



South Ascot Village School Newsletter

19th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

All at South Ascot Village School have had a successful and productive start to the year, all the teachers and children have been enjoying the new vigour and pace which our new curriculum is bringing.

Harvest Festival



The pupils enjoyed a visit to All Souls Church on Thursday 6th October 2022 to celebrate Harvest Festival.

The children and adults who attended gave thanks for the food that we receive and generously gave gifts of food to those who are less fortunate, via Bracknell Foodbank.

Thank you for all of your kind contributions, I am sure they will be appreciated by those who receive them.

Year 4 Visit to Ascot Racecourse



Year 4 visited Ascot Racecourse on 30th September 2022. This event was organised alongside the Racing to School Charity. This charity-run educational programme has been designed to support young people's learning and development with the aim of encouraging an interest in horseracing, both as a leisure activity and as a future career path. The children had a great day exploring the racecourse and getting a look behind the scenes.



Year 6 Trip to London

As a stimulus to their learning this term Year 6 took a trip to London to visit the Tate Modern Gallery and The Imperial War Museum. The visit will have hopefully inspired and enhanced their term's work in Art, and History. Here is one Year 6's account of their day:

The first term back at SAVS for Year Six got off to a great start as we went on a school trip in just the second week. We went to the Imperial War Museum and the Tate Modern via coach. First up was the IWM. We split up into 4 small groups to go around the museum to learn about our focus in History this term - Britain in World War Two. We saw many interesting things; one area of interest that people found actually happened to be a crashed Japanese plane that was found in a forest after the war. Another popular thing was the front of a bomber called Old Fred. Lunch was eaten outside of the IWM in the park before hopping back on the coach to head to the Tate Modern for our focus on Art.

When we arrived at the Tate, the four groups split up again and dived into the weird and wonderful world of the museum. We saw a goat made from scrap metal; a hanging model made from blinds and some unique, amazing art from Australia in one exhibition. One group had a particular interest in the digital drawing interactive section. Once we were finished discussing and taking in all of the different art on display, it was back on the coach, past the House of Parliament and the Elizabeth Tower back to South Ascot.

Isaac



Forest School

The Year 1's have had five Forest School sessions in the woods and they have really settled in impressively. They are getting used to moving around safely, helping each other and utilising this rugged environment to create structures – one week in particular the whole class made a giant unicorn using woodland materials they found on the forest floor. The pupils in year 1 have been improving their dexterity by trying to tie knots to make stickmen which links nicely to their literacy work in the classroom.

They have now had their first experience of fire, they used the 'Dragons Sneeze' (a flint and steel!) to try and make a spark. They all showed great determination and resilience as every single pupil managed to get a spark. It was lovely to see the awe and wonder in their faces as they succeeded in their challenge, and also how they celebrated and enjoyed each other's successes too.



The other year groups have returned to the woods with fabulous enthusiasm, they remembered the rules and were keen to get exploring. To enhance teamwork, communication and cohesion within the groups we play many games in our expansive woodland. A favourite game played is a Forest School version of 'rock, paper, scissors' which we call 'Archer, vole and mammoth' it is incredible fun and a great way to improve teamwork. Two children in year 2 impressively have invented a Christmas version with actions and rules – something that will be great to share to all Forest School pupils.



With the sad news of our Queen passing away, some of the year 4 children decided to make a memorial in honour of her, it was a fantastic 3-dimensional crown with a union jack inside. It was simple yet genius and a great tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

New Website

Our school website is now live and contains the most up to date information. However, if you still cannot find the information you require please contact the school office.



More content and more up to date images will be added soon.

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



Photo Consent

If you haven't already done so, can you please return you Parental Consent Form stating whether your child(ren) are able to have their photograph used for social media, external agencies and publications.

It is really important that we get a form back from you so we can add it to our records. Please don't assume we know your wishes due to previously signed consents – **we need fresh consent for this academic year – 2022/23.**



Poppy Appeal 2022



In 2022 the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal will focus on how your poppy shows you care and helps the RBL to continue its vital work supporting the Armed Forces.

This year's Poppy Appeal launches on Thursday 27th October.

At South Ascot Village School, we will be selling the usual collection of Poppy merchandise which we know the children love raising money for this worthwhile cause.

Items will be available, from the school office, from Tuesday 1st November 2022.



SAVS PTA

The new invigorated PTA has hit the ground running this academic year with many planned fundraising events for 2022/23.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and energy which will undoubtedly result in some great events and raise money for some much needed resources, which will benefit all pupils; their learning and well-being.

Bags 2 Schools has already raised £84.00 and the recent Year 6 cake sale raised £200 .



We have also 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/>



You can get in touch with the PTA by:

- **email:** savspta@gmail.com or
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/719067474823872/

Uniform Sale - Thursday 20th October 2022

Second-hand uniform and old stock items will be sold at low, low prices afterschool on Thursday.



All of these items are in good condition and some are even brand new! The school's logo may be old or it may not be present on some items such as PE t-shirts. We will however accept these items as PE or school uniform as we recognise, in the current economic climate and all the financial pressures it brings, we, as a school, are not going to quibble over small details as long as children are appropriately dressed for each school activity.

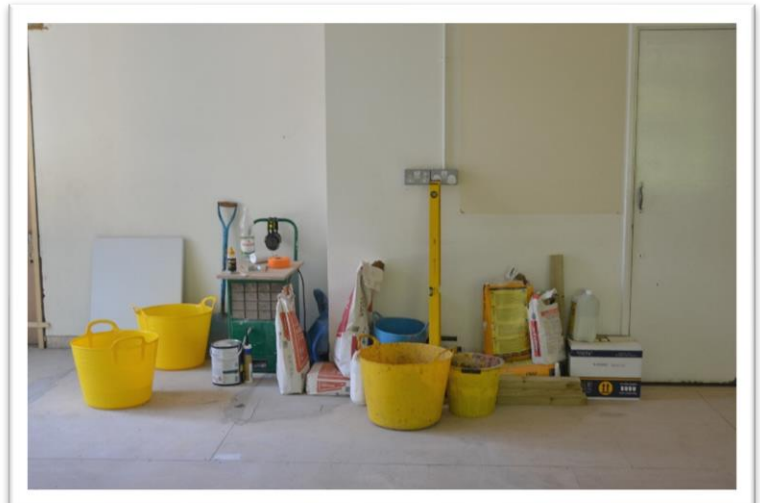
Building Works

The builders in the main school have made great progress in the main school building and with the path linking the two school buildings. The work has meant some restrictions and some noise but the team of builders have worked very efficiently and considerately to work around an active school term.

Year 1 and 2 will share a classroom for this last week of half term to accommodate the last alterations to made between the new FS2 classroom and Year 1.

We hope to communicate with you the timeline of moving the FS2 class from their old home to their new classroom as soon as we have a definite transition day. The 31st October is the building works completion date, but then the furniture, equipment and resources need to be relocated too.

Please be patient and we thank you for you continued understanding and support. We will complete the transition period as soon as we can, taking in to account first and foremost, the needs of all our children.



School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on Friday 11th November 2022 to take individual photographs of all pupils. Sibling photographs will be taken during this day.

Please ensure your child is looking smart and well-presented in full school uniform on this day. Forest school kit and/or PE kit will need to be brought in separately, in a named bag, for children to change into before their timetabled activity on this day.

Photographs with brothers and sisters, who don't attend our school, can be taken from 8am to 8:30am in the school hall.

It's Not Easy Being Wheezy!

Frimley Asthmatic Nurses will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd November 2022. Parents are invited to come along to discuss viral induce wheeze which your children may suffer from. They aim to help and improve understanding and management of the condition. Please report to the school office.



Breakfast 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.

Sharing Afternoon



Parents are invited to attend a sharing afternoon on Wednesday 30th November 2022 from 2pm.

Parents, carers and wider family members are invited into school to spend time with their children, where they can share their work in books and on display. They may even like to show you their favourite place to play or enjoy a quiet time in the school grounds. More details will follow in due course.

Pantomime 2022



PANTO IS BACK TO MAKE ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE...

The traditional, whole school trip to the pantomime at Theatre Royal Windsor is taking place on 1st December 2022.

This event is a wonderful event is a chance for the whole school come together to enjoy live theatre and make 'magical' memories.

Please return your ticket request and payment of £18 (cash, cheque or Scopay) to the school ASAP.

SAVS Christmas Carol Concert 2022

We are delighted to announce that a whole school Christmas Carol Concert will be taking place in All Souls Church on 15th December 2022. This will be a traditional, festive affair which I'm sure will be an amazing spectacle as it was back in 2019! Please put this evening in your diary as it should not be missed – Ticketing information will be shared in due course.

And finally... end of half-term

Have a wonder Autumn half-term holiday. School finishes on Friday 21st October 2022.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Rimell'.

Miss Kate Rimell
Headteacher