

SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Friday 27th November 2009

EARLY MORNING WET PLAY: INFANTS

In the past, parents have been asked to bring their children into the Infant Hall, say 'goodbye' and then leave the building. With the additional 30 children in Reception, plus the many new children who have joined us in Years 1 & 2, to say it was crowded, was an understatement! Plus, with so many parents with buggies, it did pose a considerable Health & Safety risk.



Therefore, as we did on Monday and from now on:

- when it is wet, between 8.55am and 9.10am, please bring your child to the main door to the Infant building where myself and/or Mrs Jones will be waiting;
- please say your 'goodbyes' at this point;
- the Infant teaching assistants: Mrs Morgan; Mrs Farnon; Mrs Busby and Mrs Bristow, will then escort the children along the corridor into the Infant Hall where they will join their class sitting in a row;
- when the bell goes at 9.10am, the children will be led to their classes by the teacher.

It did work really well on Monday, so thank you for your co-operation as we continue with this new procedure.

HAIRSTYLES AND UNIFORM

From Tuesday 5th January 2010, we ask that all children and parents comply with the new guidelines for hairstyles. We have introduced this due to the increasingly fussy styles with coloured accessories that the children are wearing. As decorative as they may be, we do not consider that they are suitable for school.



- All hair that is shoulder length or longer (girls and boys) should always be securely tied back.
- Any beads, hair ties, scrunchies, clips etc...should be **blue or black** and as plain as possible.



Again, I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Please ensure your child leaves home looking smart and in full uniform each morning. This is an important element of the children's shared sense of identity at school, as well as promoting a self-pride in their own appearance.

The following are a key element of the school uniform and must be worn at all times:

- ***black school shoes;***
- ***a white shirt / polo shirt;***
- ***white, navy, grey or black PLAIN socks;***
- ***a royal blue cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt, with or without the South Norwood Bee.***



'COME AND JOIN US'

On Thursday 17th December, there will be a Christmas Carol Concert to which you are all invited. It will take place in the Junior Hall from 7.00-8.00pm.

The children that attend Singing Club will be performing a number of traditional and some not so traditional carols. **Everyone is invited to attend, whether your child attends the Singing Club or not.** We will be asking for an entry of 50p per person to cover costs for the performance; this will be payable on the door.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We are finding it quite difficult to provide enough adults to accompany classes on school trips; resulting in taking teaching assistants away from classes so that we have enough adults accompanying year groups as part of our safeguarding children procedures.

In order to keep costs down, we are using public transport: buses, trains and trams far more than we have done and we do then increase the amount of supervision necessary for such travel.

If you receive a letter about a school trip, please don't assume that another parent will offer. If everyone did that, we would have no volunteers! If you can, please do tick that box on the reply slip that says you are able to accompany the class. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please come and support the SNAPS Christmas Fair tomorrow from 11am to 2pm in the Infant and Junior Halls. A great deal of work goes into organising the Fair and the more people that come, the more of a success it becomes.

There will be many opportunities for children to make/buy small presents for mums, dads and family members, as well as many fun things to do and tasty things to eat and drink. A reminder that most of the money raised goes towards subsidising the school trips.



A REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER

- Fri 4th Class Assembly 2M: 9.30am and 2.45pm
- Tues 15th Junior Christmas Performance: 9.45am
Infant Christmas Performance: 2.00pm
- Wed 16th Infant Christmas Performance: 9.45am
Junior Christmas Performance: 2.00pm
Infant Christmas Dinner
- Thurs 17th Junior Christmas Dinner
'Come and Join Us' in the Junior Hall: 7.00-8.00pm
- Fri 18th Last day of the Autumn Term

JANUARY 2010

- Mon 4th INSET Day: school is closed to children
- Tues 5th Children back to school