

WhatSAP?!

Weekly parent communication for the families of South Avenue Primary School



Bulletin No 1: Week Commencing Monday 13th September 2021

Monday 13th September 2021

- ♦ Y1 Meet the teachers (3pm)

Tuesday 14th September

- ♦ Y2 Meet the teachers (3pm)

Wednesday 15th September

- ♦ Y3 Meet the teachers (3pm)

Thursday 16th September

- ♦ Y4 Meet the teachers (3pm)

Monday 20th September

- ♦ Y5 Meet the teachers (3pm)

Tuesday 21st September

- ♦ Y6 Meet the teachers (3pm)



Meet the
TEACHER

Letters & Emails home

- ▶ YR to Y6 Newsletters for Term 1.
- ▶ Y5 Astrodome visit to South Avenue
- ▶

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.

Each Year group will be holding Meet the Teacher sessions (dates above). This is an opportunity for our teachers to introduce themselves to you and provide an overview and the expectations for learning for the academic year. The meetings will take place on the field (weather permitting) - please come to Gate 5 via the main pedestrian gates in between the two buildings and you will be welcomed by a member of staff.

We will be holding Parent Consultations on Tuesday, 9th and Thursday 11th November when you can book a one-to-one meeting with your child's class teacher.

Drop off and pick up times can be busy times at the classroom door, but if you would like to speak to the teacher, appointments can be made through the school office or via email or telephone.



The Reception children have begun their South Avenue journey with us, and we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know them all. The Reception team are extremely proud of how well the children have come in each morning with a big smile and ready to explore the activities with their new friends. We would also like to say a big thank you to our new Reception parents for being so supportive and understanding with our slightly different approach to this school year. We enjoy working collaboratively with our families and encourage you to sign up to Tapestry, if you have not already, so that you can see some of the learning taking place in school.

We would also like to welcome all the children and families who have joined us across other Year groups at South Avenue this term, we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

Steve Steals the Day!

Last week, the author Steve Clifford visited all the children at South Avenue in a bid to inspire our young writers and promote a love of both writing and reading.

We all enjoyed listening to him talk about how he became an author and were fascinated by the process of how an idea for a story becomes a published book for us to buy in the shops and on the internet. The children were set a writing challenge and then Steve joined them in their classrooms to teach them the importance of and strategies for editing and improving their first drafts. It was wonderful to hear children excited about their writing and some even told Steve about an idea they had for a story and asked advice on how they could become an author!

After school, Steve spent some time selling and signing his books and both Steve and I would like to thank all those parents who came along, bought books and enjoyed meeting our visiting author.

It was wonderful to hear Steve complementing our children, parents, staff and school and I felt very proud to be part of the South Avenue school community. Well done everyone!

**** Steve spent 4 days in school but did not charge for any of his time so, if you would like to support him by buying his books, you can do so directly via his website- every copy is personally signed!

More details at www.csclifford.co.uk



We discover, we learn, we grow.

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6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



"I work full time and help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"

"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"

"I've made life long friends"

If you would be interested in helping us in anyway please contact either Miss Mace or Mrs Purves on the above email address.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

The Friends of South Avenue Primary (PTFA)

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