

South Norwood Primary School



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OFSTED INSPECTION: 24th and 25th July

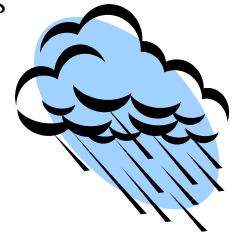
Thank you to those of you who returned the Parent Questionnaire. All of your views were carefully read by the Inspectors. The outcome of the Inspection is confidential until the judgements have been ratified by HMI (Her Majesty's Inspectorate), but what I can tell you is that we are all extremely pleased by the Lead Inspectors assessment. In fact, we are very, very pleased!! The Report will hopefully be with us around the 16th July and you will receive a copy as soon as it is returned to us.

ROAD SAFETY

Every adult that comes to this school at the beginning and end of the day is either a parent, a carer or a family member. I am therefore totally confused as to why some people are reversing down Gresham Road or turning their car around after collecting their child. **If this continues, it is only a matter of time until someone gets seriously hurt.** Reversing down Gresham Road is dangerous and has to stop. There is not enough space to turn around either. I am going to make a point of being at that gate myself and car registrations will be recorded and the police contacted if it continues. **If you are one of these parents endangering our children, please stop now, before I am forced to take further action.**

INFANT SPORTS DAY

This started off really well with a beautiful blue sky, 165 smiling children and lots of parents enjoying the enthusiasm of their children. Unfortunately, the sudden downpour meant that we did have to abruptly end the afternoon. ***We will be using the reserve date of Friday 11th July at 1.45pm, so hope to see lots of you again then.***

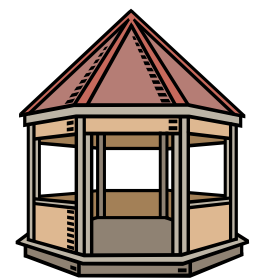


JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

This took place just yesterday and we were lucky that despite forecasts of rain, we enjoyed a warm, sunny afternoon. We did run out of time however and the scores were not announced. We will obviously share this with the children. It was fantastic to see so many of you and I am sorry that we did not have enough time to hold the races for mums and dads, as I know there would have been fierce competition!

SENSORY LEARNING AREA

This was completed late yesterday afternoon and I know that the children have really enjoyed watching it take shape over the last week. The staff too, have enjoyed watching it all come together. This area has been planned as an outdoor learning area and will be timetabled for all classes: Juniors and Infants.



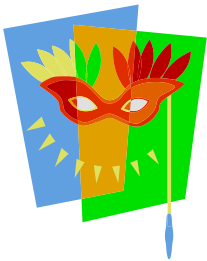
I would like to thank SNAPS for supporting the implementation of this part of our COOL Project (Community Opportunities for Outdoor Learning). From the events that you have supported at school, SNAPS has donated £1000.00 towards the cost of the development. Thank you.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

You should have received your child's end-of-year Report on Wednesday. The appointments to meet the teachers on Monday 7th July are to discuss any questions you may have specifically about that Report.

UNIFORM

There are still significant problems with uniform going missing, particularly jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts. More of these have recently been clearly labelled, so thank you, as this does make it easier to identify abandoned items of clothing. From Monday, children will be expected to not leave their jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt on their peg, but to take it into the classroom with them and keep it on the back of their chair if they do not need to wear it.

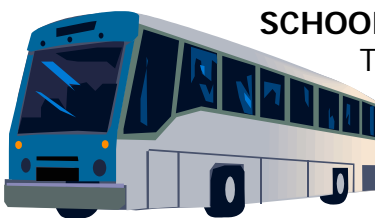


SNAPS SUMMER CARNIVAL

This takes place tomorrow from 11am to 3pm. There will be lots of events and activities going on and I hope to see you all there. Please bring along family members and your neighbours – we would love to see as many of you as possible.

SOUTH NORWOOD BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Sue Takwani (Chair of Governors) and I attended this meeting at Harris Academy, South Norwood last night. It was an excellent opportunity to recruit a community Governor and to promote South Norwood Primary School as being at the heart of the community. I shall give you more news at a later date about some of the plans we have to increase our children's involvement in their community. This is a very important part of children's social and economic development and Sue and I made some very useful links last night.



SCHOOL TRIPS

There have been a number of school trips recently and more have been planned for next week. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to accompany your child's class. Without your support, these trips would not be possible. We aim to increase the number of trips next year, as they are a key element of the children's learning. Can I remind you that all parents/carers who go on a trip, have a 'List 99' check. This is a police check, with a turnaround of about 2 days. ***As part of our safeguarding children procedures, we do not allow anyone to accompany the teacher and children without this check.***

DATES

Just a reminder that the last day of school for children is Monday 21st July. We do expect all children in school on that day. Tuesday 22nd July is an INSET Day for teachers. The children come back to school on Wednesday 3rd September.