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# SIS News

Sitwell Infant School

## Message from Mrs Peart

What a wonderful few weeks we have had in school since we shared our last newsletter! There has been so much exciting learning happening. Our KS1 classes were very lucky to have such lovely weather for our visit to Austerfield – much better than this week! The Den Building and Gruffalo activities were fabulous and we loved our day of outdoor learning. Thank you to those parents who were able to give their time on the day to help us. We hope you enjoyed it too!!

Our month of reading has also been a huge success! We have loved sharing stories across classes and welcoming wonderful visitors into school. Steve Smallman creating and illustrating our own stories was amazing! We are very grateful for the support you give your child with reading; please keep reading at bedtime!

It has been confirmed that all statutory assessments will go ahead as normal this year. For our children, this means that Year 2 will take their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) in May and Year 1 will take the Phonics Screening Check in June. We have organised a daytime and evening meeting for parents to share information about the assessments and how you can support your child. Further information about this is included below.

We are looking forward to the final week of this term. Please take a read through the Diary Dates below to make sure you don't miss out on anything!! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday when it arrives and we look forward to beginning our final term with you all.

## Diary Dates

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Pyjama Party day!
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Class 8 Stay & Learn @ 8.45am
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Classes 6 & 7 Stay & Learn @ 8.45am
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 SATs parents meeting (9am & 5pm)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Class 3 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Class 2 Class Assembly @ 9am
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Class 4 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Class 5 Class Assembly @ 9am
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Class 1 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Easter holiday
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for the summer term
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Coffee Morning @ 9am

## Class assemblies

Children in Classes 1-5 have been working hard this term with their learning through their 'Enchanted Woodlands' theme. They wanted to be able to share their learning with you so a class assembly has been organised for each class and parents are welcome to come in and find out about their wonderful learning.

Each class will share a short performance and then children's printing artwork will be available to purchase for a small donation.

They are really beautiful and they have worked very hard to create them. Children's books will also be available to look through.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## New Caretaker

We are delighted to share the good news that we have appointed a new caretaker for our school. Mr Coley began on Monday and has immediately settled into our staff team. If you see him around school, please say hello and give him a warm welcome!

## Mrs Beck

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mrs Beck, one of our Teaching Assistants, is leaving us next week. Mrs Beck has secured another position at a school closer to her home and will begin her new role there after Easter. We hope you will join us in wishing Mrs Beck well on her new learning journey and thanking her for her hard work and dedication to the children at Sitwell Infant School over the past 15 years. Good luck Mrs Beck!

## Coffee Morning

Now that we are fully back to normal, we are able to begin holding our coffee morning sessions again each month. They were well attended in the autumn term and we are hoping lots of you will be able to make our next meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. We will be asking for your views on our current school uniform arrangements, our recent parents evening organisation and any parental support you feel you need. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with other parents.

## Parents Evenings

We were really pleased to be able to speak to so many of you during our recent Parents Evening. These opportunities are built into the school year to ensure you have a good understanding of your child's learning and progress and how they are developing their personal, social and emotional skills. We hope you found the meetings useful. Please let us know if you have any feedback about the organisation of these meetings this term.

## Pyjama Party

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, everyone is invited to come to school dressed in their comfiest pyjamas as we will be celebrating the end of our Reading Month with a fun pyjama party day! We hope lots of you have completed our Book at Bedtime challenge over the past few weeks. Please bring your completed form into school as we will

enter them into a special prize draw. There will be several winners per class.

## Fundraising efforts

Thank you to everyone for your support on Red Nose Day and World Down's Syndrome Day. It was lovely to see your outfits and odd socks! We have now counted up all of the coins that were donated for our coin trail and the money from the purchases of red noses and we raised a brilliant £571.56 altogether. This money will be used by Comic Relief to support children and families who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Thank you so much!!

## Ramadan food drive

As many of our families begin the holy month of Ramadan this weekend, our PTA felt it would be a good time to hold a food drive in school where we will be able to support others in the community.

All food donated will be given to Hope Church Food Bank in the centre of town and they will distribute it to families and people in need. We will only be taking donations of non-perishable items e.g. tinned and dried foods. You can donate items from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April through to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please hand them in at the school office.

## Eid Celebrations

We know that after Ramadan, families will be celebrating Eid-al-Fitr together and as a school community we want to share in this celebration with you. We have planned to hold a special Eid party in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, where everyone will be invited into school

in their special Eid or party clothes and we will take part in a range of fun activities throughout the day. We would be grateful if parents and carers could support us with donations of food for each class to try in the afternoon. We would love parents to join us in school to help with the food tasting in the afternoon. Please speak to Mrs Peart or Mrs Khan if you would like to come in and support. Thank you.