

A decorative header featuring several cartoon bees with yellow and black stripes and smiling faces, flying across the top. Below the bees, the school's name is written in a large, blue, stylized font.

# SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Monday 29th March 2010

## HEALTH AND HOBBY WEEK

Thank you to all of those parents who came in on Tuesday afternoon to share their hobbies with their child's class. It is such a positive experience for the children and the afternoon was a great success. Thank you to Miss Barrett and Ms Banfield for organising this special week; highlighting the importance of leading a healthy, fit and active lifestyle.



On Friday afternoon, the whole school (staff included) jumped for 2 minutes in the playground (whilst singing!) to raise money for Sport Relief. We look forward to receiving all of the sponsorship money and will let you know how much we have donated to Sport Relief in the very near future.

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

It was very well timed, that during our Health and Hobby week, we were awarded the status of 'Healthy Schools'. The process to achieve this is very rigorous and reflects the high standard of healthy practice that is going on throughout the school. A big 'thank you' to all of the staff for their contributions towards achieving the award; particularly Ms Banfield who co-ordinated the project overall and to Miss Hayward, both for working tirelessly to ensure that we really are a healthy school and not just ticking boxes to satisfy an awards panel!



## TEACHERS2PARENTS

We shall be keeping the texting service that was outlined in the last Newsletter; we have found it particularly useful if we have had to cancel after-school clubs. **If you do not have a mobile phone, please come in and register at the office, so that we know that we need to make a landline call. It is also vital that you keep us updated with any change of mobile number you have.** Thank you.

## SNAPS

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the SNPS AGM, Judith MacIntyre resigned (due to work commitments) from her post of Chair of SNAPS. Judith has worked tirelessly to raise money for the school and I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank her for all of the hard work she has done. With the many events that have been organised, your children have benefitted from many additional learning resources.

Currently, all of the money raised subsidises the school trips for everyone. Many trips, especially where there is an entrance charge, cost around £13 as the cost of the coach is so expensive. With the money donated by SNAPS we can offer these trips to you for around £7. Karen Eliatamby (mother of Charles in 6M) has taken on the role of Chair and is already busy planning our Summer Carnival.





## HAPPY HEALTHY BREAKFAST

Happy Healthy Breakfast will be returning in the summer term, but not until May or June. It was a big success and an evaluation from the children and parents provided help for us to make it even better. Look out for a letter in May.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have a new Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who is very efficient and working very hard to ensure all children are in school every day (unless very unwell) and on time. If your child is persistently absent and late, not only is it a real problem for your child missing important learning, but it also reflects very badly on the school. **It is expected that those contacted by the EWO will work co-operatively with her to ensure that we can improve our rates of attendance and punctuality.**



## SCHOOL SHOES AND SOCKS

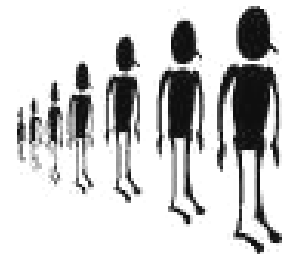
We have noticed recently, that some children in the Infants, have not been wearing the correct school shoes. **These shoes should be all black and not be trainers!** If for any reason, your child does not wear their school shoes, they will have to stay in at playtime and lunchtime until shoes can be worn again. This is not a punishment and a friend can be chosen to stay in; but being on the playground in trainers sends a very negative message to the other children that school shoes are not important. We do this in the Juniors and it works well, **so from after the Easter break, this system will be introduced into the Infants. Also, a reminder that socks or tights should be: plain white; grey; navy blue or black.**

## BEFORE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

These have now all finished. A letter for the Summer Term clubs will be sent home during the first week back after the Easter break.

## CLASS 1R LINING UP

After the Easter holiday, class 1R will line up in the morning at 9.10am at their classroom door. This is to ease the congestion in the Infant playground. The children will be reminded, but obviously may forget, so please remind them where to line up on the first day back: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



## FAREWELL...

This Thursday, we say 'goodbye' to Miss Woodhouse. Miss Woodhouse joined the school in September 2008 and has taught in Year 1 since her arrival. She has brought a very creative flair to South Norwood and the Year 1 children have enjoyed the Story Sacks that she has made. She has also been very involved in SNAPS. We thank her for her hard work and wish her all the very best for the future.

Miss Gemma Zakariyyau (pronounced 'Zacariah') will be teaching Class 1W for the summer term and I know that you will join me in welcoming her to South Norwood Primary. A reminder for 1W parents that you can meet Miss Zakariyyau at either 9.30am or 3.00pm in the Lobster Library (opposite the Infant Hall) tomorrow (30<sup>th</sup> March).



## EASTER HOLIDAY

**We break up this THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> April and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable break from school and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the summer term.