



Headteacher Newsletter

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



Welcome to the May Newsletter. We hope that you are all well and home learning is going positively.

The last few months have been a challenging one for the whole country. I know that both children and their families have been trying extremely hard to continue learning at home with the support of the Southfields Team and some children have continued to come into school as part of our Key Worker Provision. The feedback from parents has been absolutely unbelievable and we would like to thank you all for taking the time to send in your thanks and appreciation for staff.

Thank you!



I am a very lucky Headteacher to have such amazing staff who have continued to support, guide and respond to questions throughout this pandemic. I know how much you have all appreciated this and they will continue to do this for as long as is necessary while we begin to look for ways to begin to reopen obviously with extreme caution and very steadily week on week depending on government

guidance. My aim is not to be the first but the best who keeps everyone the safest children, staff and families included.

I know many of you will have questions about what school will look like and how things are going to work when the time comes to open up to more pupils. Please know that we are working extremely hard on preparing school to be the safest in can possibly be, following the guidelines very carefully and trying to think forward to what might be to come in the future also. We will be sending home very clear guidance on what school will look like and changes to the normal school that you have all come to know and love. This will be shared with you all as soon as our 'Opening Committee' have met and this will be both through video and also written dojo messages.



What a wonderful forum Class Dojo has been! I am not sure where we would have been without it. It has made keeping contact with parents so easy and we hope that you have been happy with the level of correspondence that we have kept up. My favourite thing every day has been looking at the Class Dojo portfolios to see what learning has been taking place at home. I have tried to send little comments to you all so I hope you have also been able to see those :) please know that regardless of whether you send your child back into school this term, we will endeavor to continue the fantastic home learning support through both Class Dojo and Google Classroom to ensure that all families have as much support that we are able to.

Alongside Class Dojo, I know that the online resources have also played a huge part in supporting learning at home. A big thank you to all the staff for their commitment to this as well as to Mrs Urciuoli who has been posting daily Learning By Questions lessons out to the whole school for everyone to get involved with. We can see so many of you engaging with this so keep it up! Alongside this families and pupils have been using IXL, Bug Club, Active Learn and Times Table Rockstars have also seen an increase in engagement as well as a few Zoom lessons and assemblies over the past few weeks. Well done everyone for getting involved.

We have over the past couple of months been working hard on the induction of new pupils ready for September. It is so lovely to see so many familiar names as many children who are siblings to the school already will be joining us. We have already set these children up on Class Dojo so that we can update families easily and have our packs ready to send home this week which we would normally share at our Parents Information Evening. Keep an eye out for these if your child starts with us in Reception next year, they are filled with lots of important information alongside little learning actives for the children to have a go with while at home over the next few months before they begin with us in September. An induction pack will be delivered this week and also a presentation and video from the new head of EYFS Miss King.



While thinking about our new Reception pupils, we are also considering how transitions will work for children who are moving into another year group or onto Secondary School. We have had many talks about our wonderful year 6's and making sure that we can do something to commemorate your time with the Southfields Family. We still have time and hope that we will be able to get together at some point, even if it is in the Summer holidays, to say our final farewells as our 'Leaver Assembly' will look quite different this year. Please trust that we will do everything we can to make these last few months special whether you are back in school or continue learning from home. We will also be considering transitions for all other year groups as this will also look very different. We will of course update you all as plans develop with this.

Finally, can we wish Mrs Barnard well for now and see her soon as she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Barnard, our HUB Manager for Speech and Language and year 6 teacher, had a wonderful send off with the Year 6's last week as she began the precious time of preparing for baby number two to arrive. We will keep you all updated with her progress and let you know when Baby Barnard makes the grand arrival. We will keep you updated when the baby arrives.

Staffing Updates for September 2020

As we approach the end of May, this is the time that we begin to plan what things will look like in September for our school. With this, we are extremely proud to tell you some exciting news about a few members of our current staff team. As a school, we work particularly hard on Professional Development of staff and are dedicated to supporting staff in developing in their careers in whichever direction they wish to take it.

Firstly, I announce the promotion of Mrs Lloyd our current Early Years Lead as she moves on to a school which has been just built with dream to Lead a Nursery and Early Years provision. Mrs Lloyd has been an integral member of the Southfields Team for 20 years and throughout that time has dedicated herself to ensuring our Early Years provision is the best it can be. I am sure you will all join me in saying how much we are going to miss her and the work that she has done with all of the children of Southfields over the years. However, I know it will not be a goodbye when she moves on in next year but a see you soon as she will continue to work closely with our new Early Years Team for many years to come. We wish Mrs Lloyd all the very best in her future career and look forward to these last two months as she transitions the Early Years Team onto the new leader.

Secondly, Mrs Judd who started with us as a Teaching Assistant and went on to complete her training with us to become a teacher, will be moving on to follow her passion for supporting pupils with high need SEND in a Peterborough Secondary Special School. Mrs Judd has worked tirelessly over the last few years to really promote Science in our school and achieved the Science Mark for Southfields almost a year ago to the day. We thank her for her support, hard work and wish her all the very best in her new career.

Thirdly, after starting with us in September, Mr Pallister has achieved the promotion to Head of Music at a local Secondary School. You may all be aware of Mr Pallister's passion for the arts, with music and performance a huge part of his life outside of school. We know that this is absolutely the right decision for him and he will flourish in his new role leading the subject that he loves the most. We promise we will continue to nurture this as time moves on.

Finally, I announce the promotion of Mrs King, our Deputy Headteacher, as she move on to become a Headteacher of two local village Primary Schools. Mrs King has worked incredibly hard over many years and whilst it is always sad when someone amazing leaves us it is also a real accolade to the school that we grow leaders and headteachers of the future. Mrs King has supporting many exciting initiatives including the ski trip last year. Again, I know Mrs King and I will continue to work closely together we are considering some joint ventures in the future. As we begin next year Mrs Steward will become the Acting Deputy Head until we advertise and make an appointment which has not been possible due to the lockdown and recent events.

Although we will miss those that will be moving on to pastures new, we are also very excited to tell you all about the staff that we have appointed for September! I am extremely happy that we have been able to secure 5 new members of staff to the Southfields Team for September.

Firstly, in our Early Years Base we welcome Miss King who is taking on the Early Years Lead role. Miss King is an experienced Deputy Headteacher who has also previously been an acting Headteacher. She has a passion for the Early Years and I know she will bring lots of fantastic ideas to our school. Alongside Miss King, we also welcome Miss Prodrick to the Early Years team who is an experienced Early Years teacher. They are fantastic additions to our Early Years Team and have already been in to support transition work for our new pupils.

In KS1 we have another experienced leader joining the team in Miss Newns. She is an Early Years and KS1 specialist currently based in Cambridge and alongside Miss Newns we welcome Mrs Ashton to the KS1 team who is also an experienced teacher in KS1.

In KS2 we have recently welcomed experienced Mrs Kapler to our Year 5 team taking over Miss Nicholson Class and alongside her we welcome another experienced leader in Miss Jones. Miss Jones is currently leading Year 6 at a school in Wisbech with our lovely Mrs Bailey :)

Alongside our new appointments we will also be welcoming back Mrs Welsh who returns from her maternity leave. How has the time gone so fast? We have enjoyed lots of pre-COVID cuddles with little Aria and look forward to the next session when we are safe to see her again. She is beautiful and big brother Charlie is a super proud big brother :)

We are very much looking forward to working with all of our new members of staff and know that you will all join me in making them feel welcome in September.

Take Care Everyone

Mrs Martin



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Summer, Natalia, Shyla, George, Maja, Charlotte, Chloe, Ljay, Jacob, Peter-Shamus, Millie, Aaron, Ibrahim, Ella-Louise, Alicja, Scarlet, Caris, Imogen, Oliver, Summer, Terry, Giorgio, Corey, Khadija, Gabija, Oliver, Alexander, Gracie, James, Mason, Kaycee, Emilia, Harry, Mia, Brady, Mason, Medina-Leigh, Oliwier, Ruby, Jayden, Niyah, Zakariya, Charlie, Sofia, Mateusz, Jaxson, Nathan, Aimee, Trinity, Albert, Noah, Harlan, Ruby, Jacob, Jack Michael, Hollie and Gracie-Mae

Happy birthday everyone!