



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 3rd February 2022

## Bikeability

The first group of Year 5 pupils started their Bikeability course this morning. After a bike safety check and putting on their helmets, the group have been working on their balance whilst riding, safely turning and riding around and through cones. For those who are ready, they will be going out of school and practising cycling safely around the local area.



## E-Safety Week & Children's Mental Health Week

Next week it is both national E-Safety Week and Children's Mental Health Week. Children will be taking part in activities that inform them about how to stay safe in the digital world and how they can look after their own mental health.

Next Friday (11th February) will be a non uniform day where the theme is to come to school in something colourful and bright (or in a colour that makes them feel happy).

## Parent Group to fund Library refurbishment and Trim Trail

As part of the ongoing refurbishment work going on in school this year, I would like to thank all Southcoates families for their contributions to school fundraising events.

The parent group has very kindly agreed to fund a trim trail to be installed in the main playground and to refurbish the Key Stage Two Library. These, and other planned improvements, will continue to enhance learning in school.



### Polite Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that when collecting children from school you are respectful of the other parents already on the playground. Please ensure that you wait your turn to pick up your child and don't just join the queue with your friends; no one wants to feel like they are being pushed in front of. Our priority is to ensure that children are sent home safely. Thank you.

### My Child at School App

Please make sure you have activated, downloaded and logged on to the My Child at School App (MCAS). If you have not collected your MCAS invitation code letter please contact the school office.

From the 1st March MCAS will be the only way we will communicate with parents. Text messages, emails and direct messages will be sent by the school using the MCAS App.

As parents, you will also be able to send messages to the school using the App in addition to being able to request changes to your personal details, for example if there are changes to your mobile number or home address.

After half term we will be asking parents to check the consents given for their children, for example, to be able to use anti-bacterial hand gel, name to be used on the school website, school social media, printed publications etc.

Information regarding this will be sent out after half term.

### Upcoming Events

Week beginning Monday 7th February: E-Safety Week & Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 14th February: Whole school theme week

Week beginning Monday 21st February: Half term holiday

Monday 28th February: School re-opens after break