



South Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

Term 5



Dear Parent and Carers,

We have come to the end of Term 5; it has been a very short but action packed term! The children still continue to amaze us all with their unwavering energy and enthusiasm to do their best and to be a part of all that we do at South Avenue. I would like to say a very big well done and thank you to the Year 2 & 6 children for their tremendous effort and positive attitudes towards their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). We try to keep the Year 2 'challenges' as part of their daily lessons so that they do not feel like they are being 'tested'. But, the Year 6 SATs have to take place on specific days and are timed. The Year 6 children have shown great maturity and worked incredibly hard, both in the run up, and throughout the tests. What superstars they are and whatever the results, we know our children have tried their best and we are extremely proud of them all.

The topic work this term has been amazing! The school has been buzzing and I hope the enthusiasm I have seen around the school has been shared with you at home as well. I have been so impressed with the home learning projects – what a talented bunch of children and parents we have! I have seen so many children for Green Slips and it really is a delight when they proudly show off their work. We have had to increase the budget for postcards home!



We have thoroughly enjoyed the celebration assemblies this term. It is a chance for us to say well done and thank you to individual children for either consistently having amazing behaviours for learning or to celebrate if a child has achieved well during that week. We also celebrate the achievements the children have out of school. Last week Kaya had the biggest trophy I have seen in a school assembly ever! So, if your child achieves something out of school e.g. a badge at beavers / brownies or swimming certificate then they are welcome to bring it into school on a Friday to share with everyone.

Mrs Streatfield, our fantastic Deputy Head, has been successful in gaining a promotion to School Improvement Advisor for the Potential in Everyone Academy Trust and will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. We are exceptionally proud of Mrs Streatfield's achievement but she is a fantastic Deputy Head and we are very sad that she is moving on. This means that we will be making some changes to our leadership structure, which will result in some teachers moving year groups and some new teachers joining the school. I will explain all of the changes next term and details of which Class teacher and Teaching Assistant your child will have in September will be shared with you and your child later in Term 6.

I know I have said this in previous newsletters, but we do not make the rules regarding absence for holidays, the Government does, but we do HAVE to follow them. We also have to investigate a child's absence to ensure the reason stated is genuine before we can authorise it. Obviously, we have to discourage absence for holidays during term time and we are not allowed to authorise holidays and have to issue penalty notices. But, if you are going on holiday please write to me to request the holiday, as this will save us time and effort following up on your child's absence.

We will be having an Arts Week 17th – 21st June, where there will be lots of art, music, dance and drama activities based on the theme 'This is me!'. We will be using the arts to promote positive well-being and encouraging the children to celebrate how unique and amazing they are.

On Saturday 22nd June, from 10am-1pm, we will be having an 'Open School'. This is where you can come along with your child and take part in an art activity with them. We are all going to be painting stones to create a stone lined path in the playground. It will also be an opportunity to look around your child's classroom. We know that lots of parents work and it is tricky for them to come along to events during the school day so we thought we would try a Saturday, and hope that lots of you will be able to join us. Further details will be sent out next term.



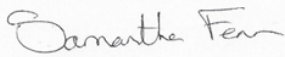
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I have thoroughly enjoyed the class assemblies this term and look forward to seeing the rest of the classes next term. Please check the date section so you know when your child's class assembly is.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, fingers crossed we get sunshine.

I look forward to seeing your child coming bounding back in on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes,



Sam Fenn
Headteacher

Reading with your child at home.

Evidence shows that children who read out loud daily at home for 15 minutes make huge improvements in their reading ability. Reading is already a major part of daily activities in school, but children who receive extra individual attention at home do make much more progress. With your help your child can make significant progress and we appreciate your support as we work together to give your child the best of opportunities.

Reading to an adult and discussing books is an extremely important part of learning to read, both at home and at school, and we like to provide as many opportunities as possible for children to do this. We would like to recruit some more parent, carer and grandparent volunteers to come into school and work with our children across the school, hearing them read and talking about the books. If you could spare an hour or so each week to do this, in the afternoons, we would love to hear from you. Please let the school office staff know if you would like to join us to hear children read.



**Reading is an
adventure that
never ends.**



**"I'm wondering
what to read next,"
Matilda said.**

Year One Phonics Screening

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all pupils are able to decode phonics to an appropriate standard by the age of 6. All Year One children must complete the check. The phonics check will help teachers identify the children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in Year Two. The check comprises of a list of 40 words and non-words which the child will read one-to-one with a teacher.

If you would like to help your child with this they can watch 'Mr Thorne Does Phonics' on YouTube.



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Reception classes

This term we have been learning about 'Our Favourite Stories' in Reception. We started off our topic by looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, whereby we planted our own bean stalks. We sent these home so the children could look after them and see how tall they would become. Some of them have grown very tall! We also have been planting our own seeds ready to be planted in our outside area. We look forward to watching them grow! I wonder what you will spot growing in our outside area soon.



Year 3 went on a trip to Maidstone Museum to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. The children held artefacts that were over 3000 years old and even saw a real mummy! The children had a fantastic time.

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Year 4 have been studying the Vikings this term and were excited to show their parents what they have learnt. From a re-enacted Viking battle to displaying clay runic messages, the children were keen to demonstrate what they had gained from such an engaging topic this term.

Not only did we display how knowledgeable we now are about the Vikings, we wanted to share what we have recently been taught during our Ukulele lessons!

We hope you enjoyed our assembly and thank you for coming.



This term Year 5 have been learning all about London and they have created some awesome homework projects. From massive models of Big Ben, to stunning Lego cenotaphs and crystallized crowns, all of their projects have made us proud and shown just how much they have learnt. Thanks to all of the parents and carers who have supported their children's home learning.

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Year 6 At Chessington!

On Wednesday 22nd May, Year 6 enjoyed an amazing day out at Chessington World of Adventures. After working incredibly hard for their SATS, everyone was super excited for a well deserved day of fun!



It really was a wonderful day enjoyed by all the children and adults! The weather was glorious and many children were able to experience a roller coaster for the first time! After a long but enjoyable day, Year 6 returned to school tired but extremely happy!

Well done to all of Year 6 for their hard work and dedication, we are so proud of you!



"It was such a fun experience that everyone could enjoy! Even if you are a little scared of heights!"

"I had the best day, it was so much fun!"

"The whole day was so exciting.
We got to go on loads of rides!"



On Thursday 16th May, some children from year 5 and 6 attended a rugby festival competing against other local schools.

The children had a fantastic time and performed brilliantly.

They played four matches and won all of them.



South Avenue Choir visited SCC today to record their version of Zip A Dee Doo Dah. They have worked so hard and been practising for this opportunity; we are so proud of our choir's achievement and commitment. We hope to see more of this choir soon! Keep you eyes and ears peeled for more performances to come.



Some of our Y4's had the opportunity to perform their ukuleles at Swale Music Festival. They were amazing and represented the school really well with their rendition of Justin Timberlake's 'Can't Stop the Feeling'.

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Attendance Honour Roll:

Congratulations to the **232** children who have achieved perfect attendance in Term 5. 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 6!

Attendance at the end of Term 5 stands at **95.82%**

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

The **smarter** way
to communicate
SIMS InTouch

School Communication

Further to our recent email our new school communication system InTouch, will take effect from Monday 3rd June 2019.

You don't have to do anything except add this number to your phone 07860 055433 so you know its the school texting you.

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: Riley C, Frankie L, Aelvie B, Anvitha N, Oliver M, Poppy W, Kaya P, Ryan P, Caydon B, Ethan E, Finley-James S, William V, Reggie P, Daisy S, Ethan C, Jacob S, Lacey P, Isaac T, Preston P, Darci S, Isabelle F, Ruby-Rose G, Sainabou C, Brooke K-B, Daisy S, Millie C, Emmy H, Anastasia L

Star of the week



Congratulations to:

Logan B, Oliverjack S, Tommy L, Levi L, Erin B, Rhys A, Codey P, Abi T, Chloe B, Demi P, Baran B, Evie H, Ava K, Jagoda T, Tommy K, Aleksandra K, Shaneesta N, Chloe M, Jack B, Isabelle F, Cian P, Anthony B, Maisie D, Lacey P, Kacie S, Luke G, Connor W, Caydon B, Jacob D, Billie-Ann K, Keyan J, Tiarna L-P, Francesca R, Max W, Bailey B, Ben T, Tanisha L.P, Alfie S, Ethan E, Lily C, Mille C, Christina L and Laura P.

	WoW Term 5 Figures					Total
Week	1	2	3	4	5	
Peridot	16	20	21	22	15	94
Emerald	20	20	21	21	20	102
Garnet	23	21	19	21	20	104
Topaz	22	23	23	23	24	115
Quartz	14	22	22	17	21	96
Sapphire	19	19	21	22	22	103
Amber	18	19	15	20	21	93
Diamond	20	20	20	20	21	101
Onyx	20	19	20	19	20	98
Tanzanite	21	21	19	21	20	102
Opal	17	17	18	19	16	87
Amethyst	11	10	13	15	13	62
Pearl	19	21	20	21	19	100
Ruby	21	19	20	19	19	98

Walk on Wednesday

Congratulations to
Topaz class

This term's

Walk on Wednesday 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/>



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Monday 3rd June

Thursday 6th June

Friday 7th June

Monday 10th June

Tuesday 11th June

Thursday 13th June

Friday 14th June

Monday 17th June

Tuesday 18th June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Saturday 22nd June

Monday 24th June

Tuesday 25th June

Thursday 27th June

Friday 28th June

28th June – 5th July

1st – 3rd July

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Wednesday 3rd July

Thursday 4th July

8th – 12th July

Monday 8th July

Tuesday 9th July

Wednesday 10th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

First day of Term 6

Kent Test (11+) online registration opens (for current Y5 pupils)

Y6 Swimming lessons - a.m. (1/6)

Highsted Grammar School Open Evening - Y5 parents & pupils (4.30-8p.m)

Fulston Manor Y10 Sports Ambassadors with Y4

Y6 Swimming lessons - a.m. (2/6)

New Reception children for September - parent talk 4.30pm

Amber Class Assembly

Borden Grammar School Open evening for current Y5 parents & pupils (6-8.15pm)

Diamond Class Assembly

Father's Day Event p.m.

Westlands Secondary new intake welcome evening (current Y6) 16:00 – 18:30

Borden Grammar Open morning for Y5 pupils & parents (9.15-10.20am)

Fulston Manor School Sports Leaders visiting Y6 (pm)

Highsted Grammar School New intake welcome evening (current Y6)

Father's Day Event a.m.

Art Week

Y6 Swimming lessons – a.m. (3/6)

Y5 visit to Temper Temper Chocolate

Y2 trip to Whitstable RNLI

Emerald Class Assembly

Peridot Class Assembly

Fulston Manor School Sports Leaders visiting Y6 (pm)

Y5 2020 Residential Meeting for Parents -5pm

SCC Secondary new intake Induction evening (current Y6) 15:30 – 17:30

Golden Curriculum trip to Herne Bay

Open School - Family Art Session 10am -1pm

Y6 Swimming Lessons – a.m. (4/6)

Garnet Class Assembly

KS2 Family Trust Assembly (Junior site)

Topaz Class Assembly

Team Teeth visiting

Y5 Bikeability

Y6 Residential Trip to Swattenden

Fulston Manor – new parents Evening – current Y6 (7-8.30pm)

Borden Open Evening for new parents of current Y6 (6pm-7pm)

Sapphire Class Assembly

Kent School Games Netball Final (All day)

KS1 Family Trust Assembly (Infant site)

Last date to register online for 11+ for current Y5 pupils

Fulston Manor School, Highsted & Borden Grammar Transition Day (current Y6)

Quartz Class Assembly

SCC & Westlands Transition Week (Current Y6)

Y6 Swimming lessons – a.m. (5/6)

Y1 to Wingham Wildlife Centre

Sports Day (more details to follow)

Summer Fair (2-4pm)

Y6 Swimming lessons – a.m. (6/6)

Reserve date for Sports Day

Y6 Leavers Pizza Party (3.15-6.30pm)

Y6 Leavers Review for parents

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

Term 6 Diary Dates!



Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances some dates may be subject to change. Please check weekly WhatSAP & letters home

After school clubs will continue to run in Term 6, starting on the first week back. The same clubs that ran in Term 5 will be available with the exception of Lego/colouring Club which has now finished. Creepy Claws will have new children in Term 6. You will have received a text if your child still has a place in their club for next term. Please make a note of the day, time and cost (where applicable). If your child has not yet tried a club and wishes to do so, please speak to the school office. Can I also remind parents to pick your child up promptly from all after school clubs. All clubs finish at 4.15pm.

