



NEWSLETTER



7th September 2007

WELCOME BACK

I trust you all had an enjoyable summer break and welcome back to school. The children have come back with a positive attitude and looking very smart in their uniforms. Please ensure that your child continues to wear the correct uniform throughout the year.



A reminder also that **black school shoes should be worn** – trainers are not acceptable. During the colder weather, ankle and full length boots may be worn to and from school, but children must have shoes to change into for during the day. In terms of jewellery, only simple single stud earrings should be worn and watches. For Health & Safety reasons, no other jewellery must be worn.

HOME-SCHOOL-CHILD AGREEMENT

Today, you will receive two copies of our Home-School-Child Agreement. Please talk this through with your child to emphasise the importance of all of us working together. ***If you and your child sign both of the copies, please then return one copy to school, keeping one copy for yourself.*** All children are individuals and we respect and celebrate that, but we have clear expectations of the attitude and behaviour of all children at school and do expect your support with this through this Agreement. Thank you.

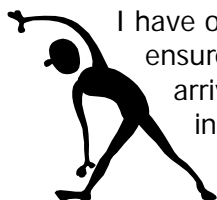
COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please ensure when you collect your child from the Infants, that the teacher has seen you take your child. The children are obviously delighted to see you at the end of the day, but for Health & Safety reasons, the teacher **must** see each child go with the correct person. Even if your child runs over to you, please ensure you tell the teacher you are there before taking your child. Thank you for your co-operation in this as we continue to ensure that all of our children are safe.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have had several late arrivals already each day since we came back. Please ensure that your child is in the playground when the whistle is blown. Being late does not only affect your child's start to the day but it has a huge impact on our punctuality rates.

FITNESS TRAIL



I have ordered a fence to be installed around the Fitness Trail. Until then, please ensure that your child does not use this equipment. After school, until the fence arrives, if either myself or Mrs Hopgood are around, we can supervise for insurance purposes for ten minutes or so. I know that it is tempting for all children but we do have to seriously consider the safety implications to comply with our insurance policies.

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

If you look at the dates below and received your flier yesterday, you will see that Miss Haggis, our Maths Subject Leader, has arranged two workshops to work with you to help

you to support your child's learning in maths. The way children are taught maths has changed quite dramatically since many of you were at school, so this is an ideal opportunity to come in for these sessions (no need to book, just turn up) and find out how maths is taught. ***There is also a phonics workshop for the parents of children in Reception and Year 1 on Thursday 11th October from 9.15-10.15am.***

SNAPS

There is a meeting next Wednesday 12th September at 7pm in the SNAPS Room in the Infant building. We had a really successful summer term and lots of money was raised to support all of the children in the school. There was a great momentum of enthusiasm and I know that many of you offered help with those many little tasks that SNAPS need doing leading up to a major event like the summer carnival.

If you have not been involved before, please do come along to the meeting. You are automatically a member of SNAPS by having a child at the school and we would love to see you.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The child of one of our long-standing Parent Governors has moved on to secondary school, so we have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please have a think about whether you would like to take on the responsibility of being a Governor and have a chat with one of our existing Parent Governors if you are interested (their names and pictures are on the school's Noticeboard). Further information will be sent out next week. In the autumn term, we had four nominations and nearly eighty of you voted which was fantastic and very positive for the school.

COLLECTABLE CARDS

Just to confirm that children are no longer allowed to bring collectable cards of any sort into school. We did have quite a few issues towards the end of last term and it was decided that they were no longer permitted in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates so far for this half-term:

September

Tues 11 th	Maths Workshop for all Parents on addition and subtraction in the Infant Hall 9.15-10.15am
Wed 12 th	Meeting for children and their parents taking part in Literacy Intervention Programmes (<i>all those involved will have received a letter</i>) – 8.30am
Wed 12 th	South Norwood Association of Parents and Staff (SNAPS) Meeting in SNAPS Room – 7pm
Thurs 13 th	Roald Dahl Day
October	
Mon 1 st	Start of Book Week (more details to follow soon)
Mon 1 st	Early Parents' Meetings: 3.30-5.30pm
Tues 9 th	Late Parents' Meetings: 5.30-7.30pm
Thurs 11 th	Phonics Workshop for parents of Reception & Year 1 children
Mon 15 th	Start of Maths Week (more details to follow)
Mon 15 th	Open Afternoon
Wed 17 th	Maths Workshop for Parents on multiplication and division in the Infant Hall 9.15-10.15am
Fri 19 th	Break up for half-term