



# South Ascot Village School

## Newsletter

7th September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! 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 **Bodies**. 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): Mason Levey and Joshua Dunkley**

**Sycamore House (Yellow): Elodie Bowyer and Arya Saini**

**Oak House (Red): Brooke Rowe and Abigael Chow**

**Birch House (Blue): Katie Miles and Dylan Malham**

Congratulations!

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.

## 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 95% 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.

## Beginning and End of the School Day

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.

Once on the school site all children should be escorted around the right hand side of the building on to the school playground.

**ONLY parents/carers with push chairs should be walking down the driveway. The driveway is in constant usage and is used for disabled access at the beginning and end of the day. Please take extra care, keeping to the right hand side of the driveway.**

## 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)

- **Football** – Years 5 and 6 – Mr Forrest

Tuesday – **Computing** – Years 1 and 2 - Mrs Lizzie Kelly

- **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 Higgins

- **Cheerleading** – All Years – Mrs Grumbt

All clubs run from 3:20 until 4:15pm and will start next week – Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Sign-up sheets will be available on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## Staffing Update

Over the summer holiday both Tracy Wilson and Sharon Brazier have chosen to move on to pastures new. Both have worked for many years, with the very youngest members of our school community, in the Foundation stage. We thank them for all their work with the children and wish them well.

We welcome to our school Miss Denise Cummins and Miss Carmel Fahy who are Teaching Assistants working in Year 2 and Year 6 respectively. Miss Heather White has also joined our school working alongside Mrs Carey Kelly as part of the School's Direct Programme.

## 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	Miss Naomi Webb
Year 4	Mr James Addison
Year 5	Mrs Carey Kelly/Miss Heather White
Year 6	Mr Jack Forrest

Sports Teacher	Mrs Nickii Higgins
SENCO	Mrs Gill Howarth

### Teaching Assistants

Foundation Stage	Mrs Alison Walsh
Year 1	Mrs Lisa Richards/Mrs Katie Procter
Year 2	Mrs Carolyn Shepherd/Miss Denise Cummins/ Mrs Tracy Hughes
Year 3	Mrs Christine Wynne
Year 4	Mrs Lisa Bygrave/Mrs Lisa Mescall
Year 5	Mrs Emma Knibbs/Mrs Tracey Abbotts
Year 6	Mrs Tara Kidd
Year 6	Mrs Sam Knight/Mrs Abbie McNery/Miss Carmel Fahy
ELSA	Mrs Tracy Hughes

## 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



## Parents Evenings

Advanced warning: Parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. These evenings provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's needs 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.

**PLEASE**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

## 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