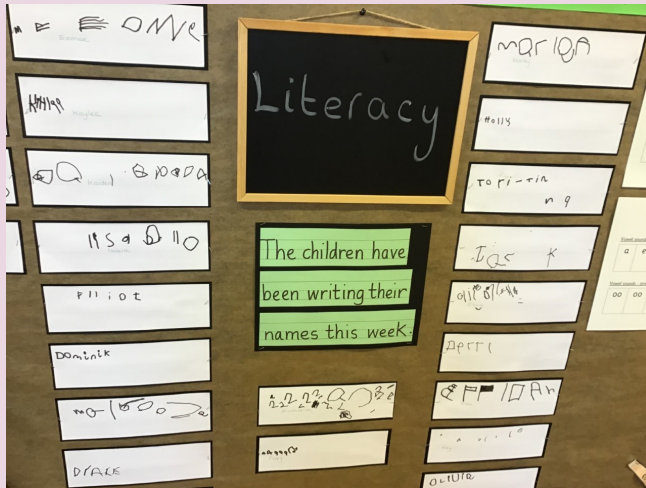




Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 20th September 2022

Learning to Read and Write



The children in Early Years have settled in nicely and have made a great start to their school life!

This week children in Reception have been writing their names. Even more importantly, they have started their journey of learning to read. They were very excited to take home their reading books too! Well done reception class!

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular consistent attendance will help your children to make the most progress both academically and socially. I know my own children are not always keen to get up in the morning, but the routine of school life certainly helps with their behaviour. Throughout this year, we will continue to have termly and yearly prizes for attendance. Everyone who meets the government target of 96% attendance will get a certificate and a prize each term and at the end of the year. Smyths Toy Superstore vouchers were given out on the last day of term for everyone who achieved 100% attendance through the year and one child even won a tablet computer.

Please try to get children to school on time between 8:45 and 8:55 each day. Again, I know things can get in the way occasionally, but arriving at school on time means that the children are here for the start of the lesson.

It is not always possible for teachers to recap on learning for those children who have arrived late.



Wet Weather

I'm sorry to say the beautiful summer weather which we have enjoyed since March seems to be on it's way out. We have had a few rainy days recently and it is noticeably colder.

Please ensure that children come to school with an appropriate coat for playtime. Please also ensure that names are written in all of the items of clothing that your children bring to school - we have an ever growing collection of lost property!

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property which has been building up in school. If your children have lost anything over the last year then please come and look this week as anything left over will be given away.

All lost property will be out in the main hall on Friday after school.

Reading

Reading at home makes a massive impact on children's progress in all subjects. We will be continuing with the weekly three-read-challenge and the Southcoates 70 books. Please encourage your children to read for just 5-10 minutes each day – the target is to read for a minimum of 3 times per week. Well done to all the children who read the ten Southcoates 70 books for their year group last year.

Over 150 children completed the challenge!

Upcoming Events

Monday 26th September: Year 4 Swimming starts (every day for 2 weeks)

Thurs 29th & Fri 30th Sept: Year 5 Bike ability - Group 1

Thurs 6th & Fri 7th Oct: Year 5 Bike ability - Group 2

Tuesday 11th October: Parents' Evening (more details to follow).

Wednesday 12th October: Parents' Evening

Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Oct: Year 5 Bike ability - Group 3

Monday 17th October: Whole school Spanish week

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October: Half term week

Monday 31st October: School re-opens after half term