



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Swimming

Year four completed their two-week programme of swimming lessons last week.

Here's what Archie thought of the lessons...

“For the last two weeks, year four have been going to Woodford Leisure Centre to have swimming lessons. You got to jump in two metre pool and there were two groups. My water confidence wasn't very good and now it's a lot better and now I can swim a little bit. I thought it was brilliant, my favourite bit was jumping in.

You should go if you can't swim.”

Well done to all of year four and year five who have completed their lessons so far this year. Year six are booked in to have their lessons after SATS in the summer.

Southcoates 70

All children have been given a Southcoates 70 bookmark. Southcoates 70 is a reading challenge that will run through the year and every child who completes this will get a prize. We have picked 10 great books for each year group, for the children to try to read through the year. These books are available in classrooms for children to read in school or at home. Each time a book is completed, tell your teacher who will sign this off on your bookmark.

Please encourage your children to choose these excellent books and support them to read them. These books can still be read as part of the weekly 3-Read Challenge.

Flu Vaccines

Just a reminder to parents who have given consent for their child to have the nasal flu vaccine, that these will take place on Thursday 13th October.



Early Bird Day

Well done to Gabriel and Hollie who won the prize on last week's Early Bird Day! There will be certificates and prizes for all children who make the national target of 96% attendance and for those who have 100% attendance at the end of term.

Holiday Forms

The school is only able to authorise holidays during term time in exceptional circumstances. These are:

- Service personnel / other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside of term time. (Please note: a letter from the employer is needed)
- Acute family crisis within the family.
- Court order/formal agreement where parents are separated.

Holiday forms must be completed before the holiday and are available from the main office. Documentary proof is required for the absence to be authorised.

Please be aware that holidays taken during term time may incur a fine.

Holidays taken during term time have a huge impact on a child's progress as it is almost impossible for the missed learning to be fully caught up on.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11th October:	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th October:	Parents' Evening
Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Oct:	Year 5 Bikeability - Group 3
Monday 17th October:	Whole school Spanish week
Thursday 20th October:	Harvest Festival (Y1 & Y2 at St. Aiden's)
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October:	Half term week
Monday 31st October:	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 9th November:	Class 1/2PR trip to Tophill Low
Wednesday 10th November:	Class 1/2H trip to Tophill Low
Wednesday 16th November:	Class 1/2B trip to Tophill Low