



South Ascot Village School

Newsletter

8th September 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! We are all looking forward to another exciting and action-packed school year. I would like to give an extra special welcome to the new children and their families who have joined our school this term. We are sure you will be happy at SAVS and will quickly feel part of our school community.



The children and teachers have already settled quickly into their new classes and routines –This term's theme is **Treasure**. Letters highlighting what each class is covering will be sent to you in due course from each class teacher.

House Captains

The children in each house have voted for their house captains. Each candidate from Year 6 presented their case for why they felt they would make a good leader. The votes were close, however the following children were elected:

Pine House (Green): JJ Lewis-Wilmot and Elise Brown

Sycamore House (Yellow): Danny Ward and Maddison Joyce

Oak House (Red): Nikhil Nathu and Holly Silverman

Birch House (Blue): George Ball and Isabelle De Sousa

Congratulations!

Attendance and Punctuality

Coming to school every day is extremely important. Maintaining a good level of attendance is essential to ensure your child gets the best out of their time at South Ascot Village School. Last year our attendance for the year was 96.2% our target this year is 98%. Please do not book holidays during term time.

Getting to school on time every day is also important, please ensure your child is in school, ready to start their learning at 8:50am. Being late is both unsettling for the child in question as well as the rest of the class.

On a point of safety, can you please ensure that your child is supervised into school and not left alone at the school gate before it opens at 8:40am.

Parent Mail

ParentMail is an application that connects schools and parents, efficiently and reliably using modern technology hopefully making communications much simpler for everyone. It enables us to send emails and text messages to your smart phones and other electronic devices. **Please ensure that your email addresses and mobile numbers are up to date** with the office so that can send out the invitation for you to join and keep you informed



Clubs

All our clubs are kindly run after school, by our teachers, free of charge. Each club has limited numbers so please restrict your child to **one club per half-term** to give every child an opportunity to participate. This does however exclude netball club as this is for team practice where a commitment is required for a longer period of time. Homework club is also a club which children can attend on a weekly/yearly basis or where required or directed by teachers. Children, however, must have homework to complete.

- Monday – **Netball** – Mrs Carey Kelly (Selected Team)
- Tuesday – **Computing** – Years 1 and 2 - Mrs Lizzie Kelly
 - **Football** – Years 5 and 6 – Mr Forrest
 - **Football** – Years 3 and 4 – Mr Addison
 - **Dance** – All Years – Miss Webb
- Thursday – **Homework** – KS2 only – Mrs Winterbottom
 - **Ball Sports** – Years 1 and 2 – Mrs Grumbt
 - **Fitness training** – Years 4, 5 and 6 – Mrs Higgins
 - **How to draw...** – Years 1 to 6 – Mrs Estrada-Cocklin

All clubs run from 3:20 until 4:15pm and will start next week – Week beginning 11th September 2017.

Sign-up sheets will be available on Monday 11th September 2017.

Parent Governor Position

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to be a candidate and have a chance to stand for **election** for this important role please follow the procedure as outlined on the letter which will accompany this newsletter.

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking smart in their school uniforms. **Please make sure each item of school uniform is named clearly.** Hopefully this will reduce the amount of lost property and stop parents having to buy replacements at additional cost to yourselves.

All children need to have a PE kit in school. Physical education is part of the statutory national curriculum and children need to wear suitable clothing for the activities taught. PE kits need to contain a pair of trainers, a t-shirt in the colour of their house (Red, blue, green or yellow) and a pair of dark coloured shorts. These also should all be named clearly within a suitable PE bag.

Staffing

Listed below is the current staffing structure:

Headteacher	Miss Kate Rimell
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Carey Kelly

School Business Manager	Mrs Helen Thomson
Admin Assistant	Mrs Dawn Moyce

Teaching Staff

Foundation 2	Miss Selina Slone
Year 1	Mrs Lizzie Kelly/Mrs Grumbt
Year 2	Mrs Ilaria Winterbottom
Year 3	Mrs Hannah Estrada-Cocklin
Year 4	Mrs James Addison
Year 5 – Tigers	Miss Naomi Webb
Year 5 - Lions	Mrs Carey Kelly/Miss Cara Wrightson
Year 6	Mr Jack Forrest

Sports Teacher	Mrs Nickii Higgins
SENCO	Mrs Gill Howarth

Teaching Assistants

Foundation Stage	Mrs Sharon Brazier/Mrs Foziya Sheikh
Year 1	Miss Suzanna Dilkes/ Mrs Carolyn Shepherd
Year 2	Mrs Lisa Richards/Mrs Katie Procter Mrs Lisa Bygrave/Mrs Lisa Mescall
Year 3	Mrs Christine Wynne/Mrs Tracey Abbotts
Year 4	Mrs Emma Knibbs
Year 5 (Tigers)	Mrs Tara Kidd/Mrs Kristina Casbon
Year 5 (Lions)	Mrs Abbie McInery
Year 6	Mrs Sam Knight

ELSA	Mrs Erica Brookes/Mrs Tracy Hughes
Nursery Nurse	Mrs Tracy Wilson

Parents Evenings

Advanced warning: Parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October** from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. These evenings provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress directly with their class teacher. Please try your best to attend, so we can work together to help support your child at school.

Sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time.

Lunches

All of F2, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, it is a good opportunity for them to try new foods and get a good meal in the middle of their school day.

For all year groups, if you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals as you may be on certain benefits, please come to the office and collect a form. We do have an online checking system for this service, it is quick and easy and confidential. This also enables the school to access other support via Pupil Premium funding.

Payment for lunches are made using on-line payments via the website called SCO pay.

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

All new parents should register using the login details which were provided for you previously. We cannot accept any cash or cheque payments for lunches.

Snacks and Allergies

Within school we have children that have severe allergies to certain food items. **It is extremely important that no nuts are brought into school.**

Children in the early years should not bring in any snacks as fruit or vegetables are provided to F1, F2, Year 1 and 2.

PGL - Year 5 Residential Trip

If you wish for your child in Year 5 to attend the residential trip to Osmington Bay in April 2018 you must return the expression of interest plus the £100 non-refundable deposit by Monday 11th September 2017.

Attention Year 6 Parents!

Year 6 pupils should have brought home two envelopes yesterday containing their Secondary School Admission Information. These are extremely important and need to be completed by 31st October 2017. Please make sure they have passed them to you and they are not sitting at the bottom of their school bags!

And finally...

The whole SAVS team and I look forward to the year ahead and to working closely with you all.

Miss Kate Rimell

Headteacher

Dates

Parents Evenings – Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October 2017

School Photographs – Tuesday 17th October 2017

Half Term Holiday – Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**