



NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

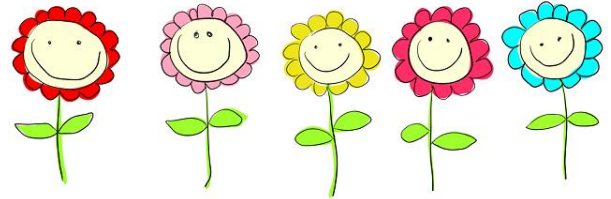
A huge “well done” to all of the children in Year 6 who worked so hard preparing for their SATs Tests in May. I know that they will be as delighted with their results as we are. Our position in the League Tables has been low over the past couple of years, particularly in maths. This year however, the results are looking much healthier and this clearly reinforces the upward trend of our children’s attainment:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Level 4+</i> <i>National Age-Related Expectation (ARE)</i>	<i>Level 5</i> <i>Above ARE</i>
Reading	76%	29%
Writing	63%	22%
ENGLISH	71%	27%
MATHS	69%	22%
SCIENCE	73%	31%

The percentage of Level 5s is amazing and is a magnificent response to Ofsted’s recommendation that we provide additional challenge to our higher attaining children. I would also like to thank Miss Barrett, Miss Mondo, Miss Hayward, Mrs Smith and Ms Finch for all of their hard work in preparing the children in such a positive and upbeat way for the SATs.

ADDITIONAL RECEPTION CLASS

You may have read in last week’s Croydon Advertiser, that a number of children have not been allocated places for Reception in September. Croydon last week approached us to see if we would be prepared to take in an extra thirty children in September. We had been identified as a “rapidly improving school” and a school that the Local Authority feels provides an excellent start to children’s early learning. On Monday, at a meeting of the Governing Body, it was unanimously agreed that we would make provision for an extra class in September.



So what does this mean for South Norwood Primary?

- A double mobile classroom will be installed where the Infant ‘Quiet Area’ currently stands.
- This ‘Quiet Area’ will be relocated and further developed to the far corner of the Junior playground.
- The Pond Area (minus the pond obviously) will become the outdoor learning area for the new Reception class and a nature area will be incorporated into the new development in the far corner of the Junior playground.
- With only one classroom being needed for the additional children, this gives us a spare classroom, which we may set up as a Science Room for the whole school.
- A new teacher for the new class has already been recruited and we are currently looking for a Nursery Nurse, now known as ‘Early Years Educator’ to join that class.
- A further two staff in our Reception Team will further strengthen an already strong team and bring even more expertise into the school.
- The mobile will extend into the Infant playground, so Croydon have agreed to fund an all-weather surface in the Fitness Trail so that that area can be used all of the year round to increase the size of the playground.

We consider this to be another very exciting development in our school. It does mean that during the holiday period, preparations will need to be made for the mobile unit and the installation of utilities and services. So

you may see a lot going on. We expect the new classroom to be delivered and assembled on site in early September, so you will certainly see a lot going on then.

FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS



A number of local schools have suspected cases of swine flu. As I am sure you have read and heard in the media, cases are no longer being confirmed. People with flu-like symptoms are being advised to drink lots of fluids and rest. It is also suggested that most people who have swine flu, make a full recovery and do not even know they have had it, considering their illness to be a bad cough or cold. The advice from the Local Authority is that if your child is unwell and has flu-like symptoms, then keep them at home. Many people will be able to recover from swine flu without the need for antivirals. The school will stay open, regardless of how many children are unwell. The only issue that might cause closure is if we had insufficient staff at school for teaching and Health and Safety purposes.

In order to limit the spread, please ensure you practice good hygiene by:

- washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus;
- cleaning hard surfaces, including door handles, frequently, using a normal cleaning product;
- covering your nose or mouth when you cough or sneeze, using a tissue;
- disposing of dirty tissues immediately washing your hands;
- reminding your children to follow this advice.

In order to find out more, visit the Health Protection Agency's website at www.hpa.org.uk or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513.

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

At the end of this week, we say goodbye to Mrs Napolitano, who has worked in the school in many different roles for a number of years. We wish her a very happy and relaxing retirement. We also say goodbye to Mrs Humphreys who from initially coming in as a class teacher, has been covering classes and working with groups over the past year. Goodbye also to Miss Peckham. Miss Peckham has been in and out of South Norwood for many years and she has provided Class 4T with a fantastic end-of-the-year whilst Mrs Trevisick is on maternity leave. We also say goodbye to Mrs Corkett who joined us in January to work with Class 2Z.

We welcome two new Year 2 teachers: Mrs Judith Simms (Class 2S) and Mrs Ann-Marie MacDonald (Class 2M). Both have visited the school, met their children and some of their new parents and we hope that they will be very happy with us at South Norwood. We also welcome Miss Maxine Binger who is the teacher for the new Reception class. She has literally just been recruited and I know, as with Mrs Simms and Mrs MacDonald, will be an excellent addition to our ever-strengthening team.



FINAL WEEK

The Year 6 Leavers' performance of 'Bugsy' is on Tuesday at 10am and 7pm. Weather permitting, we have Infant Sports Afternoon on Tuesday at 1.45pm and Junior Sports on Wednesday at 1.30pm.



TERM DATES 2009/2010

On a separate sheet, you will find our term and holiday dates for next year. Please keep this sheet safe and ensure that your child starts back at the end of each half-term break and end-of-term holiday on the correct day. Far too many children come back a day late, with parents saying they "didn't know the start date". *The final Newsletter of the year will be sent out this Thursday and will include the SHINE Award winners for the summer term.*