



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

We have made it! Together, we have made it to the end of an academic year like none of us have ever experienced before, nor are we likely to ever again. It seems completely inconceivable that as I write we have four classes who are needing to self isolate due to confirmed cases. We know how disappointing it must be for these children to have missed their last few days at school. Our thoughts go out especially to our Year 6 cohort, who have missed their last few days ever at South Borough. Hopefully what we have planned over the summer for them will go some way towards making up for this unfortunate chain of events.

A pat on the back for parents...

To our wonderful parents/carers. Thank you to each and every one of you for all the support, patience, kind words and help you have given us throughout this year. In true South Borough style, you have risen to the challenges and persevered when we needed to most. You should be incredibly proud of your children for adapting to the many changes they have experienced this year. From learning in school, to home and dealing with unexpected bubble closures, you have all been great. And so, we would like to also offer a huge 'pat on the back' to every parent and carer, for all the hard work you have put in to support your children this year.

A team to be proud of...

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated staff team here at South Borough, who have worked relentlessly through this year to continue to provide academic and wellbeing support for families. They have once again adapted to several new ways of working, including delivering live lessons, and approached each change with professionalism and an ongoing passion for wanting the best for every child in the school. What a great team!

Year 6

Last Thursday, it was lovely to see the Year 6s put on their best bib and tucker and frocks to attend the eagerly awaited Year 6 Prom. This pandemic has been particularly unforgiving to our Year 6s who have missed out on a great deal of face to face teaching. And yet you would not have known last Thursday or indeed over recent weeks during which they have all joined together as a team to produce South Borough's debut Year 6 Film. It is such a shame they cannot be here to enjoy the celebrations that were planned for the end of term. Fear not though, as Mrs Paterson has reorganised this for a day during the summer holidays for those who can make it. We would like to wish our fabulous Year 6 children well as they move onto their secondary schools. Thank you Year 6 for seizing every opportunity during your journey at South Borough. Treasure those memories forever and good luck as you begin to travel on your new journeys.

A fond farewell and welcome to...

This year only a small number of the South Borough team are moving onto pastures new. Miss Adamthwaite, who has been working in 4N this year, has secured her first teaching post at a different school, teaching a Year 3 class. Thank you to Miss Adamthwaite for the everything you have done for the children of South Borough and good luck as you embark on a career in the best profession ever.

We also say a fond farewell to two members of our Governing Body, Jim Johnson (our chair of Governors) and Terri Vardy who is the vice-chair. Thank you so much for the huge contribution you have both made to South Borough. We wish you well for the future.

In September, we will be welcoming a number of new faces to the team. Miss Chevis joins us as a class teacher in Year 4. Mrs Belsom will be our new Family Liaison Officer. Mrs Salawa-Adam and Mrs Easton will also be welcomed as new play leaders.

Learning Ladder for Life



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The Wellbeing Award

We are incredibly proud to announce that South Borough has earned the Wellbeing Award For Schools. The Assessor recognised that "South Borough has highly effective leadership and that leaders value the wellbeing of all members of the school community and are willing to invest time and energy in supporting all members of the community. Wellbeing and SEN provision are carefully coordinated and managed and there are clear strands of provision to support the whole child to enable them to overcome barriers to engagement with learning and grow as individuals." Our next steps involve developing student Wellbeing Champions and sharing our good practice with other schools to support them in raising their wellbeing. Thank you for your support!



Kindle Fire winners

We are very proud of our children's love of reading and our Home Reading Initiative has highlighted many children who have recorded 145 reads or more this year. Names have gone into a draw and we are pleased to announce the lucky winners for each class:

Rec G - Alice	Rec R - Ted	
1B - Isabella BF	1S - Shaun	
2F - Antonia	2W - Freddie	
3W - Olivia	3B - Kyle	3H - Kiril
4N - Angel	4C - Maryam	4A - Evie V
5S - Antora	5W Susik	6P - Joshua

September and beyond

We are so looking forward to welcoming the whole school community back in September, including our new classes of Year R children who will be experiencing their very first days at school. Now that the Government has moved to Step 4 of its roadmap, a number of national restrictions and guidelines related to COVID-19 have been relaxed. This week, you will have received a letter with detailed information on new arrangements for September that reflect this updated guidance. We are looking forward to enjoying a more 'normal' year next year and to children being able to participate in a full range of activities such as after school clubs, swimming and sports days, without the need for such stringent control measures in place. Mr Marsh has also produced some fantastic videos, which show children how to find their way to their new classrooms on day 1.

Finally, as the year draws to a conclusion, we hope you and your children have a happy, safe and fun-filled summer break. We would like to send our very best wishes with Year 6 as they start the next chapter in their school career. For the children in other year groups, we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 6th September**.

Thank as always for your ongoing support

Mrs J Olivier
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SPORTS DAY

We would like to thank you for your understanding and support regarding the measures put in place to ensure that South Borough Primary School could enjoy a safe, competitive and fun series of Sports Days. Here are the results!



The results:

4th - Red - 916 points.

3rd - Blue - 978 points.

2nd - Green - 1013 points.

1st - Yellow - 1017 points.



School Records:

This year, we have revived the school records. The fastest sprint time for KS2 and the highest recorded High Jump in KS2 have been recorded and will act as the new school record!



High Jump - Dean M (6P) - 1.01m

Sprint - Blake W (5S) - 12.68 seconds

A huge congratulations to all of the pupils who participated in the Sports Days. You should be extremely proud of yourselves. A special well done to Yellow House!!!

Star Performer Certificates:

These pupils were identified by their teachers for their outstanding attitude and participation during the day.

- Nursery - Alexandra, Ricardo, Ratmir and Sophia
- Reception Green - Max, Onaedo, Deen and Sophia
- Reception Red - Ioan, Rayan, Erin and Aria
- 1S - Shaun, Henley, Emilis and Honor
- 1B - Harry, Muireann, Cassie-Dawn and Edward
- 2F - Dominic, Kaya, Ilesh and Antonia
- 2W - Freddie, Raizel, Matilda and Macie
- 3W - Olivia, Scarlett, Plamen and Alex
- 3B - Charlie, Savannah, Timurs and Freya
- 3H - Brooke, Francesca, Teo and Geovana
- 4A - Julia, Jermal, Charles and Davi
- 4C - Laura, James, Leah-May and Maryam
- 4N - Rosalia, Brandon-Lee, Mia and Matas
- 5S - Robin, Abigail, Muhammad and Ralph
- 5W - Sinead, Emmanuel, Addison and Sapphire
- 6P - Izzy, Dean, Vinnie and Kaiden

