



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Friday 9th December 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Christmas!!!

Well the festive season is well and truly upon us. The corridors are dressed with tinsel and baubles, thanks to the Friends of South Borough and their volunteers. And that merry sound of children singing Christmas tunes can be heard throughout. A highlight this week has without doubt been Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 Carol Concerts at All Saints Church. It was lovely to see so many of you, taking in the grandeur of that stunning building and fully supporting your amazing children.

As we enter our final week of term, there is still a huge amount planned. Today we have the school FOSB School Christmas Fair, which children across the school will have the opportunity to visit and play games. On Wednesday 14th December, it is Christmas Jumper day - children should come in wearing as much sparkle as they can to enjoy their Christmas dinner and class parties and make a £1 donation to Save the Children via Parentpay. Throughout next week, we will also be staging various performances of our Year R and 1 nativity for parents to enjoy. And on the final day of term, Nursery children will be hosting a special performance of their own to parents. So a fun filled time lies ahead for all.

Reading Review

Last week, we welcomed Raj Mehta, a literacy consultant, into school to undertake an independent, external review of the reading provision at South Borough. In terms of curriculum development, reading is and will remain our first priority. Raj was highly impressed with all aspects of our reading curriculum. This is as a direct result of huge amounts of hard work on the part of staff, children and parents. I am therefore proud to share some of the many positive comments included in her report.

- Reading is the school's number one priority. Leaders promote reading for pleasure well.
- Pupils talked eloquently and with confidence about their love of reading.
- Pupils were extremely respectful and courteous both to their peers and the consultant.
- The teaching of phonics is effective. Staff have strong phonics subject knowledge, which is reflected in the quality of teaching. This is well developed by effective coaching by school leaders.
- The whole class reading sessions are effective in helping older pupils to develop their reading abilities as expected for their age.
- Within whole class reading sessions, there is a strong emphasis on developing and expanding pupils' vocabulary.
- Adults instill the love of reading well in the early years. The language-rich environments in both Nursery and Reception promote children's communication and language skills well.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend - hope you manage to beat the queues and get further organised for the big day!

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

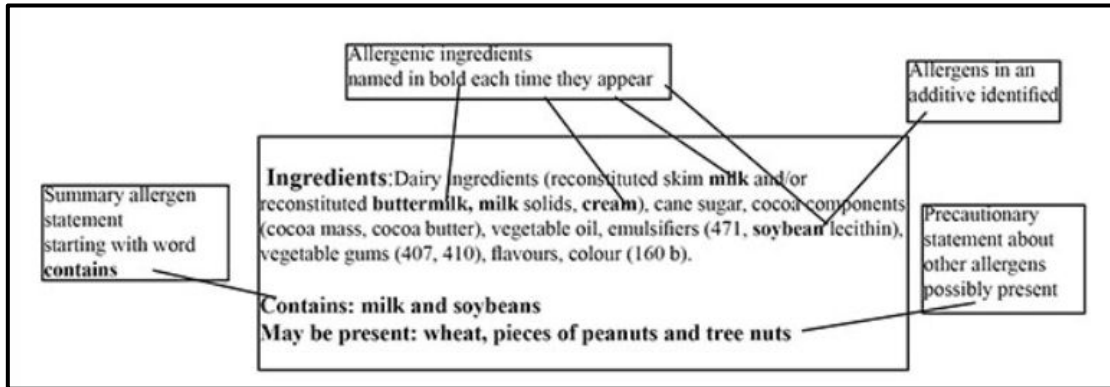


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Allergy Awareness - Checking ingredients

Here is an example of an ingredients label that you will find on food packaging. It is the law for all food packaging to include allergen information.



When checking items to include in packed lunches, parents should check the following:

1. Ingredients listed in bold - these are allergenic ingredients.
2. Allergenic statement (contains...)
3. Precautionary allergenic statement (may contain/traces of...)

Important reminders to parents

We have children in our school who suffer from severe allergies to nuts and peanuts. In order to keep these children safe, we are asking all parents to avoid sending your child into school with food items that contain the following allergens. This includes packed lunches, birthday treats etc.

- Nuts or peanuts
- Traces of peanuts

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need - a grand total of £317 was raised!



Staffing News

This week we have said a fond farewell to Mrs Houghton, who has worked as a Play Leader since September. Thank you for your contributions and we wish you well for your future ventures.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Kantor and Mrs Parkes to the role of Play Leader.



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Power of Purple Awards

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 02/12/2022

Nursery

Charlie H

Reception A

Rosalie M

Reception B

Artur S

Year 1A

Ivy R

Year 1B

Lexi B

Year 2A

Levi C

Year 2B

Adam P

Year 3A

Haadi A

Year 3B

Mahdi M

Year 4A

Suki S

Year 4B

Chriel G

Year 5A

Mihrimah N

Year 5B

Joanna K

Year 5C

Sienna C

Year 6A

Surraya G

Year 6B

Safir P

Year 6C

Lillie M A

Week Ending 09/12/2022

Nursery

Richard K

Reception A

Kristian P

Reception B

Namira R

Year 1A

Sadie

Year 1B

Albert S

Year 2A

Amelia-Jane P

Year 2B

Romany-Rose M

Year 3A

Muireann M

Year 3B

Emilis M

Year 4A

Marcin S

Year 4B

Matilda S.

Year 5A

Gracie S

Year 5B

Dillon C

Year 5C

Pandora A

Year 6A

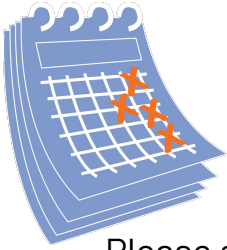
Mia H

Year 6B

Jamie T

Year 6C

Alexander B



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 2	
Reception/Y1 Nativity (1A Parents)	12th December 2pm
Reception/Y1 Nativity (1B Parents)	13th December 9:30am
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	14th December
Christmas Parties	14th December (PM)
Reception/Y1 Nativity (RA Parents)	15th December 9:30am
Reception/Y1 Nativity (RB Parents)	15th December 2pm
Nursery Christmas Performance	16th December 9:30am
End of Term 2	16th December

Future Dates	
INSET Day 3	3rd January 2023
Term 3 Starts	4th January 2023
FOSB Meeting	9th January
Sound Steps Music Assembly	12th January
Parent Drop In Session	8th February 2:30-3:30pm
Parent Teacher Meetings	21st/22nd March 3:30-7pm
FOSB Summer Fayre	24th June

Term dates can be found by scanning these QR codes

