



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 28th April 2022

Welcome Back!

Welcome back - I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and found time to enjoy some peace and relaxation. As you will have noticed, the rules for Covid-19 have changed and testing kits are no longer freely available. From now on, any children who have a fever should not come to school until the fever has passed. This is the only symptom that we are advised to look out for.

Covid tests can be purchased if you are concerned about any other symptoms. Children who test positive should not come to school for 3 days. They can return to school after 3 days, provided that they do not have a fever. Other than this, children should be in school every day - they do not have to isolate if they are contacts of someone who has tested positive or if someone in the household has Covid.

Over the last two years, so much learning time has been missed and the school has plans to help the children catch-up. Extra tutors are working in school and catch-up interventions, such as the 'Rackets Cubed' lessons that Year 4 enjoyed on Tuesday, will be in place through the summer term. We ask that you support us with this by getting children into school on-time, every day.

School Refurbishment

Our school refurbishment work has continued over the Easter Holiday. Our site manager, Mr Singleton, has done an amazing job in organising the work on site and has completed much of the work himself. The four classrooms used by Year 3 and 4 have been transformed to make them a much more engaging environment for learning. The only classrooms which haven't been modernised are those used by Year 5 and 6 these are scheduled to be completed in the summer holiday.



Playground Development

As you will have noticed, there have been some significant additions to the playground over the Easter Holiday. The children in Years 1 to 6 have been enjoying the use of a 'trim trail', while the Reception children have had their whole playground remodelled with a climbing frame, traverse wall, sand pit, mud kitchen and even a road! The new play equipment will help develop the gross motor skills of the children (and will also be a lot of fun!). We have plans to improve the outdoor environment even further with benches and trees in the main playground. During the summer holiday, the whole of the nursery playground will be remodelled and improved. We ask that you please supervise your children if they are enjoying playing on the trim trail at the end of the school day.



Polling Day

Next Thursday, the school nursery will be closed all day to be used as a Polling Station in the Local Government elections. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this closure. **This will only affect children who attend nursery; children in all other year groups, including reception class, are expected to be in school as normal.**

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd May: School closed - May Bank Holiday

Week Beginning Monday 9th May: National testing week for all year six pupils.

Week Beginning Monday 16th May: National tests for all year two pupils.

Thursday 26th May: Platinum Jubilee Art Exhibition

Friday 27th May: Platinum Jubilee Special Tea Party Lunch

Friday 27th May: Last day before half-term holiday.

Monday 6th June: School re-opens after half term holiday.