



Believe in yourself, Value others,
Be proud of your achievements,
Smile, Shine be Happy .

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Headteacher Newsletter

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What a wonderful half term we have all had with amazing performances, events and feedback from parents.

As a school we are of course very proud to have featured as one of the top schools in Peterborough in a recent independent survey which made headlines in the local press. This grade included the parents' views so thank you once again for all being so supportive and appreciative of the staff and school provision. Thank you so much for your continued support and ideas this term.

We are still working hard on attendance although we have had a lot of chicken pox and sore throats in school so we are hoping for the weather to turn colder to help to fight some of these bugs as we are unusually hot for this time of year.

This half term we are proud of the children for taking part in many different events and the school won the first place award for the European Democracy entry and were presented with a prize from the Mayor and councillors.

In addition to this the school was presented with the Food for Life certificated thanks to the hard work on the grounds and school dinners. A big thank you to Mrs Green and her team as well as Mr Buckingham AKA: The Fox. He has been enthusing the children, within the gardens, dressed as a friendly fox to raise awareness of animals at this time of year and the importance of our wildlife and growing spaces.

This half term we have once again hosted the purple light treats for pupils with a special event and a trip to the pantomime. The children love coming to get their purple forms signed and a special treat from the box in our room.

Once again the class parent representative meetings have been good and we have seen some wonderful letters to yourselves from these representatives following the meetings. We have put these onto the website for you to view. In addition to this, we have also been helped by one of the parents, a Nutritionist, who looked at our menus and worked out the Kcal and % of the main food groups. Next term we will be star rating the health of meals to help the children making healthy choices.

On this note, next term we will be having healthy KS2 break snacks, the same as KS1 fruit and vegetables. Break snacks will be purchased from classrooms where a bowl of fruit will be available at 20p a piece of fruit and 20p for fresh chilled milk available in cups; this should also prevent the rubbish that we are currently generating from disposable options so a far more eco friendly approach.

During this half term all Heads of Phase should have invited you to workshops based on ideas from parents and pupils to improve and support the school priorities this year. In addition to this teachers should have invited you for breakfast sessions to see the class in operation in the morning. Any of these not completed this half term will be done next half term so please see your class teacher or look out for more information in the half termly letter at the beginning of the new term.

We hosted many events and held clubs, 37 in total :) which is an incredible choice with parents and children having some input into the clubs that staff offered to run in their own time. Thank you to parents who took the time to thank staff for these clubs as they finished the first term. Clubs will resume again in the Spring term beginning mid January with a letter coming to you all on the first week back to school.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS

- European Local Democracy winners 2015
- Building work really starts taking shape and classrooms look to be ready to hand over at half term all being well which is earlier than planned and great news for us
- Christmas Productions were really amazing 40 in total.
- The school had a visit from the Pantomime who brought along Aladdin and the team
- We hosted a successful Science day for mastery which the children enjoyed
- Santa visited and brought along his elves for the stalls
- We attended the Dodge ball competition regional and did very well
- We are excited to see the 2015 Southfields

Family Christmas Crafts

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This year we held a family Christmas Craft event which was very well attended and the children thoroughly enjoyed working with their parents and teachers on special homemade gifts and decorations.

We enjoyed making our sugar craft mice, peppermint creams, Christmas biscuits, bird feeders, Christmas crafted tree decorations, ornaments and keepsakes as well as having time with Mrs Green and her team in the Christmas Café.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS MILLER

WELFARE TEAM LEAD

Mrs Miller has recently joined the school, prior to this she had been a Head of Year in an Oundle school. She is known for being child centred, happy, helpful kind and positive. She always has good ideas to help solve all sorts of problems

An Interview with Mrs Miller

What is your favourite thing about Southfields Primary School? How friendly everyone is and how welcomed I felt to the team.

What were your favourite subjects at school? English Literacy and Language and Maths (loved it but found it hard and had to work hard at it.)

What are your interests and hobbies outside of school? Salsa dancing with

my sister and we won a championship in the summer :) I won a trophy!

What is your favourite dinner? Roast dinner with beef and Yorkshires.

What was your favourite toy when you were little? Roller Skates with four wheels that were boots. I loved those.

Do you have any children ? Two boys.

Do you have any brothers and sisters? I have one sister younger by 6 years.

What was your favourite holiday ?

Disney Florida ... Amazing!

If you weren't here working what job would you have ? Backing Singer

Best Day Out — A theme park with roller coasters.

MORE TO FIND OUT ABOUT MRS MILLER

My favourite colour is Red. My Star sign is Aquarius and my favourite season is Spring because everything is starting to come to life.



I think the best feeling in the world is a hug and the thrill of a scary ride at a theme park. My favourite book when I was little was James and the Giant Peach.

I used to love to watch Grange Hill on TV when I was young and I loved the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang because of all the singing and dancing.

The first tape I bought was Boney M As I grew into a teenager I loved Duran Duran and Adam Ant (I even went into town once with a white strip on my nose)

My favourite list is below:-

Animal—Hedgehog Scared of—Injections Heritage—British

Allergy—Hayfever Scars—Arm where I had a TB injection

Lucky Number—19 Birth Stone—Amethyst

The Birth of Jesus

Joseph was a carpenter who lived in Nazareth. He was engaged to be married to a young woman named Mary.

One night, he had a dream. In this dream, an angel of the Lord came and stood beside him. The angel said to him, "Joseph, son of David, I have a message for you. Mary is going to have a son, sent by the Lord. You are to name him Jesus, because he will save people from their sins."

Joseph and Mary were married in Nazareth. Soon, a command was given from the emperor Augustus Caesar through all the lands of the Roman empire. This order said that all the people had to return to the cities and towns from which their families had come. Their names would be written down on a list, for the emperor wanted a list of all the people under his rule. This was called a census.

Both Joseph and Mary had come from the family of David the king. So they started the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to have their names recorded.

It was a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They had to travel down the mountains to the river Jordan. Then they followed the Jordan almost to its end. After that, they still had to climb the mountains of Judah to the town of Bethlehem.

But when they arrived in Bethlehem, they found that the city was full of people, who, like themselves, had come for the census. They looked for a place to stay, but the inn was full. There was no room for them.

The best they could do was to go to a stable where the cattle were kept. There, the baby was born, and Mary laid him in a manger where the cattle were fed.

On that night, in a field near Bethlehem, some shepherds were tending their sheep. Suddenly, a great light shone on them, and they saw an angel of the Lord standing before them. They were filled with fear, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for I bring you wonderful news for all people. Today, in Bethlehem, the city of David, a Savior is born. He is Jesus Christ the Lord. Here is how you will know. You will find him wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger."



And then they saw that the air around and the sky above them were filled with angels, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace among men in whom God is well pleased."

While they looked with wonder, and listened, the angels went out of sight as suddenly as they had come. Then the shepherds said one to another:

"Let us go at once to Bethlehem, and see this wonderful thing that has come to pass, and which the Lord has made known to us."

Then, quickly, they rushed to Bethlehem. There, just as the angels had said, they found Joseph and Mary and the baby lying in the manger. They told Mary and Joseph how they had seen the angels, and what the angels had told them. They spread the word everywhere, and everyone who heard was amazed. But Mary thought deeply about these things, and treasured them in her heart.



After their visit, the shepherds went back to their flocks, praising God for the good news that he had sent to them.

When the little one was eight days old, they gave him a name; and the name given was "Jesus," a word which means "salvation," as the angel had told both Mary and Joseph that he should be named. So the very name of this child told what he should do for men; for he was to bring salvation to the world.

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Ofsted Parent View Results December 2015

- * **100% say the children are happy at the school**
- * **100% say my child feels safe**
- * **100% say their child makes good progress**
- * **100% say the children are well looked after**
- * **100% say their child is taught well in school**
- * **100% say they think the school is well led and managed**
- * **100% believe the school responds well to concerns**
- * **100% believe the school deals effectively with bullying or do not know as they have not had any dealings with bullying**
- * **99% think the pupils are well behaved and the remaining 1% think that a couple of children have difficulty with their behaviour**

94% say homework is appropriate.

We investigated this to find out why 6% did not feel it was appropriate and they told us that they did not want children to do homework at all or think it is too much or too time consuming (Parent representatives found more information about this for us).

100% of the school would recommend this school to another parents.

KS2 data Year 6 –2015

Reading

Level 4 93% Level 5 31%

Mathematics

Level 4 90% Level 5 41%

Writing

Level 4 88% Level 5 31%

GHASP

Level 4 86% Level 5 51% Level 6 2%

KS1 Year 2 –2015

Reading L1 100% L2c+ 84% L2b+ 80% L2a+65 L3 31%

Writing L1 96% L2c+ 82% L2b+ 74% L2a+49% L3 19%

Mathematics L1 100% L2+ 95% L2b 90% L3 34%

Year 1 Phonics 2015

74% Passed

EYFS 50% GLD

PARENT BOX FOR COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you wish them to remain confidential

Please say the things you like, the things you think need to change or any ideas you have and we will try and use them in school.

This month I am contemplating the Christmas events within school and would love some feedback from parents about the things they love and have enjoyed and want us to carry on offering and the things that are not so important. Please score 1-10 on the following.

10 = Very Important

1 = Not important at all and don't mind if this goes

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1. The Pantomime being purchased for all children to watch _____
2. The Family Christmas Crafts Event _____
3. The Christmas Production _____
4. Visit from Santa and Christmas Stalls _____
5. Christmas Buffet purchased for all children _____
6. Christmas Disco _____
7. Christmas Talent Show _____
8. Christmas Class Card for parents to purchase _____

Year group of my child _____ Class _____

Going into 2016

What things would you like and feel are important:

1. Breakfast sessions, meet the teacher and spend time in the class _____
2. Workshops _____
3. Clubs _____
4. School Nurse 'Drop ins' _____
5. Mid year report _____
6. E Safety— For parents at home _____
7. Food for Life family event _____ (Food and growing ideas)

Merry Christmas Everyone and see you all on the 5th January 2016

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and

Happy New Year

From Mrs Martin and Everyone at Southfields Primary school