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# South Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009



## WELCOME TO OUR RECEPTION CLASSES

This week has seen the arrival of our new children in Reception. They have all arrived with smiles on their faces and seem to have settled in really well. For this week, the children were in school for either a morning or afternoon session, but over the next couple of weeks they will be working towards being in school full-time. A big welcome therefore to our new children and their parents.



## NEW CLASSROOM

After much digging and drilling, numerous trucks, lorries and vans in and out of the school and a very exciting day when the Infant children saw the new classroom being crane-lifted into place, our new classroom is finished.

It is amazing that it has only taken six school weeks from the date of agreement to its actual completion. We are very pleased with the final result and I know that it will be a wonderful setting for Class RB, with their beautiful outdoor learning area. The children are also very excited about the other classroom within the structure which will be our Science Room. Both rooms will be set up immediately and RB will move in there next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, with the Science Room opening very soon. The Croydon Advertiser will be invited as part of our Opening Ceremony.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that your child should be in school and on time every day. The DCSF (Department for Children, Schools and Families) analyses all of our data from the class registers and this is an area where we must improve. A number of junior children are late every day by just a few minutes...this is unacceptable, especially as most of them live so close by.

It has been proven that children with poor attendance make poor progress at school. So by not sending your child to school, there is a long-term detrimental impact on your child's development and opportunities later in life. We now have a new Education Welfare Officer who will be contacting parents of children about whom we have concerns.

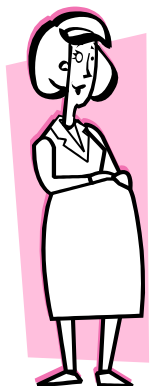
***Please make every effort to be in and on time. Thank you.***

## MRS JONES

You may have noticed that Mrs Jones has been looking rather different lately. She is expecting her first child and we are all very excited for her. She will be with us until halfway through the spring term, when she will start her Maternity Leave. A letter has been sent to the parents of children in her new class explaining our plans for her Maternity Cover, so they are being kept informed of all developments.

## SNAPS MEETING

Please do come along to our first SNAPS (South Norwood Association of Parents and Staff) meeting next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Infant Building. All parents are automatically members and it would be wonderful to see some of our new Reception parents there.



## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES



We do have two vacancies for Parent Governors. There will be more information very soon, but if you think you might be interested in joining what is a very proactive and effective Governing Body that plays a key role in terms of the overall strategic development of the school, please do come and have a chat with me.

## PE KITS

A reminder that when the children come back after the half-term, all must have plain T-Shirts and shorts/tracksuit trousers. These must be either white, grey, navy or black.

## BOOK WEEK

Please note that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we ask that all children dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Parents are encouraged to participate too and, as usual, there will be a small prize for the best parent costume. More information about Book Week soon.



## SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM – FIRST HALF DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

### September:

- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Year 5 to the Polka Theatre, Wimbledon  
SNAPS Meeting – 7pm  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 to the Polka Theatre, Wimbledon

### October:

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Assembly 9.30am and 2.45pm: 3T  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Book Week starts  
Reception Class Photos for the 'New Starters' edition of the Croydon Advertiser  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly 9.30am and 2.45pm: 1W  
Dressing Up as a Book Character Day  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for Prospective Parents for Reception Places: Sept 2010  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Year 3 trip to Crystal Palace Park  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly 9.30am and 2.45pm: 3C  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents for Reception Places: Sept 2010  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 to Fairfield Halls for Shakespeare Performance  
Parents' Meetings for Years 1-6: 5.30 – 7.30pm  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Parents' Meetings for Years 1-6: 3.30 – 5.30pm  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Class Assembly 9.30am and 2.45pm: 6B  
Roald Dahl Day  
Break up for Half-Term Holiday



*Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov is an INSET Day and the school will be closed. The children come back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.*