

THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Headteacher's Update

Friday 17th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week here at Southern Road. We need to say a huge well done to our Year Six children (and teachers!) who have worked so hard this week and showed excellent concentration during their SATS. We are so proud of them. They have approached the papers with confidence and great determination. We know SATS results don't tell the whole story of their amazing talents, skills and personalities but our children deserve the best and our teachers have certainly worked with them to in order to gain the results that they deserve. We won't know the outcomes until July and these will be shared with Year Six parents once we have them. In the meantime there are lots of things planned as a reward for working so hard, including next week's trip to Chessington!

A special thank you to all of the additional staff who attended breakfast club with Year Six this week. It certainly helped to make our mornings run smoothly!

Many thanks,
Ms Lawrence & Ms Yearnshire



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Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 22nd May
4DL at Cody Dock

Thursday 23rd May
Year Six Chessington Visit

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
School Closed - Half term

Friday 7th June 9am
PTA meeting

Friday 14th June
PTA non uniform day - please wear Eid/Party Clothes and donate £1.00

Eid Sale after school



Thank you to all who donated or bought cakes during last Friday's PTA cake sale. Over **£70** was raised.



Key Information:

PTA

Our PTA are still collecting empty, clear, two litre drink bottles. If you have any to donate please leave them at the main office. Thank you.

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.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

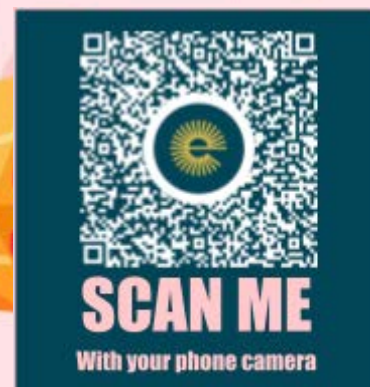
If your contact details have changed please can you update the school office. It is really important we have up to date telephone numbers so that we can reach you during the school day in case of an emergency. You can email info@southernroadprimary.com with any changes to address or telephone number.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

You can help raise funds for the school

without having to donate anything yourself!

Over 7,500 brands and sites will donate to us every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. This means you can raise money for us every time you get clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online anyway. It's easy, completely FREE and will make a BIG difference to the school. Please sign up and help us raise more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southern-road-ps>



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Parent Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that attended the nursery parent workshop this week. The focus was on nursery rhymes. All participants joined in with the singing and the actions for each rhyme and song. Nursery songs and rhymes are a vital way for young children to develop their language, vocabulary and communication skills. Please see the link for a list of songs you can sing with your child -

<https://www.thefizzkidzclub.co.uk/alphabetical.html>



Read With Me Nursery Sessions

It was wonderful to see so many parents take part in the session this week. The children love sharing their enthusiasm about reading with their families. These sessions are open to all nursery parents, please ask your child's nursery teacher for more information.



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Fastest Three!

Let's look at the children who have the fastest speeds in the school! These incredible children have all broken the SRPS record of 0.33s, which has been in place since 2016!

Mario in 4DL is 3.42 seconds faster!

1st

Boyao in 5LV is 2.59 seconds faster!

2nd

Saphira in 3GT is 0.88 seconds faster!

3rd

Southern Road most Played!

1.	4DL	100%
	4CW	100%
2.	3MC	96%
3.	5NA	93%
4.	5LV	89%
5.	3TP	86%
6.	6VP	79%
7.	3GT	73%
8.	6WJ	62%
9.	6LT	48%

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 4CW!

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1st	4CW	100%
2nd	6WJ	99.6%
3rd	4LW	98.2%

Which class will be the winners next time?



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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