



Headteacher: Mr M Currie

Deputy Headteacher: Mr L Clarke

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our children and families. Hopefully the half term break was kind and gave you an opportunity to recharge those batteries. Term 4 has definitely got off to a great start! World Book Day celebrations have been in full swing with all children enjoying time with author Gary Fyles on Thursday and next week joining all children across the country with the annual 'dress up' day. Teaching children to read and enjoy books has never been closer to the top of the agenda than it is right now at South Borough. We are all working really hard to afford children with the right experiences to become fluent readers as soon as possible from the start of their school career. World Book Day celebrations certainly help us to further strengthen the reading culture in our school.

National Strike Action

As you will be aware from the news, disputes over pay and funding continue between the National Education Union and Government. There are 3 more planned strike days which have the potential to cause disruption for children's learning on 2nd, 15th and 16th March. I will assess staffing on these days and make a decision based on staffing capacity and our ability to keep children safe with the staff we have in place. I will do my level best to inform parents as early as possible of my decision. However given the nature of strike action, I may be left with no choice but to inform you of decisions at short notice. I completely respect the right of individuals to take strike action and would ask parents to show understanding.

Learning Flyers

Following feedback from our Parent Forum, we have decided to reintroduce termly flyers to give parents an overview of what your children be learning during that term. Look out for this term's, which will be shared on Class Dojo.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to remind all parents of the importance of children being at school on time every day. Learning begins at 8:50am every morning with a reading lesson, with the gates opening at 8:40am to allow time for children to be in their classrooms in advance of this. I have noticed an increase in the number of children coming into the office late. Minutes of missed learning soon add up to days. Please do everything you can to get into school on time, even if that does mean setting that alarm 10 minutes earlier.

After school club staff

Those parents who regularly access after school club will have noticed some staffing changes. Mrs King left at the end of Term 4 and unfortunately Mrs Slann has suffered an injury which means she will be absent for a period of time. During this time, after school club will be run by Mrs T, together with Mrs Parkes and Mrs Whelan.

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead. That biting, cold weather is relentless at the moment. I don't know about you but I am certainly looking forward to the cold weather stepping aside for more sunshine and warmth. Take care and thanks for your ongoing support.

Mathew Currie
Headteacher



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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 10/02/2023

Nursery

Esme-Rose R

Reception A

Riley-Lewis C

Reception B

Kevin C

Year 1A

Thasya T

Year 1B

Maria-Antonia P

Year 2A

Max A

Year 2B

Alessia R

Year 3A

Violet F

Year 3B

Pearl N

Year 4A

Willow W

Year 4B

Michalina P

Year 5A

Ella S

Year 5B

Oscar P

Year 5C

Harrison C

Year 6A

Samuel TF

Year 6B

Jemima S & Sumaya S

Year 6C

Keida X

Staff

Ms Sgkouni

Week Ending 24/02/2023

Nursery

Alise A

Reception A

Cecilia W

Reception B

Nancy F

Year 1A

Antonia P

Year 1B

Leela C

Year 2A

Riley B

Year 2B

Oscar F

Year 3A

Harry P

Year 3B

Christopher M

Year 4A

Jack C

Year 4B

Freddie R.

Year 5A

Richie P

Year 5B

Harry A

Year 5C

Xander T

Year 6A

Grace A

Year 6B

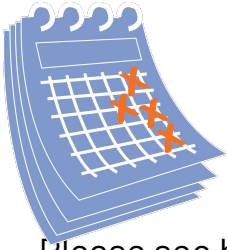
Evelyn E

Year 6C

Bailey A

Staff

Mrs Samways



Dates for the diary



Please see below dates for future events. This dates sheet will be updated with each Newsletter to keep you up to date.

Parents are invited to events in Green.

Term 4	
Start of term 4	20th February
World Book Day Dress Up Day	2nd March
Reception Vision and Height Check	10th March
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	10th March
Understanding your child's behaviour Workshop	14th March 1:30pm
Parent Teacher Meetings	21st/23rd March 3:30-7pm
RE Day - Non Religious Views / Christianity	30th March
FOSB Easter Egg Activity	30th March
End of term 4	31st March

Future Dates	
Start of term 5	17th April
Bank Holiday	1st May
Understanding Resilience Workshop	2nd May 1.30-3.00pm
Year 3 & 4 Trip to Living Land	4th May
Bank Holiday	8th May
KS2 (Year 6) SATs week	9th - 12th May
End of term 5	26th May
Start of term 6	Tuesday 6th June
Year 4 Times Tables Check	5th - 23rd June
Year 1 Phonics Screen	12th - 16th June
FOSB Summer Fayre	24th June
End of term 6	21st July

**Term dates can
be found by
scanning this QR
code**

