

Summer Term Newsletter 4



Upcoming events – more dates on website

July 13

Drop in parents evening to discuss reports

July 14

Summer fair

July 18

Year 6 productions

July 20

Year 6 prom

July 21

Last day of term and afternoon party

Dear Parents and Carers

We are getting close to the end of term. For teachers, 2 of the most hectic weeks of the year (reports, changing classrooms, handover meetings, school productions, summer fairs, taking down displays... the list goes on) but no complaints as we all, pupils and staff alike, look forward to the long summer break.

Pupils got their reports on Monday and there was a lot to celebrate. We have seen improvements in early year, phonics screening, reading, writing and maths in Key Stage 1 and in writing and maths at Key Stage 2.

So we continue to go in the right direction but there is still work to do and next year we will be pushing reading (both at home and school) and times tables. Watch this space, as we have a lot planned. We will publish the outcomes in September when they have been validated. You can help us now, by joining a library, getting some books out and reading with the children over the summer and practising times-tables.

In assembly on Monday, rather aptly, we discussed "endings"; how they were really beginnings, an opportunity to mend and put things right. The children reflected on what had gone well this year, what they could still work on and what they have to look forward to next year. We will miss our brilliant Year 6 children but we look forward to greeting our new reception intake, we are sad to see colleagues leave to pastures new but equally we are excited about the new team we have assembled and we can't wait to unleash our new curriculum in September.

The End - "and in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make" – The Beatles (very last song).

Stephen Schwartz
Head of School
12 July 2017

Messages from the office

MEDICINES

All medicines will be returned home on Friday 21st July. Please bring newly prescribed sealed medicines in Sept 2017 clearly labelled.

SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child is moving up to Year 3 in Sept, please be reminded that they will have to pay for school meals on ParentPay. Meals cost £2.20 per day (£11 per week). If you need your ParentPay log in details or if you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office.

DINNER, BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please clear all dinner and breakfast / after school club debts in full by Friday 21st July. If you are unsure of your balance please contact the office.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property not collected by Friday 21st July will be disposed of.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder - Absences during the last week and the first week of any term will require the parent to provide evidence or the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

Thank you!

- Thank you for your support and contributions to the end of term celebrations. We made our target and some (any extra money will go straight to SNAPS!). I am proud of the way our community has come together to support and fund the party. I hope the sun shines and we see off the academic year with a smile.
- Thank you for the way you have responded to and supported our zero tolerance approach to absence. There is still work to do but in 7 short weeks we reduced current persistent absence to 9.4% (these are pupils who's average attendance is below 90%) and our overall attendance for the year has risen from 95.2% to 95.6%. If your child is in school they are learning so improving attendance is a key part of our strategy to improve the school and most importantly the outcomes for your child.

Health and Safety at The South Norwood Academy

'That's health and safety gone mad!'

How many times have we heard this or even said it ourselves?

And yet, in the light of recent events where apparent breaches of health and safety lead to appalling tragedies, what is being done at our school to keep your child safe?

As designated Governor for Health and Safety, it is my job to conduct an inspection every term and report concerns to the Head of School and the Governing Body. Accompanied by the caretaker, I go through the whole school and the playground areas. I visit classrooms, poke around cupboards, barge into offices where staff are trying to work, interrupt the kitchen staff as they prepare school lunch and even go into the boiler room.

I talk to staff, I check maintenance schedules, I review accident reports and I use a checklist to make sure that I haven't left anything out.

What am I looking for ? I'll just give a few examples;

Are the corridors clear and free from bags and coats which could stop children leaving safely in an emergency? Has all the electrical equipment been checked? Are hazardous substances such as cleaning materials, kept in locked cupboards? Is the playground equipment kept in a state of good repair?

I am pleased to report that the systems in place are all working well and the only remaining concern I have is the position of the car park which will be sorted this summer.

But you can also play your part by reporting anything that you see that worries you, to a member of staff.

We all want our children to be safe and happy at school.

Eileen Muwonge – Vice Chair of Governors

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Class	Attendance - Wed 14 th June - Tuesday 11 th July 2017
1.1	96.9% OK
1.2	97.16% OK
2.1	96.96% OK
2.2	97.75% Good
3.1	98.1% Very Good
3.2	97.06% OK
4.1	97.72% Good
4.2	98.1% Very Good
4.3	97.77% Good
5.1	95.98% Must Improve
5.2	97.15% OK
5.3	96.25% OK
6.1	94.81% Cause for Concern
6.2	97.88% Good
6.3	94.9% Cause for Concern