



# SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

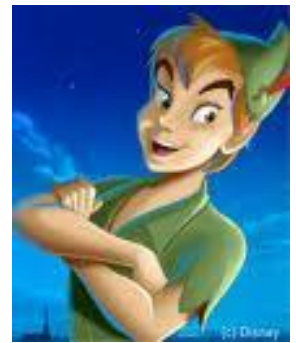
NEWSLETTER: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010



## BOOK WEEK

Book Week this year starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the week, with the children enjoying a range of reading activities, making books and working with children from other classes. They will also be writing stories using a range of exciting and intriguing artefacts.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, everyone will be dressing up for the day as a character from a book. This is always really good fun and I am continually impressed by the effort that everyone puts into this special day. Please start having a think now about which book character your child can dress up as.



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October sees the start of Family Learning Week. As it overlaps with Book Week, we are inviting parents to come in to share a book with a group of children in your child's class at any point during the day that is convenient to you. **Please speak directly to your child's class teacher to arrange this.**

## FAMILY LEARNING WEEK

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we are inviting all parents to come into school from 9am to 10am and take part in their child's class. This could be literacy, numeracy, art, games or IPC Theme work from the IPC; it will vary in each class.

This is how it will work:

- just choose which day or days you would like to come in;
- inform the teacher you will be joining the end of the class line;
- follow your child's class into the classroom;
- take a seat at a table and...
- enjoy the lesson.

At 10am, a bell will ring to alert you that the end of your lesson has arrived. If you enjoy it (which I am sure you will), please come back the next day.



This is an excellent opportunity for you to really find out how your child learns and what the start of our day looks like. I do hope you can come in and look forward to seeing lots of you in class.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival is being led this year by Class 4B as their Class Assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This means that parents of children in 4B are of course invited but as it is a special assembly, all parents who wish to join us in our Harvest celebration are welcome. The Harvest Assembly will be at 9.30am and 2.45pm in the Junior Hall.

**Please do start sending in non-perishable food from tomorrow.** Even if every child brings in just one tin or packet, we will have 361 items of food that we can distribute to local old people's homes and refuges. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The focus of our Black History Month this year will be Art. Each class will be generating a canvas or artefact inspired by the achievements of a prominent figure. This work will be displayed around the school for us all to enjoy.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Last week's Newsletter stated that the class assembly performances are at 9.15am and 2.45pm. This should have read **9.30am** and 2.45pm. Sorry for any confusion.

### **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

The Clubs start today. Apologies if your child was not allocated a place; they fill up very quickly indeed. For parents new to the school and for Year 1 parents, there will be another range of Clubs on offer in the spring term and a letter will be sent out when we come back to school in January.

**Please make sure you collect your child promptly at 4.30pm.**



### **A NEW START TIME**

Punctuality has slipped a little this week, following a very positive start to the school year. It is so important that your child is on time every day. Every child that is in late affects our punctuality figures and puts pressure on the school as a whole. If you do arrive late on a regular basis, please leave home earlier. Thank you.

### **HAPPY HEALTHY BREAKFAST**

Happy Healthy Breakfast is proving to be very popular indeed. So popular in fact that we may need to set up a waiting list now. If your child has signed up for a place but no longer wishes to come, please do let us know so that we can offer the place to another child. Thank you.



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Nearly everyone has come back to school with the correct uniform. But just a reminder of the key areas that we often to have remind the children about:

- sensible **black school shoes** should be worn: **not trainers**;
- only **white, grey, navy or black** socks are acceptable: no other colours or patterned socks;
- **white, grey, navy or black** tights for girls in the winter please;
- the wearing of jewellery poses a health & safety risk and only watches may be worn;
- nail varnish should not be worn;
- only **stud earrings** may be worn and
- all hair accessories should be: **blue, black, white or clear.**

I thank you in advance for your co-operation with the above. It is important that all parents respect our expectations of uniform and general presentation otherwise this gives a very conflicting message to the children. Thank you.

D. Williams