

WhatSAP?!

Parent communication for the families of South Avenue Primary School



Bulletin No 6: Week Commencing Monday 26th April 2021

Tuesday 27th April

- ◆ Class photographs with Braiswick School Photographers (a.m)
- ◆ Y4 & Y5 Anglo Saxons - Battle of Hasting. English Heritage virtual sessions

Monday 3rd May

- ◆ Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

Tuesday 4th May

- ◆ Y4 & Y5 Anglo Saxons - Battle of Hastings. English Heritage virtual sessions

Friday 7th May

- ◆ Dress up for Digits—NSPCC Number Day

Week commencing 10th May

- ◆ Y6 Bikeability
- ◆ Mental Health Week



Letters & Emails home

- ▶ NSPCC Number Day - 7 May 2021
- ▶ Heroes—stamp design competition
- ▶ Parent Governor Election letter
- ▶ Class Newsletters
- ▶ Y4 & Y5 Anglo Saxons workshop letter
- ▶ Y6 Bewl Water activity day

If you are not receiving our emails, please email the school office on office@southavenue.kent.sch.uk and we will update your email address from the information provided. Please include your child's name and class within the email.

History Detectives



Miss Johnson and Mrs Dengate love history and we've decided to set you all a challenge! We'd like you to become history detectives.

We'd like you to look at this picture.

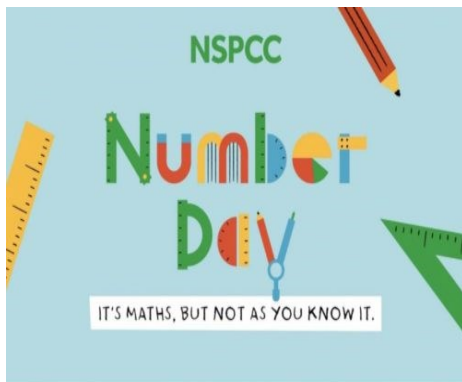


- Can you guess what it is?
- What was it used for?
- Could you still use it today?
- What made you think this?



Once you've decided what you think it is, post your guess along with your name and your class, in one of the history detective boxes found in the Infant and Junior hall. We will announce the winner in the next WhatSAP.

Good luck!



Friday, 7th May

NSPCC Number Day—Dress up for Digits



Children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or number theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at South Avenue Primary School will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC prevent abuse and be there for children.

We discover, we learn, we grow.

Miss Cadwallader, Head of School

Message from our Family Liaison Officer

Many parents have found themselves furloughed over the last year or have taken a drop in salary. Sometimes when this happens you may become entitled to Free School Meals.

In making a claim for FSM, should the school have to close again, or your child's class or year group bubble need to isolate due to Covid 19, you would be entitled to Government Vouchers. This equates to £15 per child, per week, to spend in a supermarket of your choice. We know that parents have found these a real help, especially when the children seem to eat non stop when at home!

Even though children in Years R, 1 and 2 are not currently required to pay for school meals, in order to receive Government vouchers your child must be registered under the FSM scheme via the link below.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If your child is eligible for free school meals with an active application on the 31 March 2018, they will remain eligible until 31 March 2022. We may ask for proof of benefit after you apply.

All children in receipt of Free School Meals will also trigger additional funding, payable to the school, or approximately 7 years, which will follow the child through to secondary school. Even if you claim FSM, your child can continue with a packed lunch if they prefer. We want to ensure that everyone receives their correct entitlement should we have another lockdown. Please take 5 minutes to see if your family qualifies even you have only recently seen a drop in your income - you may need to try again in a week or two if you don't qualify the first time. Any additional funding that the school can receive will benefit the children.



Royal Day in Key Stage 1

In celebration of our recent topics of 'Toys through the ages' in Year 1 and 'Marvellous Monarchs' in Year 2, we held a Royal Day on Wednesday the 24th March.

All the children were invited to dress up in their most royal outfits to take part in this special celebration. We created our own crowns to show off our power and wealth, just like Kings and Queens throughout history and the Year 2s also learned how to perform a courtly dance.

We also had a special guest from Dover Castle, who visited us through TEAMS. Lady Eleanor was on hand to answer all our questions about life in the medieval castle. She told us all about royal parties, her clothes, her favourite toys and even her baths (she only has 12 a year)! She was very confused when the Year 1s showed her a teddy bear because she'd never seen one before!

We all had lots of fun and are very grateful to English Heritage for providing such a brilliant historical experience for our children, free of charge. If you'd like to find out more about English Heritage's work and days out, their website is a wealth of information and can be found here: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>

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