



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 24th March 2022

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who made a donation or participated in our Comic Relief activities. Together we raised an amazing £774 - what a fantastic achievement.

Extra congratulations should go to year five for their contribution to the fundraising; setting up games, competitions and a very successful hot dog sale!



World Maths Day 2022

On Wednesday 23rd March it was World Maths Day. Across the school, each year group took part in activities to mark the day. Activities included:

- Practising position and direction on the playground by giving partners directions to follow.
- Using Beebots to practise using maths vocabulary and moving the Beebot around a world map to different countries.
- Exploring shape and geometric patterns.
- Counting challenges using a range of resources.



Lateness

There has been a big increase in children being late for the start of school over the last few weeks. Being on time for school is very important to children's learning:

- * If you arrive late, you miss important information. The teacher has a whole class to teach and can't always go over things with one child.
- * Arriving late disturbs the lesson and learning for other children. Some children find it hard to concentrate and any unnecessary distraction should be avoided.

In the last 4 weeks there have been a total of 111 late marks, this adds up to 19 hours and 37 minutes of lost learning time.

There is also the additional disruption for staff who have to leave their job to take children to class.

During the Easter holiday we are having an electronic signing-in system installed; this will be for staff, parents, visitors and for children arriving late. There will be a touch screen placed on the main reception area with options for signing your child into school if they arrive late, as well as signing out options if they leave early for any reason. This means that if you bring your child late to school (after 8.55am) you will have to come in and sign your child in using the touch screen system.



Pets for Reception Class

The children in Reception Class have been very excited to meet and to feed the new class pets!



Upcoming Events

Thursday 31st March: Year 3 / 4 Easter performance for parents

Wednesday 6th April: School photograph day

Friday 8th April: Last day before Easter Holiday

Tuesday 26th April: School re-opens for summer term