



South Norwood Primary School



NEWSLETTER: WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2011

WELCOME TO OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN

We say a big "Welcome" to our new Reception children and parents. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, the children will be building up to coming to school full time.

They have looked so smart in their uniforms and come to school each day with huge smiles on their faces, so they are clearly enjoying coming. Many have siblings in the school so know us well already, but welcome to everyone who has joined us this year, including the many new children and parents in other year groups.



NIMBLE NUMBER

From last week, the children in the Juniors were able to come into school from 8.45am to enjoy a 'Nimble Number' session in their classrooms. This is a new initiative that has been introduced to improve and extend number skills. This has been very successful and we have been delighted with the response of both children and parents so far. *We are really pleased that the children are so keen, but please note that they should not come into school until 8.45am when either myself or Miss Hayward will be in the playground. Also, parents should say 'goodbye' to their children in the playground and not come into the building with them. Thank you.*

DROP-IN SESSIONS

Please put the date of Wednesday 5th October in your diary as our first 'Drop-In' of the year. This is an opportunity for you to pop into you child's class **after school** to have a quick look at what they have been doing and to have a brief chat with the class teacher. These sessions will end at 3.55pm.

This year, the children will be designing Christmas cards for you to buy if you would like to. A pack of 12 cards will cost £5.50, with any further packs of 12, costing £4.50.

You can also order a pack of 12 gift cards, but only if you order the pack of 12 Christmas cards (costing £5.50). **At the first Drop-In session, you will be able to see your child's card design and decide whether you would like to place an order.** If you choose to do so, the order will be placed with Cauliflower Cards, who will produce the cards on A6 card, included with envelopes in a cellophane wrap. The design will be printed on the front with the child's name as the designer, printed on the back.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

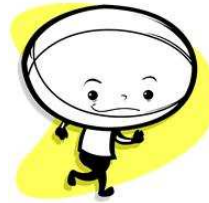
Please keep your eyes open for a letter soon about becoming a Parent Governor. We have a couple of vacancies for this rewarding position. Please come and speak to me if you would like to find out more.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The Infant Clubs are now all full, with no spaces available at all.

In the Juniors, there are still some spaces for:

- Boxing Skills on a Monday
- Boxing Skills on a Tuesday
- Rugby on a Wednesday
- Crochet on a Thursday
- Handball on a Friday



If you would like your child to take part, please send in £10 for each Club (or £5 for each club if your child has Free School Meals) with a note to say that you give permission for your child to take part.

The Clubs start next week, so please reply as soon as possible.

BOOK WEEK

Our Book Week this year starts on Monday 3rd October. This year we shall be focusing on one book throughout the school as a focus for a wide range of subjects. The book is called 'Tuesday' and is a very interesting tale (without words) about frogs. Therefore, we have decided that this year we shall all dress up (as much as we can) as frogs. If the children can wear as much green as possible and if you can face paint or make a mask that would be great. We do have some mask templates in school, so we can provide some masks if necessary.



RESPECT OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

I have had a couple of telephone calls over the last week or so from residents in both Gresham Road and Birchanger Road. I know that it will only be a very small minority, but I urge you please **not to drop litter out of your car window whilst parked and also not to have very loud music playing as some residents do work night shifts and it is causing quite a disturbance.** It is important that we respond to the polite requests of the local residents and I thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

The dates for the class assemblies for this Autumn term are as follows:

23 September	3B
30 September	3C
7 October (<i>Book Week</i>)	6F
14 October	1W
21 October	1Z
11 November	5N
18 November	4B
25 November	6R
2 December	5T



As always, there are two performances: one in the morning at 9.30am and one in the afternoon at 2.45pm.

We have had so many parents arrive late, that I am considering not allowing late arrivals come in as it disturbs the performance. Please be on time, it is an important event not to missed!