



# South Ascot Village School Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The season has certainly changed and the school's natural environment is definitely showing the signs of the autumn season: leaves are falling and acorns and conkers are scattering across the ground.

## Our School's Vision

Our school's vision ([full version is available on the school website](#)) contains the underpinning values that build our school's ethos. The learning power animals represent what each and every one of us need to be successful. Applying these seven 'powers' can make a difference in all of our lives.



### OUR SCHOOL VISION

South Ascot Village School (SAVS) is a special place.

 <p>We care for everyone</p> <p>Bee</p>	 <p>We have determination</p> <p>Fish</p>	 <p>We plan for success</p> <p>Owl</p>
 <p>We are curious</p> <p>Cat</p>	 <p>We embrace change</p> <p>Butterfly</p>	 <p>We are creative</p> <p>Monkey</p>
<p>We are an extended family...</p>	 <p>We make connections</p> <p>Spider</p>	<p>"Together we have strength"</p>

We still are revelling in the result of our recent [Ofsted Inspection](#) where our vision and ethos shone through!

*"Pupils enjoy school, achieve well and are excited about their learning. Staff plan practical activities and investigations in many subjects. These ignite pupils' curiosity and thirst for learning."*

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## The Art Society ASCOT - Young Arts Project

The Art Society ASCOT have been into school give Year 4 a unique experience. Working with clay, the Year 4 children have used skilful techniques to produce creatures from the 'bird kingdom' exploring their imagination and creativity. The atmosphere in the classroom was a mixture of pure concentration and pride, as their creations came into being. I can't wait to see the fired, glazed and finished products!



## Foundations of Kindness

Postcards for Kindness between our Foundation Stage pupils and nation's care home residents have been touching the hearts of many residents across the United Kingdom. The recipients have shown their appreciation by replying to the children with postcard of their own.



## Being put through their paces

Physical Education at South Ascot Village School is highly valued and delivered to a high standard from all of our teachers. We are also, lucky to employ a sports teacher (Mrs Higgins) who delivers quality PE, as well supporting teachers and pupils in meeting the demands of the PE curriculum. Please ensure your child has the necessary kit to take part in this important and compulsory subject.

Many classes also 'enjoy' the daily mile and reap the benefits of active learning breaks which provide important physical activity to enhance each pupil's ability to be receptive to the academic work they need to attend to. This week I witnessed 'dancing skeletons' as a writing break in Year 3 – great moves everyone! ☺

## Forest School @ SAVS

As a school, we continue to support and champion the Forest School approach to learning and its positive effects on children's emotional health and well-being. We are now a few weeks into to our extended commitment to providing Forest School to FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 in weekly sessions. The children and staff are already seeing the benefits in the approach in terms of pupil's communication, confidence and creativity.



In general, the kit for Forest School is really good. As the season changes, please can you make sure your child has:

- Sturdy shoes or wellington boots
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Spare socks (if they wear tights to school)
- Waterproof trousers
- A warm jumper
- A long sleeve T-shirt
- A raincoat
- Hat and gloves as it gets colder.

Check out our [webpage](#) to follow each forest school group's progress.

## Anti-bullying



Anti-bullying and respect for one another is always high on South Ascot Village School's agenda. Bullying in any of its forms is not tolerated, and a no tolerance approach is taken.

On occasion children will treat others without thought or care, but it is our job as educators, in partnership with parents, to teach each individual how to behave in a civilised community.



## Safeguarding

Weekly assemblies always promote 'moral thinking' and 'British values' – two of which are respect and inclusion. Treating others as we wish to be treated are strong messages in most assemblies.

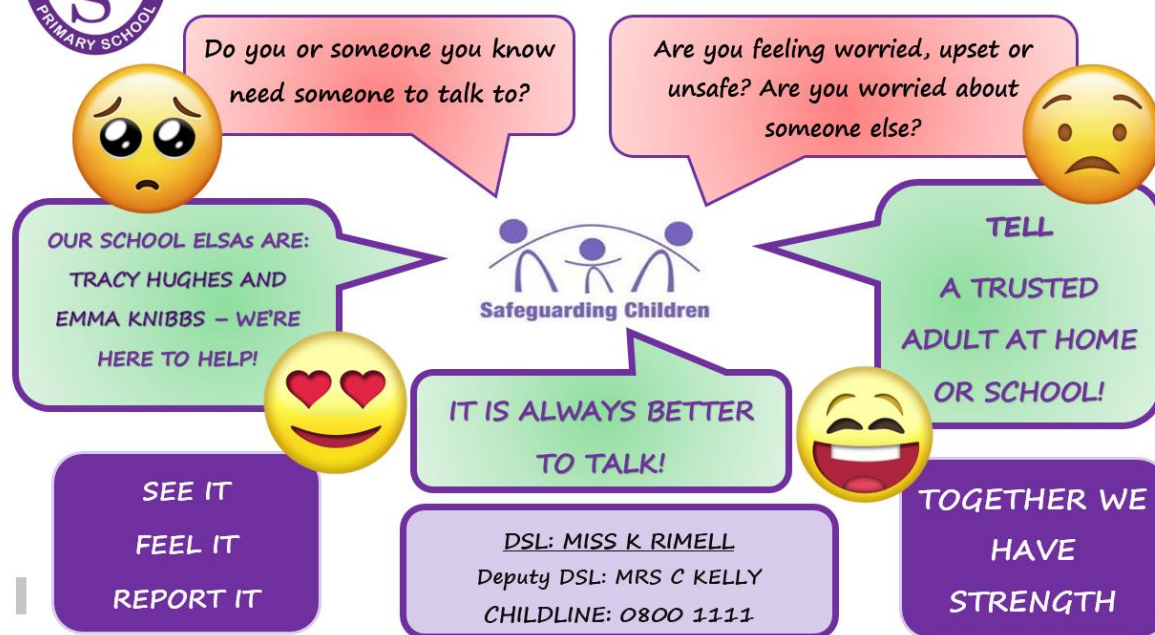
Children are actively encouraged to speak out if they are, or know anyone else who are experiencing difficulties – safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Our child friendly safeguarding posters are seen throughout our school as a reminder of this:





## SAFEGUARDING ALL CHILDREN AT SAVS

Safeguarding means adults protecting children from harm of any kind.



**Policies:**      **Safeguarding and Child Protection 2019**

**Anti-Bullying**

**Keeping Safe and Happy at School**

## School Uniform

There are many arguments for and against uniform at school – however we have and value our school's uniform as a visual representation of belonging to the 'SAVS family' and showing pride for our school. There is lots of choice in our uniform and whilst we accept not all can afford the preferred logo embossed polo- shirts, cardigans and jumpers, **it is expected that pupils are dressed in in the school colours of purple, black, grey and white.**

Equally a t-shirt of the correct colour shows loyalty and pride toward the house group to which the pupils belong, **Sycamore (Yellow)**, **Birch (Blue)**, **Pine (Green)**, and **Oak (Red)**

All mentioned items are available at cost from the school office.

## Parents Evenings

The sign-up sheets for parent's evening will be available from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October outside each of the classrooms.

Please take up this opportunity to talk to your child's teacher to discuss each individuals' potential progress and learning in the year ahead. This is a good occasion for all parties to share knowledge and set joint goals for each child, both pastorally and academically.

**Parents Evenings are taking place: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.**

## Attendance and Punctuality



Pupils are expected to attend school every day and be on time at the beginning of the school day, but this is largely out of their control. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that punctuality and maximum attendance occurs.

Lateness and absenteeism has a proven negative impact on a pupil's progress and academic performance as well as having an adverse effect on a pupil's social and emotional wellbeing.

**Please aim to achieve 100% attendance and 0% lateness**

**Proof of absence (doctor appointments etc.) may be required if absence is deemed by the school to be persistent.**

**Falling under 90% attendance will be subject to attention from the Local Authority's Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), who may also require explanation/documentation to support each pupil's necessary absence.**

**Family Holiday absence will always be unauthorised by the school and governors.**

Illness, medical appointments and religious/cultural observances will be recorded as authorised. Compassionate authorised absences may also be authorised by the Head in agreement with the Chair of Governors.

## Pupil Sickness

Unfortunately, we have been experiencing a period of sickness at school which is unsurprisingly common at this time of year. With this in mind, below are a few reminders:

*If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please report their absence to the school by 10am each day of the absence by calling **01344 622118**.*

*For sickness and/or diarrhoea please allow **48 hours after last episode before returning to school**. This will be recorded as an authorised absence. We appreciate that can prove to be inconvenient but is necessary to reduce the likelihood of the spread of the illness to the wider school.*

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## School Photography

The school photographer will be at SAVS on Thursday 7th November 2019 to take individual pupil photos. Sibling groups can also be done within school hours. However, siblings that attend other settings or are not of school age can have their photos taken together, early in the morning from 8:15am.

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