It's been a busy week on Times Table Rockstars and it's time for the results!

Samir in 6LT is 5.66s seconds faster!

1st

Hussain in 3MC is 2.08s faster!

2nd

Sadam in 3MC is 1.26s faster!

3rd

Southern Road most Played!

1. 3MC 97%
4CW 97%
4DL 97%
6LT 97%
2. 5NA 96%
5LV 96%
3. 3TP 93%
4. 6WJ 83%
5. 3GT 70%
6. 6VP 46%

The Barbican Centre

This week, Year 2 and Year 4 went to the Barbican Centre to participate in concerts played by the London Symphony Orchestra. The themes of the concerts were Musical Mechanics (KS1) and Heroes, Villains and Outlaws (KS2). The children learnt songs, dances and actions in our music lessons, which they performed brilliantly during the concerts, and listened to a variety of music by many composers including Prokofiev, Rossini, Scott Joplin, Tchaikovsky, John Williams and Rachel Leach.

Everyone had a fantastic time at the concerts and the children's behaviour was excellent on both days. We would also like to thank all of the parents and carers who volunteered their time to support the visits.

Contact Details

Parents/Carers, if your contact details have changed please can you update the school office. It is really important we have up to date telephone numbers so that we can reach you during the school day in case of an emergency. You can email info@southernroadprimary.com with any changes to address or telephone number. Many thanks.



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Dates for Diaries

Monday 25th March
Pre-loved uniform sale, 3.00pm

Thursday 28th March
Last Day of Term.
(School closes at 1.15pm)

**Friday 29th March -
Friday 12th April**
Spring Break

Thursday 2nd May
School closed for polling day

Key Information:

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Thursday 28th March, School will close at 1:15pm for all children.

Thursday 2nd of May, School will be closed for polling day

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra Curricular Clubs have finished and a new set of clubs for next term will be offered in the new term.

SMART CLUB

please remember to book 4 days in advance, the system will no longer allow you to book after this time. This means that your child will not have a place and be unable to attend.

There will be no Smart club on the last day of term.

Term dates for next year are available on our school website.

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Fundraising QR Code

Southern Road Primary School - E13



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.

Toddler group

Our Toddler group runs on Tuesdays at 9am till 11am. Come to the main office and Ms Henna will collect you. There is a 50p charge for a hot drink, fruit and milk for children.



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Friends of Southern Road Southern Road Primary School Parents and Teachers Association

BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

**IMPROVE
YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**
Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

JOIN US!

PTA

The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. They can help to raise vital funds which are then spent on improving children's education. We are still looking for members, if you wish to be involved please email info@southernroadprimary.com for more information.