



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Wednesday 4th January, 2023

Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to you all. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and healthy Christmas break.

The children have come back into school and displayed a great attitude today - their behaviour is a credit to our Southcoates families and we thank you for your support. They look smart in their uniforms and are ready to learn! We ask that you continue to support us with other things that will help your children to make even better progress with their learning.

Reading

Please continue to support your children with home-reading and to fill in their reading record. The target is for each child to read at home at least 3 times each week. Reading at home is a small thing that has a huge impact on progress in all subjects. **It is one of the main aims of our school that all children should be confident readers by the time they leave us.**

Attendance

Despite the cold weather and winter illnesses going around, attendance was good throughout the autumn term. 62 children managed to be in school every single day - that is 20% of all children in school. Well done to those children and families - I know it is a truly fantastic effort. All children who maintain 100% attendance throughout the year will receive a Smyth's Toy Superstore voucher at the end of the year so keep it up!

As well as these 62, a further 80 children have also achieved the 96% target for attendance. Brilliant job! **Every child who manages to achieve 96% attendance across the year will receive a certificate, a prize and will also have their name put into a prize draw for a larger prize - in previous years this has been a bike or a tablet computer.**



Water Bottles

As a Green Flag certified Eco-School, we are always thinking of ways to be more environmentally friendly, such as recycling paper and card, planting fruit trees on the playground, turning lights off when rooms are not in use and installing LED lighting. This week, we will be providing every child with a re-fillable water bottle to stay in school, meaning we will no longer sell single use plastic water bottles. The water bottles have been bought using money raised at the school fair. The lids of the bottles will be coloured yellow, blue, red and green meaning each child will have the colour to match their house. The bottles will be washed in school regularly.

Absence and Winter Colds

I know there has been a lot on the news about winter colds, Covid-19, flu and scarlet fever. The guidance on illness remains the same. If your child has a minor cold then they are fine to come into school. If your child has a fever then please keep them at home until they feel better and their temperature has come back down.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10th January:	Class 3/4W start Rackets Cubed at Woodford
Wednesday 11th January:	Y6 trip to Feren's Art Gallery
Monday 30th January:	Class 6M IntoUniversity Focus Week begins
Thursday 9th February:	Whole School Art Exhibition
Friday 10th February:	Last day before the half-term break
Monday 20th February:	School re-opens after half term break
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Tuesday 7th March:	Parent's Evening and Annual Reports sent out
Wednesday 8th March:	Parent's Evening and Annual Reports sent out
Monday 13th March:	School Closed - staff training day
Friday 31st March:	Last day before the Easter break
Monday 17th April:	School re-opens for summer term