



Headteacher Newsletter

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



I cannot believe we are already in March - where has the time gone already?!!

As we look forward to another full month of exciting adventures we first need to take a moment to reflect on the past month, what has gone well and what we can improve in the future.

Last month we had lots of lovely highlights listed to the right, including joining in with Safer Internet Day. I cannot stress to you how important this subject is with our children in an ever changing world that we live in. It really highlighted to myself and the staff team how vulnerable children can be on the internet and when using some APP's on their smart phones and tablets. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to look through the booklet we sent home in January, please do as this contains lots of really important information on how to keep your children safe.

We are really happy to announce the safe arrival of baby Heath Ferrara who was born on 5th February at 18:40 weighing 7lbs. Both Mrs Ferrara and baby Heath are doing really well and they even popped into school on Monday to say hello to everyone. Little Isabelle is also enjoying being a big sister!

We had a wonderful disco to celebrate Valentines day across the whole school. Thank you for all of your positive feedback and to those lovely parents who volunteered extra time to help us with preparations and supervising the event. And a very special thank you has to go to Mrs Jackson for taking extra time to plan and ensure that this event went without any hiccups, we really appreciate all of your hard work :)

Just at the very end of the month, after our lovely half term break, we celebrated Pancake Day with a special assembly all about Shrove Tuesday and many children got to try some yummy pancakes :) to get our day started along with lots of Pancake Day activities.

So we have finally got to one of my favourite days in the school calendar - World Book Day. The children will know, especially those in my enrichment group, how passionate I am about books, it is my favourite thing to do with the children - share a good book and talk all about it! This year for World Book Day we are once again dressing up as our favourite characters. Please refer back to the letter sent home towards the end of last month which contains all of the important details of what you and your child need to know.

In addition to lots going on in school, March is packed full with visits outside of school including the Year 4 visit to the Harry Potter Studios, Year 3 are off to Flag Fen to learn all about the Stone Age and the Year 6's are off to the Courts of Justice! In Lower School Year 1 are off to visit the canals and Year 2 have a visit to Nene Valley Railway - busy, busy, busy. In addition to all this, the Year 3's have their residential visit to Aylmerton, the whole school are hosting a Curriculum Evening for you all to see our incredible resources and we have our two Parents Evenings...I don't know how we have managed to fit all of this in!

As we get towards the end of the month we will be leading up to our annual Easter celebrations. Singing practice for our service is already in full swing and I can't wait to see all of the children's happy faces as they sing and listen to the readings at the church.



Highlights from the past few weeks

The Valentines Disco was a huge success with a large majority of the children attending :)

We enjoyed celebrating Safer Internet Day and learning about all the ways to keep ourselves safe when using APP's and online

The Year 2 children had a fantastic first residential visit to Stibbington

The Year 4's enjoyed a visit to Stanground Academy to take part in some Sports hall athletics

The children all had on their cheesiest smiles for class photo day - I think you will all agree the photographs look amazing

The Year 3 and 4 gymnastics team took part in a competition at Spirals Gymnasium and we are looking forward to the next round :)

Easter is approaching

School celebrations

As you will already be aware, here at Southfields we love to celebrate all of the different festivals throughout the year and Easter is no different. For parents who have been with us for several years, you will know that we are looking forward to our special visit from the Easter bunny, I do hope all of the children have been behaving really well or our bunny may not want to come out of hibernation! We will also be holding our annual Easter Egg Competition - I am not sure that anyone will be able to top last years efforts - they were absolutely incredible, the imagination of the children (and parents) is wonderful and I really look forward to seeing all the different creations that the children come up with this year. Alongside all of this we will also have our trip to St John the Baptist Church for our Easter service. The children have been learning all of the songs during our singing assemblies and I have to say I think this year is going to be the best yet, they sound so beautiful...very proud once again. These celebrations will take us up to the end of our longer than usual Spring term which closes on Friday 7th April for our Easter break. Please remember that school begins again on Wednesday 26th April with just over two weeks away.



A Short Easter Story

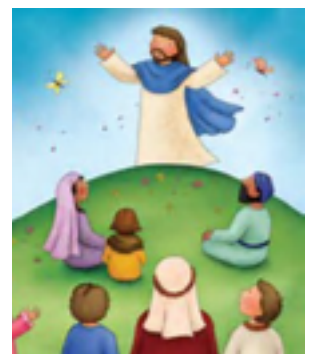
Jesus had many enemies who wanted to be rid of him. Jesus knew that he had only a short time left. The Thursday before he died, Jesus invited the disciples to have supper with him. It was their last meal together.

“Remember me,” Jesus told them, “when you eat the bread and drink the wine. I am going to live with my Father in heaven, but I will be with you wherever you go.”

On Friday, soldiers arrested Jesus and nailed him to a cross. Jesus said to God: “Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.” When Jesus died, his friends placed his body in a cave and covered the cave entrance with a rock.

On Sunday, a friend of Jesus named Mary Magdalene went to the cave. The rock had been rolled away! The cave was empty! An angel appeared and said: “Peace be with you. Jesus is risen from the dead!”

Jesus came back to visit his friends. He told them to teach about God’s love. “Tell the people,” said Jesus, “to believe in me even if they can’t see me.” And then Jesus went up to heaven to live with his Father.



Scan this QR code to watch a short clip of someone retelling the Easter story.



Year 3 are off to Aylmerton!

On the 29th of March the Year 3's will be setting off on their residential visit to Aylmerton. This visit on the coast of Norfolk is a fantastic experience for the children as they get to experience life by the coast and even get the chance to go out to Blakeley Point to see the sea lions in their natural habitats. In addition to this the children will also have a fantastic Pirate Day and many extra adventures while they are away and I know they are going to have an incredible time. Don't forget to keep an eye on Class Dojo as updates will come through (signal permitting) with pictures and messages from the children.



Curriculum Evening



As usual, we are holding our termly Curriculum Evening on the 21st March. This gives you the opportunity to have a look around the school and speak to the subject co-ordinators about what provision is like for children in our school. We are really lucky that we have such incredible support from parents for these events, so thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all from 3:30. Entry will be made through the classroom doors where you will be asked to sign in and out from 3:30pm.



Red Nose Day



A letter will follow with all of the details about how we will be fundraising, once again, for Red Nose Day but just to pre-warn you this is coming up at the end of the month on Friday 24th March 2017. As usual we will be selling red noses for £1 each which this year include; Nose-it-all, the all-knowing owl, the Viking Norse Nose, Snootankhamun from Ancient Sneezegypt, Snuffles the dragon, DJ Boogie, Dr. Nose, The Snorcerer, Sneezecake the chef, Sniffer the dog and the rarest and scariest Nose of all, Frankinose!



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:

KS1: Alex R, Divyana P, Temidayo O, Sarena D, Kaden R, Summer M, Nasir S, Charlotte L, Lewis R, Patrick R, Kaden P, Wonu O, Isabelle K, Thomas R, Ashley P, Katie S, Chelsea L and Jindrich S.
KS2: Aston R, Nico B, Georgia TG, Destiny W, Dominykas K, Layla P, Brandon T, Charlie H, Jenson R, Xander R, Charles B, Safar K, Daniel J, Harry G, Thomas P, Rio B, Seren M, Marco S, Leah E, Maja H, Mateusz K, Daniel K, Erin S, Kobe F, Harry S, Katya L, Blake BN, Malachi JS, Nadia K, Kyle PT, Alannah L, Holly S, Callum K and Bobby C.

Achievements KS1:

George Hammett, Wonu O, Freya S, Lucas L, Nicole H, Luke G, Travis W, Eliza A, Oliver B, Divyana P, Jayden H, Oscar W, Klara N, Omotayo D, Eliza S, Jacob R, Peter TG, Katelyn J, Wilson Z, Niamh B, Adam Y, Lucy P, Ashley P, Emilia K, Noah P, Luca P and Jindrich S.

Achievements KS2:

Daniel J, Lexi J, Danielius B, Amy F, Orlando D, Melisa N, Olivia B, Dhiran J, Grace D, Holly S, Darcey S, Reubun D, Jack D, Phoenix B, Amber G, James P, Mia R, Riley E, Blake N, Mia B, Georgia B, Zack S, Mea Z, Robert G, Lily-May P, Kai D, Bradley L, Logan VT, Alexander C, Evan H, Ellis A, Ashton W, Riley L, Mateusz K, Maisie C and Jakub G.

Marvellous Manners:

Evan H, Jakub S, Brennen S, Grace J, Hermione L, Coby B.

Mathletics:

Archie J, Peter TL, Georgia TG, Bartosz A, Georgia TG, Shyla J.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Ayana M, Amelia D, Harry F, Jessica L, Alexander C, Jack P, Jack U, Alisha P, Haleema O, Chloe P, Roxanne S, Lola D, Mariss A, Clara G, Madison P, Amelia E, Cailin F, Bilal K, Ethan K, Modestas S, Daniellus B, Paige C, Poppy G, Katelyn J, Ella J, Lillijana LP, Ousman N, Chloe C, Ruby W, Marco B, Steven B, George H, Alexander W, Kieran E, Jenson R, Samuel V, Amber C, Caysee K, Blake BN, William P, Alexandra T, Finley F, Oliver TE, Liam S, Kaiden S, Luca P, Rocco P, Emilia K, Grace L, Alexander D, Massimo R, Gabija V, Alfie H, Lewis R, Zara W, Amy F and Ashton W.

HOUSE WINNERS

KS1 - King: Alfie (HL)

Queen: Daphne (HL) and Patricya (GW)

KS2 - King: Cameron (RFA)

Queen: Mia (NB)

1st Parrots	1265
2nd Canaries	1223
3rd Kingfishers	1121
4th Robins	1024



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

March

Year 4 Harry Potter 01.03.17
 World Book Day 02.03.17
 Year 5/6 Swimming Gala 02.03.17
 Year 3 Flag Fen 03.03.17
 Year 6 Cross Country 03.03.17
 Aylmerton Parents Evening 08.03.17
 Year 1 Canal visit 09.03.17
 Parents Evening 13.03.17
 Year 2 to Nene Valley Railway 15.03.17
 Parents Evening 15.03.17
 School Nurse Drop in 15.03.17
 Year 5/6 Barry Minto Competition 16.03.17
 Reception to Sacrewell Farm 17.03.17
 Curriculum Evening 21.03.17
 Horstead Parents Evening 22.03.17
 Mother Day Assembly 23.03.17
 Comic Relief 24.03.17
 Aylmerton Residential 29-31.03.17

Year 5 Cross Country 31.03.17
 Year 6 to Courts of Justice 31.03.17

April

Easter Bunny visit to KS1 03.04.17
 Easter Bunny visit to KS2 04.04.17
 Horstead Residential 05-07.04.17

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017

Opens Wednesday 4th January
 Half term - Monday 20th to Friday 24th February
 End - Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Opens - Wednesday 26th April
 May Day - Monday 1st May
 Half term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
 Ends - Thursday 20th July