



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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A SUCCESSFUL RETURN...

It seems difficult to imagine that it has already been three weeks since we fully reopened and welcomed all children back to South Borough. The days have passed by very quickly, as pupils have rapidly readjusted to the daily routine of school life. It is very apparent that our children are extremely happy to be back where they belong, and we have been greeted with smiles and positivity every morning, not only from children as they arrive at school, but also parents and carers!

How is the return to 'normality' going?

Across the media, there has been much negativity about children's academic prospects and much coverage of how 'lost learning' will affect the long term prospects of this generation of learners. We fully understand that this will be a cause of concern for many parents, so would like to share how positive the return to full time school-based learning has been for pupils at South Borough. Far from the popular fears that children would struggle to reintegrate back into their classrooms, or would have forgotten how to employ basic skills, we have seen evidence of excellent learning across the school, and our pupils are already making very good progress. Classrooms are calm and settled, children are engaging very well with their learning and pupils' exercise books are steadily filling with fantastic examples of very high-quality work. We recognise that some pupils may still need greater support than others to achieve their full potential, but all staff are greatly encouraged by the fantastic attitudes and appetite for learning that the children are demonstrating and are ready and determined to help them succeed.

World Book Day Vocabulary Parade

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day at South Borough by dressing up as 'words' and enjoying a vocabulary parade. There were lots of great costumes and some very obscure, yet sophisticated words chosen. Well done to all. A special well done to Mrs Watts for organising such a fantastic celebration of books and the rich word of language. Please do have a look at the video, which can be viewed [here](#).

Free school meal vouchers over Easter

KCC have agreed to provide food vouchers to all families who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. If you are eligible, you will receive a supermarket voucher for £27 for each child to help with food costs over Easter. You will receive these in the post next week.

Discord and other online platforms

It has come to our attention this week that a number of children have reported to friends and staff that they are accessing online platforms, such as Discord. We understand that a modern day challenge for parents is to keep up to date with these ever evolving social media sites and to determine what is and isn't appropriate for children. We are here to support parents with this. Please remember that games and platforms have age ratings - we urge you to pay careful attention to these. On page 3 of this letter, we have included some information about Discord, which may be helpful to parents. Please also remember that parents can use the search function on <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to check whether sites/apps are appropriate and what to be aware of.



KEY DATES

29/03/2021
Class photographs

01/04/2021
Term 4 Ends

19/04/2021
Term 5 Begins

03/05/2021
Bank Holiday

28/05/2021
Term 5 Ends

07/06/2021
Term 6 Begins

21/07/2021
Term 6 Ends

For more dates please visit our school website!

To help keep our South Borough community safe, please follow the key safety measures we have put into space at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your support with these measures.



Learning Ladder for Life



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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Class Weekly Winners

KS1 - Red R 98.2%

KS2 - 5W 98.6%



Have you reached the class target?

Class Target:
2000 Dojos



ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



Kyri - Green R

Imaginative drawings created during free flow periods

Suki - 2F

Fantastic drawing skills

Jermal and Trent - 4B

Continuous, outstanding attitudes in all their art lessons

Class	Dojo Points Total	Class	Dojo Points Total
Nursery	1933	Year 3H	406
Year R Red	1309	Year 3W	1605
Year R Green	1313	Year 4B	1205
Year 1B	1525	Year 4C	1780
Year 1S	1563	Year 4N	2126
Year 2F	941	Year 5S	1393
Year 2W	740	Year 5W	1372
Year 3B	1785	Year 6P	1207

MATHLETICS WINNERS (Top 3)

EYFS/KS1

2W (8318)

2F (6480)

1B (4949)

KS2

6P (13070)

3H (7767)

4N (4949)



TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR WINNERS

(Top 3)



KS1

Dominic (2F) 19,402

Michalina (2F) 7579

Kaya (2F) 7,029

KS2

Ted (5W) 53,840

Ellison (4B) 13,960

Aimee (6P) 13,504

CORE VALUE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Self -Reflection (S), Bravery (B), Perseverance (P), Support (Su)



- R Green Muaz (Su) helping his peers around the classroom, Victoria (P) creating two colour repeating patterns
- R Red Prastish (Su) always being caring & willing to help, Adam (P) for all the hard work this week
- 1B Ollie (P) huge effort in writing some brilliant sentences, Freya (B) being brave coming into school every day
- 1S Shaun (P) trying his best in ALL subjects, Honor (S) always saying and showing kind words and actions
- 2F Jessie (P) fantastic effort he has shown this week, Rusne (P) fantastic use of adjectives & verbs in writing
- 2W Jaxon (P) for his effort in writing, Tommy (B) standing up & talking about his hobby during experience day
- 3B Freddie-Lee (P) working hard every day & trying his best, Maysem (S) trying her very best all week
- 3H Kaycee (B) amazing effort in group & independent work, Kiril (P) being a focussed role model pupil in class
- 3W Emmy (Su) always being a kind & supportive friend, Jeremi (S) showing excellent behaviour for learning
- 4B Gabriella (P) working hard to understand fractions of quantity, Jermal (S) working hard to improve presentation
- 4C Sofia (Su) always being polite to everyone, Bruno (S) always trying to improve his work
- 4N Abigail (Su) being kind & considerate to adults & friends, Rosalia (P) trying hard to increase her writing speed
- 5S Jade (B) never giving up on new learning, Archie (S) considering his actions and owning up for mistakes
- 5W Eniko (Su) supporting her peers whilst persevering with her own learning, Duncan (P) working extremely hard
- 6P Megan (S) asking for help when necessary to improve her work, Dollymay (S) remembering to find the positives



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.

SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.

RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.

HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs \$4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs \$9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.

RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.

STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BE WARY OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>

2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.

3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.

4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.

5 BE WARY OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is known to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).

6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines

7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

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