

South Avenue Primary School

End of Term 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Term 4 has been fantastic; it has been wonderful watching the children grow in confidence and do such amazing learning. It has also been extremely busy – we loved World Book Day, with great imagination shown by the children (and parents) dressed as their favourite book characters. Mrs Telford, Mrs Purves and Mrs Goatham really went to town, too, and we all loved their costumes! The Spring Disco was another opportunity to dress up and there were some very glam, glittery disco clothes.

Comic Relief Day was fab! We managed to keep a 'floss' (the dance rather than dental hygiene) going throughout the whole of lunchtime, even in the rain! What dedicated and resilient children we have. One of my highlights of the term was going to Harry Potter World with Year 5. The children's behaviour was impeccable, and they were superb ambassadors for the school. They really were a real credit to us all.

We have begun to evaluate our curriculum, thinking about what the children are really enjoying learning and how we can build on this. Thank you so much to all the parents who added ideas about the type of curriculum they would like us to develop. I will share all of your ideas in Term 5 - I did chuckle at the parent who would like us to include ironing! As the mother of two boys I totally agree.

Some Year 4 children took part in the Swale Music Festival this week and represented our school brilliantly. We are looking at ways in which we can include more opportunities for the children to perform, as this is great for building their confidence and resilience. Therefore, we have decided to re-introduce class assemblies. This will be a chance for each class to share what they have been learning with their families. The class assemblies will be on the following dates:

Class Assemblies for 2019

Tuesday 7th May	Year 5 – Amethyst Class
Thursday 9th May	Year 5 – Opal Class
Thursday 23rd May	Year 4 – Tanzanite Class
Thursday 23rd May	Year 4 – Oynx Class
Tuesday 11th June	Year 3 – Amber Class
Thursday 13th June	Year 3 – Diamond Class
Tuesday 18th June	Year R – Emerald Class
Thursday 20th June	Year R – Peridot Class
Tuesday 25th June	Year 1 – Garnet Class
Thursday 27th June	Year 1 – Topaz Class
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 2 – Sapphire Class
Thursday 4th July	Year 2 – Quartz Class

Next year, we will spread the assemblies out across the year so that we do not have so many in one term. Year 6 will not be doing an assembly but are planning something lovely for their parents.

Thank you all so much for your continued support. I am absolutely loving being the Headteacher of this fantastic school. I hope you all have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 23rd April.

Best wishes,

Miss Fenn
Headteacher

Community, Courage, Commitment, Collaboration, Creativity & Challenge.

Year 1 went to Kent Life to become Victorians for the day. They learnt about working as a chimney sweep, a maid in a big house and also went to school. They found out about Florence Nightingale and looked inside the Victorian house. They decided that they much prefer their own bedroom! They also had a go at making a rug.



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On Tuesday 12th March, Year 2 went on a school trip to Challenger Troop. Here, they took part in lots of different activities focussing on 'The Great Fire of London', linking to their topic. In the morning, the children took part in team building challenges such as, building a wooden bridge, carrying a stretcher and completing an obstacle course. In the afternoon, the children had great fun learning all about how to make a fire and discussed the health and safety around it. All of the children showed great resilience during the tasks and completed each activity with so much enthusiasm and positivity, which was lovely to see!



On Wednesday 27th March, the infant children welcomed a few noisy and excitable visitors to school... owls! The children were told lots of interesting facts about owls and were even lucky enough to watch them fly across the school hall... although some of the owls were more stubborn than others. We had so much fun!



Year 3 Forest School Activity



Year 3 enjoyed their visit from the Kent Wildlife Trust to teach the children survival skills they would have needed in the Stone Age. The children learnt how to make their own fire and create their own shelter. The children also helped to revamp the school's pond area!

Year R with some feathery friends!

We thoroughly enjoyed holding the chicks, which we had watched grow, from eggs to chicks. We enjoyed watching how they peck their way out of an egg to begin to grow their own feathers and wings. In Reception, we have been learning about animals, this term, and finding out whether animals were covered in fur, feathers or scales. We found out that eventually the chicks would grow into chickens, which are covered in feathers.



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Our Mother's Day Teas were once again a huge success. 433 people attended across the 4 sessions on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. Whilst the weather outside was a bit gloomy, the atmosphere inside was anything but, with some very happy faces at the sight of a slice of cake! The daffodils were initially keeping tightly closed but eventually decided to open to share their joy.



Our thanks go out to the volunteers who supported us in the smooth running of the sessions. We couldn't do it without you. This is not a money making event, we use it as an opportunity for your children to get together with a relative and spend some quality time, without electronic devices, just having a natter over a nice piece of cake. Watching the smiles and the love between the adults and children was wonderful to see and it is clear that we have amazing families making up our school community.

We look forward to welcoming even more of you along next year.





Luke G, Olayemi U, Jayden A, Keaton B (Capt.), Kaya P, Charlie S, Charlie K, Zak B & Christian G

We are super proud of our footballers this term!

We attended Minterne 7s football tournament on Saturday 30th March and topped our group with the most points and goals overall!

We then went in to the quarter finals, playing Halfway House, ending in us winning on penalties (tense times)!

The boys were so excited to be in the semi final and fought hard, holding the possession until Bapchild got a scrappy goal in the second half of extra time! Their teacher even commented, saying how we should have been the team going through to the final.

Lots of tears afterwards :-(but we told them that we can go on to win at the next one in the Summer!

Zak B was awarded with player of the tournament and proved to be some kind of machine in defence!

Swale Spectrum

supporting parents and carers of children with ASD/ADHD

Welcome to Swale Spectrum - a support group run by parents for those people who care for someone on the Autism Spectrum or who have ADHD. We aim to help families who are any stage of diagnosis and may signpost to appropriate services.

Everyone deserves equal support. If you have any questions about anything including diagnosis, medication side effects, contact us and we will try to help. We are not medical professionals.

swalespectrum@hotmail.com

[facebook.com/swalespectrum](https://www.facebook.com/swalespectrum)

Our coffee morning meetings are monthly, first Friday of the month in term time.

10:30am - 12:30pm in Sittingbourne (venue and reminder of facebook)



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Attendance Honour Roll:

Congratulations to the **248** children who have achieved perfect attendance in Term 4. 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. With your support, we are confident that we can do even better in Term 5!

Attendance at the end of Term 4 stands at **96.22%**

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

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: Daisy S, Logan F, Gabriela G, Preston P, Levi L, Riley K, Jayden E, Tyler H, Darci S, Ryley B, Ruby L, Vanessa S, Archie W, Clayton L, Chloe M, Jake K, Riley A, Jack B, Keira B, Demi P, Alfie H, Lacey P, Katrin K, Amelia E, Summer L, Boyan T, Jacob V, Sophie G, Lillie D, Demi P, Oscar H, Frankie L, Gracie M, Ben W, Sofia O, Michal Z, Zachary E, Rebecca C, Charlie S, Chloe M, Kahina B, Caitlin B, Levi F, Christian G, Joey H, Paddy T, Codey P, Jack O, Miles M, Poppy W, Ella P, William V, Olayemi U & Isla M.

Star of the week



Congratulations to:

Ryan P, Ruby L, Kim S, Dani A, Lola B, Paddy T, Kamilla B, Aliyah-Jay G, Jerry L, Clayton L, George W, Isabel R, Abigail T, Ashton T, Callum R, Chloe B, Chloe W, Sasha W, Lena B, Sadie W, Keaton B, Skye D, Jaxon C, Jesus F, Jack W, Dylan H, Rohan M, Andreja P, Laura P, Blake H, Connor W, Iqra A, Kourtney P, Shanie H, Sofiia O, Saxon M, Daisy S, Ben W, Ryley B, Boyan T, Olivia H, Lilly G, Lawrence W, Ella P, Skye G, Vitas R, Henry W, Jayden E, Oliver G, Emily T, Jane N and Isaac T.

	WoW Term 4 Figures						Total
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Peridot	22	19	23	18	18	17	117
Emerald	19	20	22	21	21	20	123
Garnet	24	18	19	21	22	25	129
Topaz	23	12	22	23	23	22	125
Quartz	22	22	21	22	22	22	131
Sapphire	20	20	20	21	22	22	125
Amber	14	17	19	18	18	20	106
Diamond	20	21	21	20	20	21	123
Onyx	19	19	20	20	20	20	118
Tanzanite	21	19	22	21	20	21	124
Opal	15	16	16	16	17	19	99
Amethyst	10	10	11	13	12	13	69
Pearl	20	20	20	20	21	20	121
Ruby	18	19	24	21	16	21	119



Walk on Wednesday

Congratulations to **Quartz class**
This term's WoW Challenge
Winners!

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

For more information on WOW go to

<http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/>

Collaboration, Commitment, Community & Challenge

Dates for your diary!

8th – 12th April

Tuesday 23rd April 2018

Thursday 25th April

Tuesday 30th April

Monday 6th May

Thursday 9th May

Monday 13th to 16th May

Tuesday 14th May

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

Monday 4th June

Thursday 6th June

10-14th June

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June

1st-3rd July

Wednesday 10th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

Platinum Holiday Club

Start of Term 5

Kent Test meeting for Year 5 parents (3.30pm)

Class photographs with Braiswick Photographers

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

Family Trust Assembly (Junior site)

KS2 SATS week

Family Trust Assembly (Infant site)

100% Attendance Reward

Year 6 – 2019 Residential Meeting for parents (5pm)

Last day of Term 5 – (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Start of Term 6

2020 Residential meeting (for current Year 5 parents) 5pm

Year 1 Phonics screening

Father's Day event

Year 6 Residential

Sports Day

Summer Fair

Sports Day back up

100% Attendance for the term reward

Reward Day - 100% attendance for the year

Last day of Term 6 (School finishes at 1.30pm)



Platinum Club

The Platinum Club continues to run during term time. The Platinum Holiday Club will also run during the May half term break (letters coming home with dates after the Easter break). For more information please email office@southavenue.kent.sch.uk or asc@southavenue.kent.sch.uk. Alternatively, telephone the school office on 01795 477750 during term time hours.

After school clubs will continue to run in Term 5. The same clubs that ran in Term 4 will be available, with the exception of Mrs Gaskain's Singing Club, Games Club and Dance Choreography which have now finished. You will have received a text if your child has been successful in gaining a place in their chosen club for next term. Places for the Creepy Claws Animal Club have now been allocated for Term 6. New Clubs for Term 5 are Lego/Colouring Club and Rugby Club.

Term dates and staff development dates for the next academic year – 2019/2020

Monday 2nd September 2019 – Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Start of Autumn Term 1

Friday 18th October 2019 – Last day of Term 1

Monday 28th October 2019 Start of Term 2

Monday 2nd December 2019 (Trust Day) School Closed

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Last day of Term 2 (1.30pm finish)

Monday 6th January 2020 Start of Term 3

Friday 14th February 2020 Last day of Term 3

Monday 24th February 2020 Start of Term 4

Wednesday 1st April Last day of Term 4 (1.30pm finish)

Monday 20th April 2020 Start of Term 5

Friday 22nd May 2020 Last day of Term 5

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 Start of Term 6

Wednesday 22nd July 2020 Last day of Term 6 (1.30pm finish)

Other staff development days are Thursday 16th April, Friday 17th April and Monday 1st June 2020