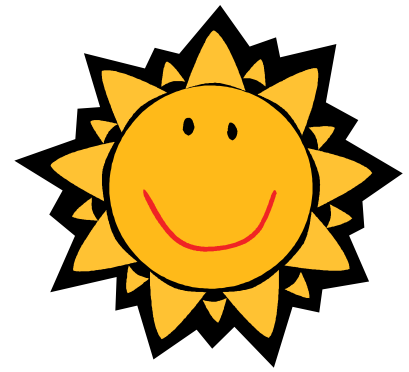




NEWSLETTER



MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2009

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the summer term. The very name of the term implies that it is the season of warmth, sun and gentle breezes. However...who knows what to expect now in terms of weather, but we are expecting to have a very productive and successful term. We have had a very positive response for the number of children applying for places in our Reception classes in September. This is indicative of the local community's perception of how the school is improving and is a very welcome development.

SHINE AWARDS

On the last day of term, the following children received SHINE Awards for the Spring Term. They had been nominated by their teachers for a significant improvement in their learning, attitude or behaviour. This is a termly award for two children in each class. A picture postcard with the reason for the nomination written on the back is awarded, plus each child can choose a small prize. **Well done to the SHINE Award winners for Spring 2009:**

- RJ** Emily Liddle and Shaiyaan Syed
- RP** Aaliyah Porter-Hayes & Riley White
- 1R** Fehmida Bhyat & Alex Van Luipen
- 1W** Emmanuel Bauchie & Krishma Wilkhu
- 2C** Silan Aram & Trae Croll
- 2Z** Rahnee Prescod & Delio Van-Dunem
- 3B** Crystal Field & Ben Bottlander
- 3T** Samantha Moore & Troy Jones
- 4T** Naeem Emamaullee & Jasmine Michael
- 5S** Kursat Pektas & Whyn Fulcott
- 5T** Ryan Preddie & Tobi Obiloba
- 6B** Ronaldo Mitchell & Jade Robinson
- 6M** Jemima Jegede & Sinea Downer



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

You should today have received a letter outlining the before-school and after-school activities on offer this summer term. Please send the form back as soon as you get it and then there is far more chance to secure your first choice.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Bronze Awards for 100% Spring Term Attendance & Punctuality and the Silver Awards for 100% Autumn and Spring Term Attendance & Punctuality will be given out next week and reported in the next Newsletter.

However, the attendance and punctuality of several persistent offenders continues to really affect our school data and is of great concern.

The Juniors start at 9.00am and the Infants at 9.10am – it is crucial your child is in the playground when the bell is rung. Arriving once the class has gone in, qualifies as a 'late arrival' and affects the school's data. It also means that late children miss out regularly on a very important time of the day when the teacher calls the Register and sets up the class for the day.

If your child is one of these late children, please turn over a new leaf for the new term and be in school on time, every day. Thank you.



ROOF REPAIRS

In the Easter holiday, crucial roof repairs were started on the Junior roof. Due to poor weather however, the work will not be finished until the end of this week (Friday 24th April) with the scaffold being taken down at the weekend. The remaining work consists of the new tiles actually being put on the roof. Despite all of our efforts and the company's vigilance to ensure that there is no potential risk to any child or adult within or visiting the school, can I still ask you to show extra care at the front of the school.

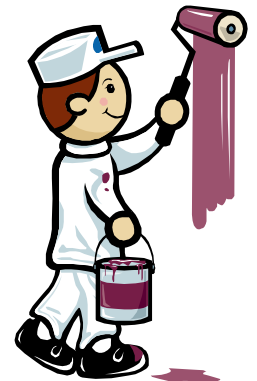
It does mean that staff parking is limited at the front of the school, so we shall be using the large Junior playground (through the Gresham Road entrance) until the work is complete. All staff will be entering well before school starts and will exit after the children have left so there will be no car movement during the day. Also, the children will not be allowed to play with balls during the remainder of this week, to ensure there is no accidental damage to the cars.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 17th March. For those of you who were intending to come but didn't, you really did miss an excellent opportunity to develop a greater understanding of how we teach and your children learn phonics. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Jones, Miss Pearson and Mrs Rhys-Davies for leading the Workshop. Please try and come along to these events, we really do want to work more closely with you to help your child's learning.

REDECORATION

Those of you who came into the Junior building today will have noticed that it has been given a bit of a makeover during the Easter break, and very bright and fresh it looks too! The stairways and first floor will be completed in the summer holidays.



SUMMER 1 DATES

Just a reminder of the key dates (so far) for this first half of the summer term:

April:

Thurs 23rd

Year 5 start their after-school sessions at the Crystal Palace Study Support Centre (places still available, please ask for further information)

Wed 29th

Class Assembly: 4B (9.30am & 2.45pm)

May:

Mon 4th

May Day Bank Holiday – school closed

Tues 5th

Extra-Curricular Clubs start

Wed 6th

Class Assembly: 3T

Mon 11th

Year 6 SATs Week

Fri 15th

SNAPS Disco

Wed 20th

Class Assembly: 2C

Fri 22nd

Class Assembly: 6B (rearranged from the spring term)



A reminder that we will be closed on THURSDAY 4th JUNE as the school will be used as a Polling Station.

SPANISH WEEK

The week beginning Monday 22nd June is our Spanish Week. From September, all children in the Juniors will be learning Spanish on a weekly basis, during curriculum time. More news about Spanish at South Norwood and our Spanish Week soon, but we do have our SNAPS Spanish Summer Carnival on Saturday 27th June – so keep that date free. If you have any contacts with any Spanish-speaking schools or have any good ideas for our Spanish Week, please let me know as soon as possible, thank you.

