



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!

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Friday 30th September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading/Phonics

I have to tell you that the highlight of my week by far has been observing the fantastic reading provision here at South Borough. All children now have reading lessons at 9am every morning. Phonics and whole class reading all happen at this time. Phonic readers are in groups, according to the sounds they need to learn, and the phonics teaching that I have seen has been incredible. The sessions are engaging and really focused on what the children need to learn to become a successful reader. Staff and children are working really hard to make these sessions the best they can be. Earlier this week, we shared our new 'Reading at South Borough Booklet' for Parents. Please do have a read, especially pages 9-14, which give valuable information to parents about how they can support their children's reading at home. Follow the QR code here to see this document:



Power of Purple Awards

One of the biggest highlights of the last two weeks has been the launch of our Power of Purple Awards. One child from each class will be chosen every week by their teacher for trying their best or showing expected behaviours to an exemplary level. Mr Clarke and I have the privilege of welcoming the lucky winners to a special breakfast and making a big fuss of them during our brand new Power of Purple Assembly on Fridays. They sat in the best seats in the house and received one of our brand new Power of Purple shields to wear on their uniform. Huge congratulations to our first set of winners!

School Games Mark (Silver Award)

As a result of the PE and sport offer provided last year (including Sport for Champions, Sports Day, clubs, competitions and much more) - I am delighted to let all parents know that South Borough has been awarded the Silver Award for the School Games Mark.



The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's provision and uptake in Sport against a national benchmark. It is also a way for us to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been awarded this. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded. I would like to make a special mention to Mr Smith, our PE Leader, who has simply done an outstanding job of leading PE and Sport and has been very much the driving force behind not only gaining this award but ensuring that every day PE and the provision that we offer is of the highest standard. Very proud!

On the second page of this newsletter, you will find some details about how we intend to ensure that our communication with parents is the best it can be. Please have a read. In the meantime, I wish you all a fantastic weekend - let's hope there is a peak of Autumn sun at some point!

Mathew Currie
Head of School

Friends of South Borough (FOSB)

The first FOSB uniform week raised £172.89. Thank you for all your uniform donations. More donations always welcome.

FOSB AGM 7th November - everyone welcome.

If you would like to know more about joining the committee please email:

friendsofsouthboroughprimary@outlook.com



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Parental Communication

As always, we aim to keep parents as informed as possible about events in school and their children's learning. With this in mind, I would like to outline some of the things we plan to do in order to keep you as up to date as possible.

Parent Drop Ins/Teacher Meetings

We will be inviting parents into school every term to get an update on their child's learning, look through their books and have discussions with teachers. We will have two formal parent meetings each year in Terms 2 and 4. During the other terms, we will host informal parent drop in sessions at the end of a school day, when we will open our doors to parents and offer you the chance to look at your child's books and have informal conversations with their teacher. Dates are listed below:

Term 1 - Parent Drop In Session - 18th October (3:30-4pm)

Term 2 - Parent/Teacher Meetings - 15th & 16th November (3:30-7pm)

Term 3 - Parent Drop In Session - 8th February (3:30-4pm)

Term 4 - Parent/Teacher Meetings - 21st & 22nd March (3:30-7pm)

Facebook

This year, we are going to make greater use of our school's new Facebook page to keep parents up to date with all of the fabulous things your children have been up to in school. You will see regular photos and comments from teachers. If you haven't already, search us up on Facebook and follow us!

Whole School Newsletters

Parents will receive fortnightly whole school newsletters. This newsletter will include: whole school information and celebrations; details of Power of Purple award winners; a dates page that will be regularly updated and regular FOSB updates.

Class Dojo

We have been using Class Dojo to reward children in school for a few years. I am excited to let you know of our plans to widen our use of Class Dojo to include the parent app. This will enable parents to see rewards their child has earned, message their child's teacher, view school communication in languages other than English and much more. We are currently working through a few logistics prior to launching this but will be in touch soon with more details.

Tapestry

Teachers in Nursery and Year R will be using a new programme called Tapestry to record assessments of children against the Early Years curriculum. Tapestry allows parents to see observations made about their child in school and actively contribute to their child's learning journey with things they have done or achieved at home. We are in the early stages of getting this launched in school and will be writing to parents with details of how to download the app and access your child's profile as soon as possible.

As a school, we are true believers in working collaboratively with parents and ensuring that our communication is as effective as possible. We welcome your views and feedback.



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We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our new Power of Purple Awards. These stars have shown expected behaviours to an exemplary level over the last few weeks. They will be invited to a Sausage Sizzle on Friday and have the Best Seats in the House during our celebration assembly.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 23/09/2022

Nursery

Ada Jean H

Reception A

Zofia L

Reception B

Jesse P

Year 1A

Felicity S

Year 1B

Alice G

Year 2A

Regina T

Year 2B

Veer B

Year 3A

Edward B

Year 3B

Ben L

Year 4A

Maria-Antonia P

Year 4B

Oscar M

Year 5A

Lola R

Year 5B

Inna O

Year 5C

Jessica B

Year 6A

Noel S

Year 6B

Gabriella A

Year 6C

Maryam A

Week Ending 30/09/2022

Nursery

Anthony S

Reception A

Adelyn C

Reception B

George G

Year 1A

Muzaffar N

Year 1B

Michael H

Year 2A

Muaz F

Year 2B

Malak D

Year 3A

Cassie-Dawn B

Year 3B

Ali Nazari

Year 4A

Kermal D

Year 4B

Marillia L.

Year 5A

Alex C

Year 5B

Safal T

Year 5C

Patric V

Year 6A

Rihanat B

Year 6B

Charles V

Year 6C

Anisa Mirza



Dates for the diary



Please see below dates for future events. This dates sheet will be redistributed frequently throughout the year to keep you up to date.

Parents are invited to events in Green.

Term 1	
FOSB Macmillan Coffee Morning	30th September 9-10am
National Poetry Day	6th October
Wear a hat day in aid of Diabetes UK	7th October
Year R-6 Flu Vaccinations	14th October
Year R Phonics - Parent Workshop	17th October 2:15-3:15pm
New Year R Parent Tours	18th October 9:30am
Parent Drop In Session	18th October 3:30-4pm
Y6 WW1 Experience Day	19th October
RE Day (Islam)	20th October
Y3 trip to Maidstone Museum	21st October
Show Racism the Red Card	21st October
Last day of Term 1	21st October
INSET Day	31st October

Future Dates	
New Year R Parent Tours	3rd November 1:30pm
FOSB Non-uniform day	4th November
New Year R Parent Tours	9th November 9:30am
Whole School Individual and sibling photographs	11th November
Parent Teacher Meetings	15th/16th November 3:30-7pm
FOSB Xmas Fayre	9th December
Parent Drop In Session	8th February 3:30-4pm
Parent Teacher Meetings	21st/22nd March 3:30-7pm
FOSB Summer Fayre	24th June

Term dates can be found by scanning this QR code

