

# THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



## Headteacher's Update

Thursday 28th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here at Southern Road we have made it to the end of another busy term! There was no winding down this week; our PTA held their first event raising over £50 on Monday afternoon and we are very excited as it is the start of many more events to follow. Thank you to all involved!

We have had some football matches that have taken place this week and Ms Burgess has provided an update for us on page 2. We would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children who have had an intensive few days of SATS practice! We are so proud of their efforts and know that they will be more than ready for the real thing in May.

I think staff (and children) would agree that this two week break is well deserved! We hope that your families have a restful and enjoyable time over the next two weeks and of course that those of you celebrating Eid have a wonderful time.

We look forward to seeing everyone return on 15th April.  
Many thanks,

Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire



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## Special Award

Ms Smart works tirelessly to provide breakfast, not only for our children in breakfast club but she also organises the bagel distribution around the school. She was awarded with a special certificate this week. Well done to Ms Smart!

### BREAKFAST CHAMPION AWARD

THE FOLLOWING AWARD IS GIVEN TO

*Jacinta Smart*

Thank you for the amazing work you do helping with breakfast at your school and for going above and beyond. We really appreciate your contribution.

From us all at the National School Breakfast Programme



It has been a full on half term for the boys' and girls' football teams. They have worked really hard at the 3 home games that they played in March.

On Monday 11th March, Southern Road played West Ham Church school and the boys and girls won these games. The boys won 8-0 and the girls won 4-0.

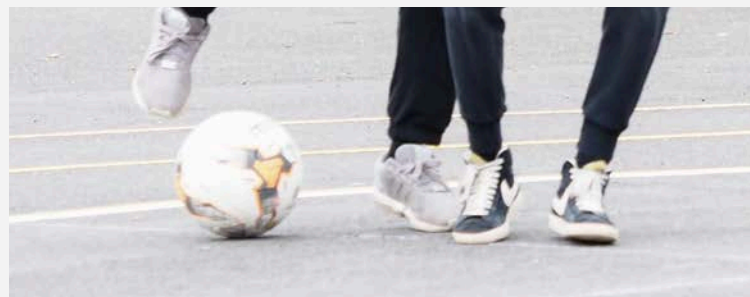
In the same week on Friday 15th March, Southern Road played Tollgate Primary. This game was really tough especially for the boys who were beaten 5-0. It was a better result for the girls who won 2-0.

This week on Monday 25th March, Southern Road played School 21. This game was Southern Road's last home game of the season. The boys managed to gain a 2-0 victory. The girls won 1-0 following an amazing goal scored by Lipika..

The girls are now in the final as they are currently top of the league.

The boys are waiting for the other school's results.

Well done to both teams.  
Ms Burgess



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# SWIMMING

Over the last 2 weeks, we have had a number of our ex-pupils completing their Year 10 work experience with us. One of whom was Margarita, which is a name you need to remember, as she has a very bright future ahead of her. Margarita is part of Newham swimming club and competes at a national and international level representing Bulgaria.

Whilst completing her work experience, she joined our KS2 celebration assembly to show the children 10 of her gold medals (which is only a few of her collection!). We also watched a clip of her swimming the 100m breaststroke in the English National Winter Championships which she won, breaking a record that had been held for the last 10 years. In these championships alone she won 7 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze and broke 4 records. Margarita is representing Bulgaria in an international competition next month, so we wish her the best of luck for this and all future competitions - hopefully one day it will be the Olympics!



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## Dates for Diaries

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

**Thursday 2nd May**  
School closed for polling day

**Monday 13th May**  
KS2 SATS week

## Key Information:

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

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

### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

A letter was sent out this week about Extra Curricular Clubs, please return this if you wish your child to take part.

### SMART CLUB

Please remember to book 7 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. We are also implementing a slight price increase of 50p per session from 15th April..

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

### CONTACT DETAILS

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](mailto:info@southernroadprimary.com) with any changes to address or telephone number. Many thanks.

## Fundraising QR Code

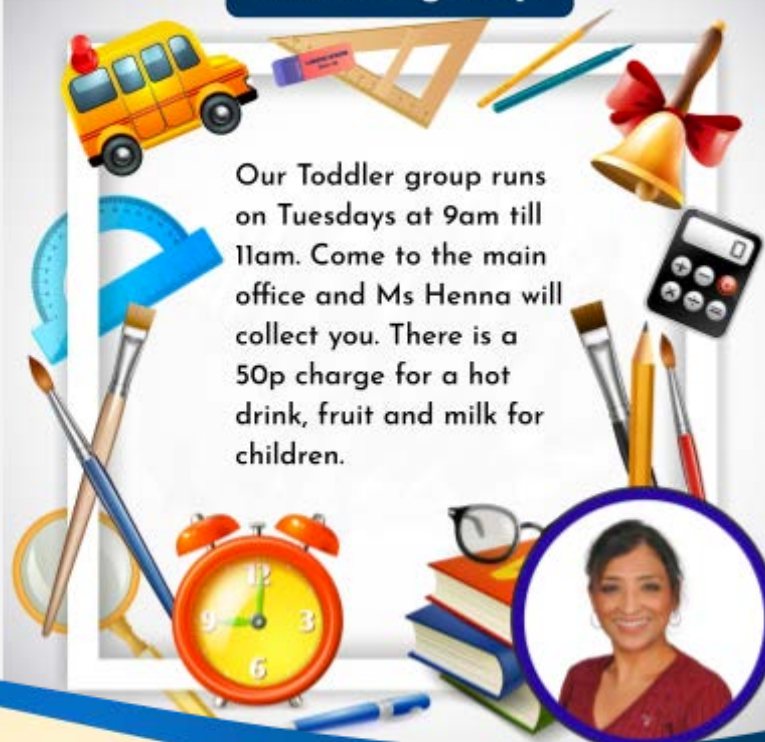
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If you haven't already please sign up to our fundraising page. This can be used to earn school funds when you do any online shopping. Scan the code below using your smartphone to get started.

## 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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### 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](mailto:info@southernroadprimary.com) in order to avoid your child being reported as missing from education during their period of absence.



### Well done to 6WJ!

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st =	6WJ	98.3%
2nd =	6LT & 2NW	96.6%
3rd =	6VP	96.4%

Which class will be the winners next time?

## Extra Curricular Clubs

The following clubs will continue as normal in the Summer term: Girls Football (Monday after school), Chess Club, Boys Football, Crochet Club, Gardening Club and we also some new clubs to offer next term (letters went out yesterday):

<b>Problem Solving (Monday, After School)</b>	With Miss Redman, Year group 1 - 2. 10 Available Spaces.
<b>Girl's football (Monday, After school)</b>	With Miss Burgess Year group 6 Only.
<b>Chess club (Monday, After School)</b>	With Mr Lennon, Year group 5- 6 Only. 10 Available Spaces.
<b>Dance Club (Monday, After School)</b>	With Miss Asma, Year group 4- 5 Only. 15 Available Spaces.
<b>Sports Club (Monday, After School)</b>	With Mr Taylor, Year group 2- 3 Only. 15 Available Spaces.
<b>Recorder Club (Tuesday, Lunchtime)</b>	With Miss Daniel, Year group 3 - 4 Only.
<b>Singing Club (Tuesday, After School)</b>	With Miss Wireko, Year group 2 - 3 Only.
<b>Dance Club (Tuesday, After School)</b>	With Miss England, Year group 1- 2 Only. 20 Available Spaces.
<b>Crochet Club (Tuesday, After School)</b>	With Miss Watson, Year group 5 - 6 Only.
<b>Gardening (Tuesday, Lunchtime)</b>	With Miss Peters, Year group 3- 4 Only. 16 Available Spaces.
<b>Get Fit (Thursday, After School)</b>	With Miss Kay and Miss Islam, Year group 3- 4 Only. 16 Available Spaces.
<b>Board Games (Thursday, After School)</b>	With Miss Liezel, Year group 3- 6 Only. 12 Available Spaces.
<b>Choir (Monday Lunch Time)</b>	With Miss Daniel, Year group 3-6 Only.



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

Lipika in 6LT within 0.33s!

**The SPS record!**

**1st**

Mohammed Khatri 6WJ within 0.36s!

**2nd**

Talha in 6VP within 0.39s!

**3rd**

## Southern Road most Played!

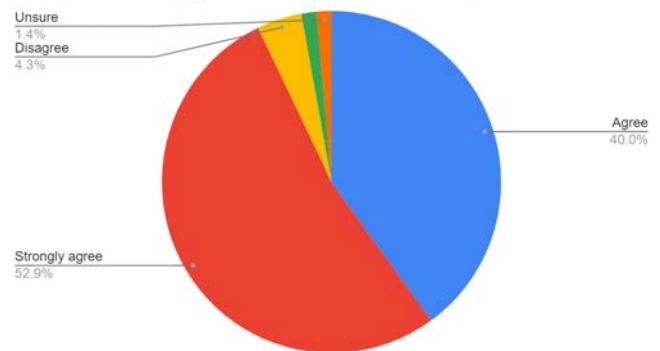
1.	6LT	97%
2.	5NA, 6VP	96%
3.	3MC, 4CW, 4DL	93%
4.	3TP	89%
5.	6WJ	79%
6.	3GT	77%
7.	5LV	68%

## Parent Survey March 2024

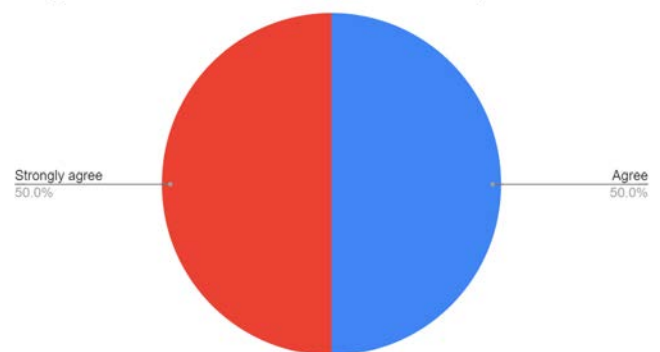
The responses to our survey were overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete it. The results show 100% of our pupils feel safe at Southern Road and over 90% of respondents would recommend Southern Road Primary School to another parent.

As the survey is anonymous we can't answer individual comments/questions so have compiled the percentages and picked out some of the themes below. If there is anything raised which you would like to follow up on please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lawrence or Ms Yearnshire, who have to agree with one parent who simply wrote 'this school is the best!'

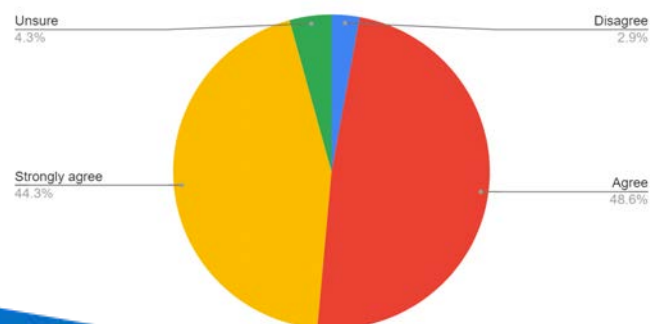
### 1. My child is happy at Southern Road Primary School



### 2. My child feels safe at Southern Road Primary School.



### 3. Southern Road Primary School makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



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## Parent Survey March 2024

### School Response

#### You said -

- Sessions for parents
- Healthy exercise or activities for parents

#### School Response -

Mr Permaul did organise an after school club for parents to attend with their child. This is something we can look into and increase if there is a demand. Ms Henna in the past has organised a healthy cooking club (this was funded by an external provider) and we will look out for when this is available again so that we can offer it.

Ms Redman organised a read with your child after school session (during the week of world book day) and this was not as well attended as we hoped. There are however opportunities for parents to come into school for certain workshops and assemblies, relating to their child's learning. We are mindful not to overburden parents, as we recognise many have other commitments during the day. If any parent does have some spare time and wants to get more involved with events at Southern Road please consider joining the school's newly formed PTA.

#### You said -

- More variety of clubs that are interesting
- Clearer transparency about clubs which are available

#### School Response -

Our clubs are run by staff in their own time (both during lunchtime and after school) and we are very grateful for the amount of activities we are able to offer. We do vary the clubs each term. Ms Burgess who leads on this is always open to suggestions for new activities that can be made available. We will aim to publish the clubs that are available in the newsletter and if your child has any suggestions as to what they would like more of please let Ms Burgess know. As you can understand for health and safety reasons the number of children attending each club does need to be limited and for that reason not all children will get into their club of choice.

#### You said -

- It would be useful to be introduced to the student teacher and to know how long they will be in class for.
- It would also be good if you informed us when our children are being taught by a trainee teacher.

#### School Response -

We are incredibly lucky to have a range of universities that we work in partnership with who are very keen to experience the outstanding practice at Southern Road. Moving forward we will certainly take this point on board and ensure trainee teachers are introduced via our weekly newsletter.

#### You said -

- To allow 25% childcare government support for payment of wrap around childcare.

#### School Response -

We are looking into this currently and hope it is something we can offer in the future.

#### You said -

- More websites for learning at home
- More homework

#### School Response -

Our children have access to Oxford Owls which they can log into at home. There are also various website links posted on our school website which support with learning at home.

Your child should be reading daily and we ask parents to complete their reading diary. They also have access to Numbots in KS1 and Times Tables Rockstars. Weekly spellings are given to Years 1-6. In upper KS2, in preparation for secondary school, additional maths and English homework is given to consolidate the learning that has taken place that week.

#### You said -

- There needs to be an awareness of different holidays and traditions that affect our celebrations.

#### School Response -

We follow the term dates set by Newham, there is a set number of days school has to be open to pupils each year and this means we can't always cater to be closed for everyone's festivals and/or religious observances. Children who celebrate Eid for example (if this doesn't fall in holiday time/on a weekend) are allowed a single day of authorised absence which is recorded as a religious day.



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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](mailto:info@southernroadprimary.com) for more information.