



South Avenue Primary School

Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Christmas is absolutely the best time to work in a school; with carols, nativities, tinsel and excited children there is no better place to get into the spirit of Christmas. This term has whizzed by and has been packed with fun events. The children have continued to work incredibly hard, they have thoroughly enjoyed their class topics and I have been so impressed with the homework that they have been sharing with us.

The term started with the excitement of the Halloween discos which were great fun. The Year 6 children led a moving Remembrance Day Assembly, held outside by our flagpole, to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 and the service personnel who have died in the line of duty. We have enjoyed trips to Dover Castle and the British Museum. Year 4 had their Roman day last week; their costumes were fantastic and they had an amazing workshop where they put all of their learning into action. The workshop leader commented on how well the children behaved; he was really impressed with their knowledge and willingness to take part. Well done children, we are very proud of you! Our sports teams have acted as fantastic ambassadors for South Avenue. They have shown determination, resilience and commitment which has led to many sporting successes!



We have thoroughly enjoyed getting into the swing of Christmas. The Infant Nativity plays were wonderful. The children performed with such confidence and had great fun. It was a joy to watch them and to share their performances with all the families and friends. A very big thank you for all the fabulous costumes that you provided, the children looked amazing. The Junior Carol Service took part in St. Michael's Church. We were delighted that so many families and friends were able to join us. It was lovely, with all the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas, to have a relaxed time listening to our children sing such gorgeous carols.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Christmas Fair, this was superbly organised by Mrs Schreur, with support from her merry band of staff and volunteers. There was a really lovely atmosphere at the fair, which was very well attended, resulting in a spectacular £1700 being raised for the PTFA. We will be using this money to buy equipment for the outside area; we really do appreciate all your generosity in supporting these events.

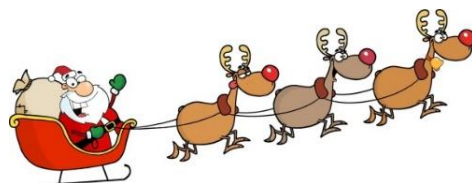
As you will be aware, Mrs Drury, Mrs Feeings, Mrs Persuad and Mrs Wood are leaving South Avenue. We are so grateful for their dedication to the school and wish them every success and happiness in the future. We will miss them but we look forward to them coming back to visit us soon.

I am so grateful to our amazing staff team, they work extremely hard to provide exciting learning opportunities for our children and are so committed. I would like to thank our Governors, who provide such excellent support, for the time and energy they give our school. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that the children enjoy their education at South Avenue.

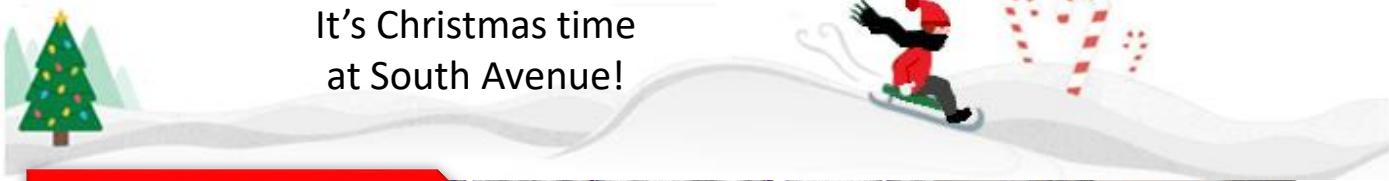
Finally, on behalf of everyone at South Avenue, I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 7th January.

Samatha Fenn

Miss Fenn
Headteacher



It's Christmas time
at South Avenue!



*Manger Mouse Christmas Production
Peridot, Garnet and Quartz Classes*



Creativity, Commitment, Courage, Collaboration, Community & Challenge



*Straw and Order Christmas
Production
Emerald, Topaz and
Sapphire Classes*



Collaboration, Commitment, Creativity, Courage, Community, Challenge

Quartz Class had a fantastic time on Wednesday afternoon making their Christingle Candles in their R.E lesson. Morrison's kindly donated enough oranges for each child in the class to make their own Christingle Candle to take home to light.



The Golden Curriculum children had a great time when they visited the Heritage Hub in the Forum. They were shown lots of artefacts from the Saxon and Roman periods, which had been dug up by archaeologists at sites in and around Sittingbourne. They held objects that were thousands of years old and used metal detectors to search for coins in the sand.



Charity Fundraising in Term 2

A massive thank you to all our families who have supported South Avenue in all its fundraising endeavours this term. The Sittingbourne Foodbank were very grateful for all the Harvest Festival donations received at the start of term. We are still waiting on the total raised for The Royal British Legion and will let families know as soon as we hear. We were delighted with the contributions to our Pudsey penny trail, with £190.48 raised for Children in Need. Our School disco raised £657.87 and our Christmas Fair a staggering £1700!

A special thank you to Santa, who even with his busy schedule, made a visit overnight with a special gift for all the children!



As a result of your unwavering generosity and continued support we have raised over £2500 this term for good causes and the School, which is truly awesome!



Arts & Crafts Club. The children have been enjoying making place mats, fans, photo frames, puppets and stockings over the last term. We have really enjoyed exploring our creativity and creating unique items. We can't wait to start back in Term 3.

The Makaton Signing Club have been learning to sign to 'Away in a Manger'. The club performed in the Church on Monday for the rest of the school. Well Done to Nevaeh, Jack, Kaci, Emmy, Vitas, Rubie, Sainabou, Felicity-Rose, Lexi, Aliyah-Jay, Sydney, Anvitha and Landon. If your child would like to come along to the club, it runs on a Wednesday lunchtime 12.30pm.



Ballet Club finished last week after a very successful two terms. The girls all worked very hard and it was lovely for them to be able to put on a show for family and friends. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Calver were very proud of them all.



South Avenue Facebook page

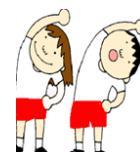
Don't forget to sign up for our new Facebook page if you haven't already done so. Permission forms are available in the Junior site reception or can be downloaded from the school's website at <http://www.southavenue.kent.sch.uk/Letters-Home>



Lost Property



Please can you ensure that all items coming into school are clearly named, so that any misplaced items can be quickly returned to your child. This includes coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. as well as school uniform and PE kit.



After school Clubs

All Clubs for Term 2 have now finished. You will have received a Club letter detailing new clubs which are running in Term 3. STEM Lego, Archery, Ballet, Hockey and Dodgeball have finished and will not return in Term 3. The School Football & Netball Team training (Wednesdays & Thursdays) will continue with the same children. Y6 Gymnastics, Football for Y3 & Y4, Street Dance and Arts & Crafts will continue to run in Term 3. New clubs are Gymnastics (Y1, 2, 3 & 4), Dance Choreography (Y1 & 2) and Games Club. Singing Club will return again in Term 4.

A text message will have been sent to confirm your child's place in their chosen club with details of any club fees due. Club contributions need to be paid in advance please.

If, at any time, your child no longer wishes to keep their club place, please let the office know, so that we can reallocate the place.



Platinum After School Club continues to run after successfully completing its first year.

There are limited spaces so please book early. Enquiries and bookings can be made by emailing asc@southavenue.kent.sch.uk. Alternatively you can pick up some information at reception.

WoW Term 2 Figures

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Peridot	22	22	18	20	23	21	21	147
Emerald	19	20	17	15	20	19	20	130
Garnet	19	15	24	20	22	23	22	145
Topaz	14	11	12	15	17	20	19	108
Quartz	28	22	25	24	22	22	23	166
Sapphire	23	21	22	21	22	16	19	144
Amber	22	19	21	19	19	18	18	136
Diamond	16	20	24	23	20	22	14	139
Onyx	21	17	18	19	17	19	14	125
Tanzanite	20	21	21	21	20	21	18	142
Opal	19	12	19	20	20	19	22	131
Amethyst	18	14	15	18	19	20	11	115
Pearl	21	20	20	21	21	19	20	142
Ruby	17	16	20	19	19	12	16	119

Congratulations to
Quartz class

This term's
Walk on Wednesday Challenge
winners!

A massive thank you to all those
who have supported this worthy
initiative.



Collaboration, Commitment, Creativity, Courage, Community, Challenge

Headteacher Awards

Lots of children have received 'green slips' this term. These are awarded for exceptional effort, behaviour or work, and if a child receives one a postcard is sent home to let parents know.

Well done to: **Jessica W, Tanisha L-P, Logan B, Lauren R, Annabelle K, Charlie McK, Joey H, Riley A, Frankie S, Oliver D, Kim S, Clayton L, Vanessa S, Lacey P, Reggie P, Bexley E, James G, Zak B, Charlie S, Ella-May A-W, Jack B, Katie H, Darci S, Seth D, Siena-Louise W, Logan B, Penelope-Rose C, Herbie A, Ryan M, Rebekah T, Holli B, Lena B, Logan H, Ava K, Annabelle K, Millie T, Rose B, Mason S, Evie H, Michal Z, Isabel R, Jagoda T, Poppy B, Boyan T, Kiera W, Paddy T, Evie L, Lexi H, Jayden A, Riley H, Rhianna C, George H, Kaci G, Kacie S, Harry W, Sydney P, Anvitha N, Lexi D, Emmy H, Sainabou C, Tilly J, Felicity-Rose H, Vitas R, Rubie F, Alijah-Jay G, Nevaeh W, & Oliverjack S.**



Celebrating our core values.

(Collaboration, Challenge, Community, Courage, Commitment & Creativity)

Staff award children for their practical application of any of the 6Cs during the week.



Our award winners for this term are: **Emma Z, Ben T, Keira B, Kim S, Hadleigh S, Frankie S, Levi G, Layla O, Logan E, Ethan J, Charlie G, Vitas R, Finley-James S, Hayden L, Vanessa S, Isla O, Chloe M, Jayden-Scott J, Aleksandra K, Connie N, Demi P, Kieron H, Sophie G, Gracie T, Kyla D, Ellie S, Anastasija M, Keira W, Ronnie S, Chloe W, Michael B-B, Sasha W, Bailey B, Lilly S, Michelle M, Raphael DP, Annabelle J, Louie S, Sophie C, Danny I, Faith M, Kirsty H, Skye G, Jessica W, Felicity Rose H, Sainabou C, William V, Tilly A, Ella B, Bethany J, Holly S, Preston S, Hollie A, Jessica C, George H, Lacey P, Tamika B, Luke G, Holli B, Lexi H, Nevaeh W & Ty W.**



Scientist of the Week:

Alfie W, Harry W, Ellesse R-G, Jennifer E, Cian P, Lexi S, Holly E, Vitas R, Annalise C, Henry W, Lawrence W, Caydon B, Riley H, Rubie F, Ashton T, Mia D, Aimee S, Samuel H, Sophie g, Jack B, Olayemi U, Jessica C, Tyler G, Rhianna C, Skye G, Daniel C & Kaci G.



Mathematician of the Week:

Emmy H, Harry W, Ruby L, Chester B, Lukas K, Louie S, Brooke-Kay, Zoe B, Faith M, Ruby H, Jayden E, Poppy B, Ella May A-W, Ben H, Tilly J, Lily B, Oscar H, Gracie T, Aston K, Tommy K, Tyler G, Jayden H, Charlie S, Ali G & Claudia Y



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to this term's winners of our KS2 Spelling Bee competition: **Riley H, and Alijah-Jay G, (Y6), Boyan T and Lilly-Grace G (Y4)**

Collaboration, Commitment, Community & Challenge

Attendance Honour Roll:

Congratulations to the 185 children who have achieved perfect attendance in Term 2. There are too many to list individually, however we are very proud of their commitment, with the support of their families, for achieving this fantastic 100% record. The children will enjoy their reward on our return in January.



Sadly, many children will have suffered significant illness during Term 2, as have a number of staff. We ask you to bare in mind that whilst unavoidable, this means your child has lost crucial learning time. We ask that you consider very carefully, booking holiday in term time as this will only exacerbate lost learning for your children.

Attendance at the end of Term 2 stands at **96.35%**

Remember, we are aiming for whole school attendance of 100%

With your support, we are confident we can do even better in Term 3!

Dates for your diary!

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th Jan
Monday 7th January

Staff Development Days
Start of Term 3

Thursday 31st January
Tuesday 29th January
Tuesday 5th February

100% Attendance Reward (during the school day)
Family Trust Assembly for Junior pupils
Team Teeth Dental Screening
Family Trust Assembly for Infant pupils

Friday 15th February

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Monday 25th February
Thursday 21st March

Start of Term 4
Y5 Harry Potter Studios trip



Staff Development Days for 2018/19

Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July 2019