



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 3rd October, 2024

A Great Start to the Year

Over the first few weeks of the academic year, we have seen that the children have made a brilliant start. We can see excellent manners and behaviour, a great attitude towards learning and also a greater sense of responsibility and maturity from those pupils who have moved on to another part of school. Well done everybody.

Attendance

Thank you all for the great start that has been made with attendance. 191 pupils have 100% over the first 5 weeks of term - this is amazing!

Good attendance is so important to learning and for establishing strong friendships. Our attendance rewards will continue this year - everyone who has 100% for the year will receive a gift voucher. Everyone who has over 96% for the year will be entered into a prize draw for a tablet computer. We also have rewards for 100% and getting over 96% each term.

Reading and Homework

Children have made an excellent start with the weekly 3-Read Challenge and the spelling homework - thank you for your support!

Events and Dates

We have a lot going on over Autumn term - please check the dates on the back!

World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October we're saying 'Hello Yellow' to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. If they wish, children can come to school wearing something yellow. We will also have activities promoting positivity and good mental health.

Parents' Evening & Uniform

We will be holding two parents' evenings next week on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. If you haven't made an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a meeting.

Also on the parents' evenings, pre-loved school uniform will be available to collect from a stall in the main hall.



Halloween Disco

We are pleased to inform you that on Thursday 24th October, we will have a Halloween disco after school. There will be a disco for reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils from 4:00pm until 4:45pm. The disco for years 3 to 6 will start at 5:00pm and finish at 5:45pm. Children can come in appropriate Halloween costume if they wish and there will be prizes for the best-dressed! Tickets will cost £2.50 and this includes a drink, sweets and a bag of crisps - additional sweets, drinks and hot dogs will be on sale.

Tickets will be on sale next week from Miss Horsley in the morning and Mrs Towle after school.

Toys in the nursery garden

Please can we ask that children do not play on the bikes and toys that are left out in the nursery garden at the end of the day. We have had equipment damaged or left in other parts of the site which means that nursery children don't always have equipment available for them to use the next day. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 3rd October:	National Poetry Day
Friday 4th October:	Year 3 - Pedestrian Skills
Tuesday 8th October:	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:00pm)
Wednesday 9th October:	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:00pm)
Thursday 10th October:	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 17th October:	KS1 Harvest Festival
Thursday 24th October:	Halloween Disco
Friday 25th October:	Last day before half-term break
Monday 4th November:	School opens after half-term break
Mon 11th - Fri 15th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11th - Fri 15th November:	Year Six IntoUniversity workshop (Miss Reed's set)
Wednesday 13th November:	Owl Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve
Friday 15th November:	Children in Need day
Wednesday 20th November:	Fox Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve
Thursday 21st November:	Rabbit Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve