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WELCOME BACK!

A message from Mr Currie - Head of School

A warm welcome back to all of our families. We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer break and managed to do some exciting things in between the downpours. I was very lucky to get away to Dorset for a couple of weeks with my family, where I tried paddleboarding for the first time. I also braved some ambitious DIY by knocking down and rebuilding a wall - fortunately the house is still standing!

This week has been incredible throughout the school. Both children and staff are bright and refreshed, ready to have the best year ever. This week has also seen us be able to operate the school with fewer Covid restrictions, which I must say has been very much welcomed. The children enjoying eating their lunch together in the dining hall and socialising across year groups has been lovely to see and certainly gone some way to bringing our school community further together. Staff have worked incredibly hard throughout Term 6 and over the summer break to plan an exciting new curriculum for children, which will be full of enriching opportunities. Watch this space for further info and for our dates ahead sheet which will give parents details of planned activities across the year.

I truly look forward to working with all staff, parents and children of the school throughout this year. Please don't forget to say hello at the gate!

A message from Mrs Olivier - Executive Headteacher

Hello to all our parents, children and awesome staff at South Borough Primary School. The start of our term has seen some very smart and tall children walk through our gate. All with an incredibly large smile! We welcome any new children and parents to our school but a special welcome to our Year R children who are initially beginning the term with a few taster sessions. Welcome to their parents too!

Summer seems like a distant memory but I do hope our community had some quality family time with less Covid restrictions. I managed to spend time with friends and family I hadn't seen for ages. There were many hugs all around! :-) I await the improvement of the Covid situation in SA to see my dear Mother-in-law.

The new academic year always brings excitement and nervousness all at the same time for many of our children (and parents). We would like to thank all the parents for preparing their children for a calm and focused start (even if they weren't). We want to ensure our children have every opportunity to learn and make great progress this year, academically, socially, emotionally and above all, personally. Our staff are committed to prepare all children to be upstanding citizens of our society who are resilient, who persevere and who are respectful individuals.

At South Borough we all take the learning and safety of our children seriously but we also believe it is vital to work with our community. Myself, Mr Currie and the leaders at South Borough have an open door policy, and all our hardworking teachers and support staff are there to help in any way they can. Please make sure you talk to us if you have any need to. Avoid playground gossip and social media if at all possible. We continue to build on the already very positive reputation for our school. We would like all our parents and carers to help us with this endeavor. Thank you in advance for coming to talk to the staff to resolve any niggle.

This year we have so many exciting opportunities for your children, please ensure they attend regularly and are in on time. They have missed school due to Covid restrictions and we want to ensure we narrow gaps in their learning as best we can.

> Thank you for all your support! On behalf of everybody at South Borough, we wish you all a fantastic Term one:

KEY DATES

16/17th Sept Year R Welcome Meetings

6th October **KS2 Parent** Building

7th October Fire Safety talks to children

14th October Flu Sprays Year R-6

20th October Individual and sibling photographs

22nd October **Show Racism** The Red Card Day

22nd October Term 1 Ends

1st November Term 2 Begins

Click here for amended term dates for this year.



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Below are links to useful information for parents and carers at the click of a button. Please click on the <u>blue links</u> to find out more.



Secondary School Admissions September 2022



The link above includes information from Kent about how to apply for a secondary school place for your child in Y6. We are more than happy to help with this process. Please contact the school office or a Y6 teacher.

Information for new Year R parents



The link above takes you to the booklet that was sent out in July for our new Year R parents. This booklet contains all information that you need to know about your child starting with us.







Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner

At South Borough, we benefit from an Emotional Wellbeing Team who are here to support our families.

Emotional Wellbeing Info

Parents can self refer to this service by completing this form and emailing it into the school office.

Emotional Wellbeing Form



School Uniform Information



Parent Communication Guide



Parent Pay

If you have any problems accessing your account, please contact the school office.

