



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 25th November 2021

## Relax Kids

All children have been taking part in sessions to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health. They have also been discussing practical strategies that they can use to improve their own mental health. We have more Relax Kids sessions planned for all classes before the Christmas break.



## Christmas Fair and Discos

I am sorry to inform you that we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the planned Christmas Fair and Discos. The information coming from the local Health Protection Team is that cases are rising across the city and in the Southcoates Ward and we should be as careful as we can.

Even though we have only seen a few isolated cases in school so far, the risk of an infection spreading through a crowded Christmas Fair or disco is too great. As a school, we have to focus on learning and supporting the children in catching up after already missing so much learning time over the last two years. I would not want jeopardise the excellent progress that children have made so far.

I would rather choose to cancel these events so that we can still have our nativity performance and carol concert. We also have many other activities, such as Magic Carpet Theatre and Christmas parties, which we will be able to run safely in school.

We shall still hold the big raffle and plan to hold some of the Christmas Fair events on the playground at a different time.



### COVID-19

Thank you to everyone for your support with our efforts to keep school free of Covid-19. We are continuing with extra cleaning routines, regular sanitising and ensuring that school is well-ventilated.

However, cases are rising across the city and the last thing we want is to be told by public health that we have to close classes or switch to remote learning.

So, with that in mind, please ensure that if your child develops any covid symptoms, you take them for a PCR test at the fire station. The results are normally sent to you the next day and the symptoms to look out for are: a new cough; a high temperature; loss of taste or smell.

Thank you for your support.

### Margaret Ross

I am sorry to inform you that one of our former teachers, Margaret Ross, has passed away. Margaret worked at Southcoates from 1988 until her retirement in 2005. She was well-liked by the staff she worked with and the children she taught and she will be missed.

### Children in Need

Thank you all for your contributions and donations for Children in Need.

Together we raised **£1,155.05**. What a fantastic effort!

### Upcoming Events

Thursday 9th December: Early Years Nativity Performance (at St. Aiden's)

Tuesday 14th December: Carols to Parents

Thursday 16th December: Magic Carpet Theatre performances

Friday 17th December: Christmas jumper day, Southcoates Talent Show and school closes for the Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 5th January: Children return to school for spring term.