



# South Ascot Village School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Reasons to Celebrate

South Ascot Village School is a very busy and vibrant place and we have daily wins, both big and small but this week we had a few standout events that made us all especially proud.



## A Historical Win!

Elyas and Sophie (a year 5 and year 6 pupil) had the opportunity to get involved in a History debate this week at St George's school competing against other local schools.

Each child entering the debate gave a two-minute speech about what they believed was **the best invention in the past 100 years**.

Elyas chose to speak about the invention of Penicillin and Sophie decided that the Epi-pen was the topic she would present. The speeches were delivered to a panel of six-former judges. They both did a fantastic job speaking confidently and clearly – expressing their views emphatically.

**Sophie's speech about the invention of the Epi-pen was truly compelling, so much so, that Sophie won the debate.**

**Well done Sophie!**

## A Big Thank You

We walked across to All Souls Church to celebrate Harvest on Thursday. The children learnt about the importance of sharing the load and supporting those who are less fortunate, together with the importance of education for all.



Thank you so much for the kind donations of stationery that you donated. All of your contributions will be boxed up and sent to a school in Ghana. We look forward to receiving news from the school when the equipment arrives and hopefully a few photos of the children using it.

## Forest School @SAVS

Forest School has been a busy place this half term. The children have been learning to tie a 'Timber Hitch Knot' and learning where would be a good site to put up a shelter if needed. This was perfect preparation for the year 3 class as they needed to put up shelters in the pouring rain very quickly! They applied their previous learning and erected amazing and effective shelters.



The year 1s collected hundreds of male catkins that fallen from the Cedar Tree and had accumulated around the buddy bench. We covered a tarpaulin with the catkins and then carried it up to Forest School as a team, it was amazing how heavy they were! We used the catkins to make the cap and pine cones to make the stalk of a giant mushroom. An excellent experience for all involved.



The pupils have been learning to throw ropes and to make swings and one group even applied this and we made a super rope ladder. The pupils climbed it to get a closer look at our magnificent, 250-year-old, ancient Oak tree -our Wisdom Tree.

Forest School gives our pupils: The time to work together on their ideas. Time to play games in a challenging and often difficult environment which builds their resilience. Time to get a really close look at and respect the natural world around them. Time to sit in awe and

wonder of our wonderful woodland. Time to enhance their self-esteem and confidence and bring out the best in their friends. Helps our children to risk assess their own play and problem solve. It also helps to improve physical development and to explore their senses on a weekly basis.



## ♥ Support SAVS Successes with £s

We are extremely proud of our school and its success in providing a fully rounded education for all our children.

**If you are able to support the school further by making any additional financial contributions please do so by contributing £10, £20 or £50 per term via Scopay – MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: Voluntary School Contributions.**

By making a contribution to the school, these kindly donated funds will enable us to continue providing the quality education and resources that we all value. Thank you so much!



We are registered with **easyfundraising**, which is a great website to help the PTA raise funds simply by shopping online with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, the PTA receives a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!

We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southascotvillageschool/>

## Breakfast and After School Club



***Breakfast and After School Club continues to be run by the school and is going from strength to strength – uptake is good...Thank you!***

Breakfast Club runs from 7:30am until the beginning of the school day at a cost of £5.50 per session.

After School Club runs from the end of the school day until 4:30pm, at a cost of £7.50 per session, or until 5:30pm at a cost of £12.50 per session.

Please book and pay for this provision via the Scopay app.



# South Ascot Village School Our Halloween Disco

Tickets on sale from  
17<sup>th</sup> October outside  
the school office

**On: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Tickets: £5 including a drink and 1 snack

You can also buy other snacks, spooky tattoos and glow sticks among other things!



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## Parents Evenings



Parents evenings will take place in the **week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Please look out for sign-up sheets by your child's class.

Please take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss ways you can work collaboratively to enhance your child's progress and achievements at school.

## And finally....



We break up for our half term holiday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 is an INSET day.

**The children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

Kind regards

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Miss Kate Rimell

Headteacher