



South Ascot Village School

Newsletter

20th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

NEU Strike Action

In response to our earlier letter regarding the plans for strike action, we regret to inform you that we must restrict attendance to the school on **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**.

In line with government advice, and following consultation with the Local Authority, attendance has been prioritised for the following groups:

- **Vulnerable pupils**
- **Children of critical workers**

If your child is within the groups above, they can attend school – please inform the school office if you require your child to attend.

The school will remain open for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. If your child is within these groups, please ensure that they attend school as usual. They cannot stay off school if their siblings are at home, due to their class being closed – this would be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Year 6's second transition day to Charters has been cancelled, so Year 6 can attend school on Wednesday 5th July

The school will close for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Year 3.

We apologise for the inconvenience and understand any frustration you may feel – the decision has not been taken lightly and is due to fewer teaching staff, which means we can only assure the safety and wellbeing of a reduced number of pupils on this day.

We will keep you up-to-date with any further news in the event that negotiations between the government and the Education Unions progress and see the future strikes are called off or postponed.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



School Fete

The school's Summer Fete will now
take place on Friday 14th July from
2pm to 5pm.



In return for a donation of sweets the children may all wear
non-uniform on Friday 23rd June 2023



In return for a donation of bottles for the bottle tombola the children
may all wear non-uniform on Friday 30th June 2023

Punctuality



The school day starts at 8:40 and finishes at 3:10 each day for every year group.

The gate opens at 8:35 each morning at 3:05 each afternoon.

Children will be marked as late if they are not in school by 8:50am.

It is really important that children start the day with the rest of their class and settle in time for their learning to begin.

Art Exhibition



We will be holding an Art Exhibition of children's work in the Hall on Friday 30th June from 3:10pm until 4pm. Come and see the multitude of magnificent creation inspired by Tiger in a Tropical Storm by Henri Rousseau.

Magnificent Maths

On 14th June 2023, four students (James Marsh, Jessica Shapland, Harry Gadd and Unas Muhammad) from Year 6 at South Ascot Village School participated in a maths challenge day at St George's School, competing against five other local schools.

There were six rounds (including one duo round and one solo round) and a puzzle round at the end of the event. There were a variety of different questions ensuring everyone got the chance to answer questions and have fun. The hosts created a point system to track each team's progress during the event. This made it much more competitive!

St George's happily provided delicious food and drink for the staff and participants to ensure they had a full stomach and a wonderful time.

As there was a point system there had to be a winner: this was South Ascot Village School! We beat the second place competitors by 21 points!

Everyone tried hard and had a great time. This was amplified by St George's staff's positivity during the event.

By James Marsh and Jessica Shapland



Keep Reading

The results of recent phonics testing are looking really good and children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are making good progress.

Could we please encourage you to keep reading with your child every night and keep up the good work they have been doing.

Please sign their reading record to show the class teacher that this is happening, thank you!



Famous Forest School Visitor

On Friday 16th June our wonderful Forest School and the lucky year 5's were visited by a renowned Entomologist, biologist and Zoologist. George McGavin an insect expert, who has made several TV documentaries came into school armed with his 'Insect Safari Kit' and wealth of knowledge and wowed the pupils. The pupils found numerous bugs, insects, spiders, flies, ants, centipedes and hover flies and then George shared his knowledge and his many rainforest stories.



George really immersed himself within our Forest School with enthusiasm and happiness. The pupils asked great questions and learned so much. Our school gave him such a wonderful welcome that he wants to come back and share his experiences with other year groups and also to check in on our woodland ecology.



Sports Morning



Sports Morning will take place on **Thursday 13th July from 9:30 to 11:30am**. All pupils will be taking part in this event. We do hope you will be able to join us on the school field and cheer on all the children.

INSET Day

The school will be closed to children on Monday 26th June 2023 as the staff have a training day.

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

Miss Kate Rimell
Headteacher