

South Norwood Primary School



Newsletter...Newsletter...Newsletter... 9th June 2008

ARTSMARK

Last week, we were notified that we had been awarded the 'Artsmark' standard. This was in recognition for our commitment to developing The Arts as an integral part of children's creative learning through art, dance, music and drama. The award is valid for three years and is a significant achievement for South Norwood Primary. I would like to thank Mrs Trevisick, who as Art Subject Leader, worked extremely hard completing the application (which was pages and pages long). We have appointed a new LEA Governor who will be responsible for The Arts as we aim to build further upon and improve our current practice.

SCIENCE WEEK

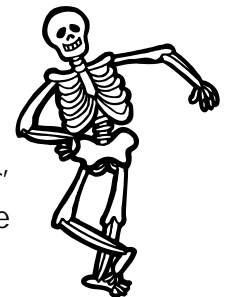
Our Science Week starts on Monday 23rd June. During the entire week, the focus of learning in each class will be on developing science skills, knowledge and understanding. Other subjects will be taught through science: literacy, maths and design technology for example. Also, within age phases, there will be science investigations set up in each classroom and the children will rotate to participate in three or four different experiments.



On Thursday 26th, the Quantum Theatre Group will be performing 'Octopushy' which is all about forces. There will be an Infant and a Junior performance.



On Monday 30th June, we would love for you to come into school to enjoy some of the work that the children have been doing during the Science Week. Please join us from 2pm, when you can visit your child's/children's classroom(s) or indeed any classroom that you choose. It is vital that you sign in at the Office and wear your 'Visitor' sticker clearly so that both staff and children know why you are in the school – thank you.



OFSTED UPDATE

This document to update you about the progress we have made since the HMI Monitoring Visit in November. It is now complete and you will receive this document by the end of the week.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

I have completed the analysis of those Questionnaires returned. I received a further 45 following my gentle reminder, so a huge 'thank you' to everyone who responded. If you have it completed (or uncompleted) at home, please do still send it in. All those returned have been looked at carefully and all responses/suggestions taken seriously. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive a report outlining the responses and the action(s) to be taken by the school.



SWEATSHIRTS, JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS

We are now well into the summer term. The sun shines...the children get hot...they take their sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans off...they leave them in the playground or lying around...they don't come out at the end of the day with

them...you look in Lost Property and can't find it and complain about the fact that it has "disappeared".

The majority of those that disappear are the ones with no name in! Even if you write your child's name in with a biro, it will wash out after just a few washes. A permanent marker must be used or name tapes can be bought and sewn or ironed in.

I am really sorry, but we cannot be responsible for items of clothing, no matter how much we remind the children about keeping them on or collecting them at the end of playtime if they have taken them off. We do distribute the ones collected (and left) in the playground with names, but without a name clearly written, we have no idea who it belongs to.



WATER BOTTLES

A reasonably mild summer has been forecast I understand, although that may not be the case, as the forecast is rarely accurate. In any case, it is vital that your child drinks enough to stay hydrated. Please ensure that your child brings in a clear, plastic water bottle that can be filled up during the day.

Water is available from the water fountains during playtimes and in the classrooms during lesson time. We do have plastic cups, but it is preferable that children have their own, named water bottle.

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 5th July is a date not to be missed. In order to raise money/items to help set up the Fair, there will be an own-clothes 'Mufti Day' on Friday 20th June.

DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Apologies that I have not sent these out sooner...I thought I had then realised I hadn't!

June:

Fri 20 th	Mufti Day
Mon 23 rd	Start of Science Week
Fri 27 th	Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 30 th	Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers at 2pm End-of-Year Reports are sent home

July:

Wed 2 nd	Year 5/6 visit the Brit School
Thurs 3 rd	Junior Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 7 th	Meetings for parents/carers wishing to discuss their child's Report with the teacher: 3.30-5.30pm
Thurs 10 th	Junior Sports Afternoon (reserve date)
Fri 11 th	Infant Sports Afternoon (reserve date)
Thurs 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Production: 1.45pm
Fri 18 th	Year 6 Leavers' Production: 10.00am
Mon 21 st	Last day at school for the children
Tues 22 nd	INSET Day

September:

Wed 3 rd	Back to School
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