

# South Ascot Village School Newsletter

12th September 2022

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

We are united in our sadness at the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II:

A monarch that will be remembered for her kindness, compassion and care.



In the coming days at school, we will commemorate Elizabeth II's life: Celebrating her unwavering faith, love and service to this Nation and to the Commonwealth as a whole.

I am sure many of you may have visited Windsor over the weekend or have found other ways of remembering the Queen's life and her history making reign of 70 years.

All Souls Church invite those who wish to do so, to sign a book of condolence in the Queen's memory. Alternatively, you can send a message of condolence via the royal website: <a href="https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence">https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence</a>



# Welcome to the New Academic Year 2022-23



I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us in the Foundation Stage and throughout the whole school in recent weeks. I'm sure you will all quickly settle into the routines at South Ascot Village School (SAVS) and enjoy being part of our school community.

Welcome back to all those existing pupils, parents and families too! We all look forward to a successful year.

## **Building Works**

In the coming days (starting today – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022) the long, awaited structural changes to the school will be made in order to accommodate our youngest children (our Foundation Stage class) into the main school.

Over the next few weeks we will have some disruption, this will be kept as a minimum, but there will be some restrictions to our building, playground and field, due to site works in the coming weeks.

We are sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience, but all parties are confident we can work together to complete the necessary works without any detrimental effects.

We will brief all pupils and staff in the necessary health and safety requirements and hope to include the works in learning opportunities too.





#### SAVS Curriculum 2022-23

Our new and improved curriculum means we will no longer have a whole school termly topic, however each year group will focus directly on the knowledge and the progression of skills required for each year group to succeed with their own topics/themes. Each year group's termly letter, will inform you of this.

The whole teaching staff have worked extremely hard to produce a bespoke curriculum for South Ascot Village School and we will continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum which intends to inspire and engage every pupil.

We will continue to celebrate our Behaviours for Learning animals, that represent the Characteristics of Effective Learning, which underpin our whole school's curriculum and are central to our school's vision.



#### New Website

We are currently updating our school's website.

Our new curriculum and policies will be published presently, but in the meantime please contact the school office for up to date information.

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#### Uniform



We enjoy having an inclusive and flexible uniform which can be bought at cost price from the school's office.

Our formal school colours are: Purple, Black, White and Grey and we appreciate you keeping your child's uniform within these colours.



Pupils have an allocated house group, that determines the colour of their PE t-shirt with our logo — Available at the school office for £6. We also sell PE hoodies for £12.50.

Please order and pay for uniform via the Scopay app.



Forest school clothes are based on safety, practicality and weather appropriateness – we appreciate your support with this in order for your children participate fully in this activity.

# Health and Safety



Traffic is extremely busy/congested outside of school on a daily basis. Children's lives are at risk. Please don't double park, park on the school zig-zags or on double yellow lines. Driveways should not be blocked at any time.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN USERS, TOGETHER WITH RESIDENTS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL.

Unless you have a pushchair, please do not use the driveway as a pedestrian route. Please walk to and from the playground on the pedestrian path, past the school office. This is for your own safety.

# House Captains 2022-23

Congratulations to our newly elected house captains. I am sure you will all proudly lead and inspire each house to future success.

Birch – Amelia and Jessica

Vice-captain: Lucas













Sycamore – James and Nikka

Vice-captain: Ollie





Pine - Matthew and Jade Vice-captain: Lizzie





PE days

Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days when they have PE lessons.

Class	
Foundation Stage	Friday
Year 1	Monday, Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday, Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 4	Monday, Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday, Friday
Year 6	Tuesday, Friday

#### Forest School

We continue to provide and champion the practice of Forest School, here at South Ascot Village School. Years 1, 2 3 and 4 are currently enjoying weekly lessons and the other year groups will benefit after February half term.



Unwanted visitors – We accept that the woods on our site are open to our local wildlife and the natural decay; this is expected. However, we were upset to find larger human visitors had entered our wood over the summer holidays causing damage to our beloved seating area!

We will rebuild it – bigger and better than before, over time, with the children's help!

# And finally...

Here's hoping for a happy and healthy new term.

Miss Kate Rimell Headteacher

#### SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2022

