

South Norwood Primary School



Newsletter...Newsletter...Newsletter... 15th February 2008

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IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES

Just to remind you that on Thursday 1st May, the school will be used for the Mayoral Elections. Consequently, we have changed our INSET Days. The remaining three INSET days were: Monday 25th February, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July, with the children's last day of the school year on Friday 18th July.

The new INSET Days are: Monday 25th February, Thursday 1st May and Tuesday 22nd July. This means that the final day in school for the children is Monday 21st July. Please make a note of these changes.

We break up to day, Friday 15th February for the half-term holiday and with an INSET Day on Monday 25th February, the children come back to school on Tuesday 26th February.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Far too many children are still arriving late to school. We are working closely with our Education Welfare Officer and you will be contacted if your child is persistently late.



Just as some children are arriving persistently late, there are a number of children in the Juniors who are arriving far too early. **There is no supervision in the Junior Playground until 8.45am.** Until this time we cannot guarantee your child's safety, so please do not send your child to school any earlier.

Apologies to Bobbi Martin of 5M who in the last Newsletter, I put down as being in 5H for 100% attendance during the autumn term.



EXTENDED SCHOOLS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Thank you to those of you who completed and returned the above survey. I know it may look like a daunting task to fill it in, but it really will help us to improve the services, activities and support that we can offer not just the children but also families at South Norwood. We did only receive 12 responses, which is rather disappointing. If you still have the survey at home, please complete it and return it after the half-term break. Thank you.

LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE (LEC)

Every child in the school went into the 'Life Bus' over the course of four days. This is the second year that LEC have visited South Norwood Primary, playing a crucial role in the children's personal and social development as well as reinforcing and extending their awareness of health issues as they grow older.



I did ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child to help towards the Life Bus. If every child made this donation, we would have received £353.00 which would be a great help towards the £1,100.00 that it costs to have the Life Bus in school for the four days. We did however, only receive £82.00. If you did not send in the £1 for your child, it is not too late to do so and it would really help us to ensure that we can afford to bring the Life Bus back next year. Thank you.

PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

Can I please ask that your child does not bring any items of value into school as we cannot be held responsible for any damage or indeed, any loss. Sometimes, things do go missing, although often they turn up on a peg further along the corridor and we do our best to ensure that all property is respected. However, I strongly advise that expensive bags that some of the children are bringing in are **not** used for school.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

It was really good to see so many of you over the last two weeks. This is the ideal time to come into school to talk to the class teacher and see the progress your child is making. If you were not able to come in, please do contact your child's class teacher directly to make a mutually convenient appointment. It is crucial that we have a strong link between home and school as this sends a very powerful message to the children about all parties working together to support them.



PARENT PAY – SCHOOL DINNERS

A reminder that if your child has school dinners, payment should be paid in advance, either weekly or termly. If there is no funding you're your account, I am afraid that we will be unable to provide a school dinner. Please do come and talk to us if there is a problem.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

February:

Mon 25th INSET DAY – staff training **no children at school today**
Tues 26th **children back to school today**

March:

Thurs 6th World Book Day – details to follow
Fri 7th Class Assembly: 2B (2.15pm and 2.45pm)
Fri 14th Class Assembly: 2C (2.15pm and 2.45pm)
Fri 21st Good Friday – **school closed**
Mon 24th Easter Monday – **school closed**
Tues 25th **everyone back to school for the rest of the term**
Sat 29th SNAPs Second-hand Book and Video Sale

April:

Fri 4th break up for the Easter holiday
Mon 21st **staff and children back for the start of the summer term**

Finally, to wish you a happy and restful half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 26th February.