



South Ascot Village School Newsletter

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

Welcome back to school! Everyone at South Ascot Village School is excited to have started the new academic year 2023 - 2024.

We particularly reach out and extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families, we believe you will soon be part of our supportive community and feel part of South Ascot Village School's extended family.

House Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected School House Captains! We all look forward to seeing you grow with the responsibilities that these posts hold. We are confident you will represent your houses well and do yourselves proud.

House Captains

Vice-Captain

Pine	<i>Grace</i>	<i>Jakob</i>	<i>Oliver</i>
Sycamore	<i>Ivy</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Mirwais</i>
Oak	<i>Asher</i>	<i>Layla</i>	<i>Ryan</i>
Birch	<i>Maisy</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>George</i>

School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 4th October 2023** to take individual photographs of all pupils. Sibling photographs will also be taken during this day for those attending this school.

Please ensure your child is looking smart and well-presented in full school uniform on this day.

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.

Take a Side Glance!



You had to be there to believe it!



Ascot Racecourse brought a very special visitor to spend time at our school on Wednesday 13th September as part of National Racehorse Week.

Side Glance, a retired racehorse, came to our school to meet and greet our pupils. Year 5 had a special opportunity to get up close and pet Side Glance as well as talk to staff about the horse and their jobs at Ascot Racecourse.

Forest School '23-24

Here at South Ascot Village School, not a second was wasted and Years 1,2,3 & 4 were straight back into the woods in week one back at school! (Don't worry – the other year groups will get their chance in Spring 2024).



The pupils immediately settled into the environment and remembered our safety rules and procedures. The main focus this week is the importance of preparation when out in the woods. We always take plenty of equipment to the woods but some is essential and this is always kept in our big, red, 'Happy Bag' - A huge red ruck sack with first aid kit, emergency

shelter, insulated mat, litter grabbers, bags and a whistle is attached. We discussed the contents and practiced putting up the shelter, which took less than 10 seconds. The pupils worked together as a magnificent team to achieve this and then understood how it can be of value to keep us warm.

The children also enjoyed the new Forest School version of 'Noughts and Crosses' – Bees and Ladybirds, and enjoyed the time and freedom to explore and create structures in our woods.

Well done to all our new pupils have experienced Forest School for the first time, you have been amazing helped by many kind new friends who have taken the time and energy to show them around and explain things.

Just to remind you, pupils need to cover their arms and legs whilst in the woods, so leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeve T- shirt are ideal. As the weather gets wetter and colder, they will need a waterproof jacket and trousers and possibly a jumper as well.



Football Crazy

Girls Football Club is on **Wednesday lunch times 12:30 - 13:00**. This is to allow Mrs Higgins and Mrs Grumbt to focus on a core group of female footballers following the wonderful recent successes of the Lionesses.

Friday lunch time 12:30 - 13:00 is a session open to **all footballers** in years 3,4,5 & 6, with a focus on organising the football team for this year.

For both sessions, you **MUST** have shin pads preferably with long socks. Boots or astros are both acceptable (dependent on the weather).

If your child does not have PE on the football club day they can wear their **PE kit** to school as this will save time changing - please bring boots and shin pads in a bag (we do not want random football kits in school).

Please note on Wednesday 4th October the school photographer is in school and the girls will all need to bring in their PE kits if they are attending football Club.

♥ 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/southscotvillageschool/>

Parent & Carer Volunteer Skills Register

The Parent & Carer Volunteer Skills Register is a “palette of capability” which could potentially be utilised by the school or the PTA. If you’re happy to lend some of your “real world” colour to the palette, please get in touch. We would simply like to know what skills you have, and/or what products and services you or your business may have access to. You do not have to be a member of the PTA to volunteer. Here are some thoughts, please help us expand upon this list with your skills, abilities, and contacts:

Vocational skills:

- Accounting
- Grant writing or lobbying
- Graphic Design
- Marketing
- Social Media
- Fundraising
- Sponsorship
- Project Management
- Gardening
- Medical training – 1st Aide certified
- lawyer
- Drone piloting
- Fundraising and event management
- Journalism and writing
- Photography
- Sound or lighting
- Trades – building, carpentry
- Video editing and production

Do you own a store or a business that might be able to offer goods/services free or at cost for raffles and auctions?

Do you know someone interesting or important who could be a guest speaker or host at one of our events?

Please get in touch! Main@southascotvillageschool.org.uk

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.

We hope to continue to learn and grow at South Ascot Village School whilst having fun along the way. New and exciting events will be coming soon so keep your eyes open for news about these in the coming weeks.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Rimell', written in a cursive style.

Miss Kate Rimell

Headteacher