



# South Avenue Primary School Newsletter Term 1



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Well here we are at the end of our first term of the academic year! We've had Meet the Teacher sessions which we hope you all enjoyed as well as the Parent Consultations. It has been so lovely to be able to have parents back in school for these events and we hope that by having the option of a telephone call or face to face meeting has ensured that all of you have felt supported by this process.

Harvest Festival was amazing, having all of the children in the Infant Hall together, singing their songs and reciting their poems. Everyone enjoyed this and we would like to thank you for all of your generous donations which we will pass on to Sittingbourne Foodbank. These will greatly benefit those in need in our local community.



We have seen the introduction of our weekly Book Club, had pupils from Fulston Manor School paint a mural in the Junior Library, had children take part in a Football Tournament and Writing Workshop.

We have been very lucky to have received new books for our library! A number of local companies, listed below have sponsored our school and Osborne Books match funded these donations. We have received £1500 of books to boost our current library stocks and give the children a wider range of reading material to choose from.

Sponsors:

Stilltho Limited

Layla Marsh

Cherans Bakery

John Wright, KCC Member for Sittingbourne South Division

Laura Nicholls, Osborne Books



We would like to say an enormous thank you to all the above for their generosity.

Can we say how proud we were of the children who received their Flu Vaccine especially our new year R children. They were all so sensible and even the few who were very nervous managed to have their vaccine with the support of a little cuddle from school staff.

As you will all know we had 2 days of inspection by Ofsted this term. As soon as we are able we will share the results with you.

Looking forward to Term 2 this will no doubt be equally as busy as Term 1 in the lead up to Christmas. We will be taking part in Children in Need, more information to follow but get those spots ready! There will be nativities to enjoy and lots of carols being sung across the school.

We plan to join Fulston Manor School in their Carol Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and hope to take children from years 5 and 6 to perform at this.

Again, this year we would love to take the children to the local pantomime at The Swallows Leisure Centre. This is Cinderella this year (oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!). More information will be with you after half term.

Just a reminder that Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November is a staff development day and the school will be closed to children.

We wish you all a restful half term and will see you all on our return on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Kind regards

Miss Cadwallader  
Head of School



# Listen, Encourage, Ambitious, Resilient & Respectful, Nurturing



We are thrilled with how excited children have been to take part in our **weekly book club**. The children have shared and chatted about their books with such enthusiasm! Don't forget to bring your book in on **Wednesday**, we can't wait to share our books with you.



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**

Daily Children's Information



## South Avenue Children Aim High with their Writing!

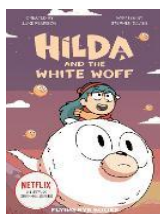
On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, four members of year 6 were invited to attend a writing workshop at Minterne Junior School.



Stephen Davies, a children's author, was there to inspire the children to write a story based on 'The Titanic'. He shared different story writing techniques and phrases he thought would be useful and guided the children during the process of writing their very own stories.

Ben and Piranith's highlights of the day were when they were asked to read their stories to the group. Sienna enjoyed reading out her character description, "We had to create a character by thinking about the best words to describe their personality, appearance and behaviour."

Isabella just loved writing her story and thought the whole day was "A great success!"





## Fulston Art Students Transform Our Library!

This term, a group of year 13 art students and Mr Rayfield (Head of Art) at Fulston Manor School showed off their talents by transforming our library wall into a wonderful woodland scene.

Several of the students were past South Avenue pupils so it was particularly rewarding to see what wonderful artists they have become. We are very excited about this collaboration between the two schools and will include further photos of the completed mural in the next newsletter.



### Language of the Term

We have had a wonderful term learning all about Romania, thank you so much to all the children that have shared their language with us. We've had a wonderful time. Next term we are all looking forward to learning some Makaton. This will really come in handy with our nativity songs!



Let's talk  
Makaton



Some **Year 6** children attended a football tournament at Faversham Strike Field.

We were really proud of how well they worked as a team.

Overall, the children came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 20 teams in attendance - a fantastic achievement!





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## **Reading celebrations for KS2!**

WOW, what a fantastic term it has been for KS2 with many of the children achieving their reading target for Accelerated Reader. We are incredibly impressed with the children's efforts so far and we can't wait to see even more children show off their star reading badges. This is a new celebration reading assembly which will occur at the end of each term, encouraging all pupils to read more and more! Please support us with encouraging your child to achieve their reading target each term by reading at home.



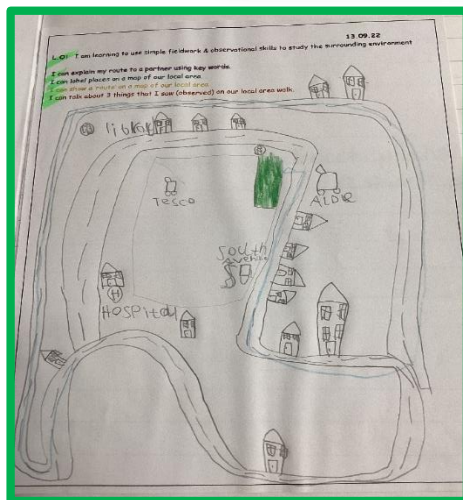


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This term **RR and RTA** have been learning about themselves. They have thought about their families, homes and what makes them super! They have been exploring their new school environment and impressed all staff with how well they have settled into our school. They have also enjoyed performing in the Harvest Assembly, decorating biscuits, and learning all about Diwali! **EYFS** have been spending time out on the field on a Friday afternoon. Below are some images of the fun we have had this term.



**Year one** have loved learning about their local environment, they looked at different kinds of houses and we started to learn how to map read. We really enjoyed finding our school on the map of Sittingbourne!



**Year 2** have really enjoyed creating their own Halloween Acrostic Poems. We came up with actions for our poems and performed them to the class.



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## *Dates for your diary!*



### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

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7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Start of Term 2**

Deadline for secondary school applications

Julian Austin Photography in school for individual pupil

4B Parent Consultations

New Reception classes 2023 Tours (By appointment only)

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Remembrance Day

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Anti Bullying Week

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Children In Need Day (more details to follow)

### **Staff Development Day –SCHOOL CLOSED**

Whole school Christmas Dinner

Year R and KS1 Nativity – more details to follow

KS2 Carol Concert – St Michael's Church

Year R and KS1 Nativity (p.m)– more details to follow

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Cinderella Panto – (Swallows Leisure Centre) – Year groups to be confirmed

Carol Service at Fulston Manor School (details to follow)

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**LAST DAY OF TERM 2 (School finishes at 3.15pm)**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Start of Term 3**

**Remaining Staff Development Day for 2022/23 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**



Our Term 2 Activities Clubs will begin week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October and will run for 6 weeks.

### **Road safety and parking outside school**

Please can we ask for your continued support to park carefully and considerately at the busy pick up and drop off times. Please do not park on verges or footpaths and please take care that you are not blocking driveways.

