



Headteacher Newsletter

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



Wow, how hot was it for this Bank Holiday weekend?! Phew!

The sun has officially got his hat on and has come out to play for our long weekend away. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend with your families and friends and made some great memories together.

We are already back into the thick of the Summer Term, with April whizzing past after the Easter break so fast, I am surprised at how many things we have already squeezed in. As we look through the diary dates for May there are a few dates that jump out at me that I would like to bring your attention to.

As you will already be aware, May is the main Assessment month of the academic year with both Year 2 and Year 6 completing their National Assessments. Year 2 begin their relaxed format from this week (over a three week period they should all be completed) and the Year 6 children have a formal assessment period beginning on Monday 14th May. We wish all of our pupils the absolute best of luck with these assessments. All of the children have worked so hard to prepare and I know they will do incredibly well. Year 6 I have a special message for you at the end of this letter!

With the better weather hopefully here to stay, you will notice that our diary dates are filled with a range of sporting events that we are taking part in during the summer term. Multi skills, Try Golf, Sports days to name a few...however one of my favourites is approaching very quickly for the KS1 calendar, on the last day of this half term we will be holding our May Day Celebrations. I look forward to seeing all of the families enjoying the celebrations in the next few weeks.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the Staff Awards which is slowly going to be upon us again. Just a reminder that you can nominate any member of staff that you wish to recognise for making you smile, going out of their way to support you in whatever way or just for being fantastic at their job! All votes must be in by Friday 29th June. You can vote either by sending your nomination to Mrs King via Class Dojo or post your entry into the staff awards box in the main reception. Remember to pop your names, reasons and staff name clearly on the entry.

You may already be aware that we have updated our Behaviour Light system. The teachers will now be notifying you via Class Dojo of any incidents in school and forms completed in school. Purple light treats have set days and we have adapted the treats to reflect the time of year. For Summer 1 the new treat will be a Secret Garden Party with a picnic lunch and in Summer 2 we will be hosting a Southfields Pool party. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the Purple Light Award winners on their selected treat dates.

Last month we also changed the way in which we allocate meals to children. This was for a variety of reasons but ultimately to ensure that we only cook meals for those children who require them and have minimal waste left over. So far we have only had a few children without meals booked. Please do your best to ensure that all meals are booked and paid for the week before to enable us to preplan. We will continue to pop out reminders to help you.



Highlights from the past few weeks

The Year 3 children went on a fantastic adventure to Aylmerton for their residential visit.

Year 5 kicked off our first series of Reading Cafe's which have all been very well attended so far. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have made it along to support one of these events.

The Year 2 pupils went off to visit the Peterborough Museum and can back flowing with facts about our local area.

Metro Bank have started a series of visits to talk to pupils in Year 4 and 5 about money sense.

There is now officially a Southfields PTA :) Thank you to all of the kind parents who have already given up their time to support this new venture, we look forward to hearing all of your ideas!

Sun lotion and sun hats



As we find our way towards the hotter weather, please can we ask that you provide school with a named sun hat and bottle of Sun lotion (Factor 50) so that your child can protect themselves from the sun when it arrives. Please practise putting sun cream on at home as the children need to be able to apply their own cream whilst in school. We will be launching out Sun Campaign very soon, please keep your eyes peeled for further guidance on how to stay safe in the sun.

PTA of Southfields

I am so happy and pleased to announce that we have a brand new PTA of Southfields. Parent Teacher Associations are created to encouraging closer links between home and school. They are best known for their fundraising work, but also provide lots of opportunities for parents, staff and children to get together. I am really looking forward to seeing how the PTA develops over the Summer term, keep your eyes peeled everyone. There will be plenty of information about upcoming events very soon. In our parents library, situated in the middle school playground entrance, you will find the PTA board which will have all the information you may need. Take a look when you get a chance. If you would like to join the PTA committee, please get in contact with the team via email: southfieldsschoolpta@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

The Summer term is always a particularly busy time for us as we are jam packed full of events for both children and parents to get involved with. Lots of these events promote healthy lifestyles and getting active. Not only that but as we wind down until the end of the year we also look back at the year we have had and reflect on what has gone well celebrating with our various Awards events.

To give you an idea of whats to come, please look at the diary dates on the website for a full list, here is a list of some of my favourites:

- May Day Celebrations
- Sports Days
- Arts Week
- Move Up Days
- Music Evening
- Awards Evening
- Leavers Assembly

Add to this an abundance of trips, visits and visitors to school and we have a jam packed 9 weeks left of this academic year!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:
Maria, Elsie-May, Sofia, Chelsea, Jake, Hermione, Zak, Mason, Giorgio, Isla, Alan, James, Robbin, Niamh, Edward, Cerys, Ella and Ugne.

Achievements KS1:
Charley, Julia, Maysie, Chloe, Liam, Cerys, Elmantas, Alexander, Adas, Scarlett, Tyger and Bella.

Achievements KS2:
Blake, Zainab, Martyna, Cohen, Noah, Mia, Rio, Anabelle, Charlie, Mia, Freddy, Henry, Bartosz, Seren, Grace, Simona, Saskia, Kady, Fatou, Bradley, Michal, Chloe, Thomas, Nathan, Nia and Jack.

Mathletics:
Shyla, Kaden, Cameron, Archie, Fatou, Tegan, Kuba, Aisha, Zakariya, Michal, Zoe-Eliora, Layla, Bradley, Ruby, Muhammad, Jessica, Wiktoria, Isla, Callen, Laura, Hyronemo and Ugne.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Summer, Carson, Shyla, Jamie, Natalie, Nadia, Charlotte, Chloe, Maja, Jacob, Peter, Zainab, Aaron, Ella, Osaman, Robin, Lucas, Scarlett, Cody, Nieve, Jack, Oliver, Imogen, Caris, Summer, Giorgio, Corey, Gabija, Dorin, Kai, Gracie, Alexander, Kaycee, Rio, Kuba, Mia, Bella, Harry, Brady, Mason, Hanna, Dominykas, Medina, Zakariya, Charlie, Niyah, Mateusz, Jack, Georgia, Aimee, Jools, Aimee, Nathan, Trinity, Noah, Ruby, Gianluca, Jack, Jacob, Hollie, Gracie-Mae and Kyle.

HOUSE WINNERS

APRIL RESULTS 2018

1st Parrots	1403
2nd Robins	1390
3rd Kingfishers	1387
4th Canaries	1364



PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 18th April
May Day - Monday 7th May
Half term - Monday 28th May to
Friday 1st June
Ends - Tuesday 24th July

May

Horstead Feedback meeting 01.05.18
London residential 02-04.05.18
Metro Bank visit school 02-03.05.18
Aylmerton Feedback meeting 09.05.18
Metro Bank visit school 09-10.05.18
School Nurse drop in 10.05.18
KS2 SATs 14-18.05.18
Reception Multi skills 16.05
Metro Bank 16-17.05.18
London Feedback 16.05.18
Reception visit Hunstanton
23.05.18

May continued

Year 4 Try Golf 23.05.18
Year 4 visit Peterborough
Museum 24.05.18
Parent Rep Meeting 24.05
May Day Festival 25.05.18

June

Year 6 Reading Cafe
04-05.06.18
Year 1 visit Burghley 06.06
Year 3 visit Conkers 07.06
Year 3 Reading Cafe
11-12.06
Year 5 visit Black Country
Museum 13.06.18



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Dear Year 6 Children

Next week you will sit your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important that you must know.

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest of days or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The grades you will get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

"Educating the mind without the heart is no education at all."

Aristotle

Sleep, Rest, Believe and Shine!

Mrs Martin, Mrs King and the whole of the Southfields Team