



South Norwood Primary School



NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2011

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a good holiday and made the most of the sunshine that we had. All of the teachers have been in at some point over the holiday to ensure that the classrooms are looking fantastic for the start of the new academic year. We have had a lot going on during the whole six-week break, but more of that later...

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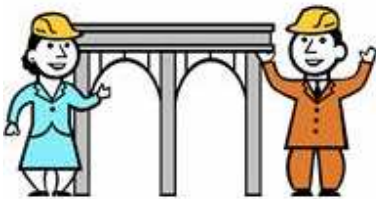
We welcome Miss Thrower (RT) and Miss Bah (1B) who have been with us for a while now but who join us as members of staff, and we also welcome Miss Hunt (4H), Miss Naeem (5N) and Mr Tyrer (5T). We also welcome Ms Blair who will be working alongside the teachers to support some of the children in the Juniors.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF JUNIOR CHILDREN!!!

From this coming **Monday 12th September**, children in the **Juniors** (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will **come into their classroom from 8.45am**. They will therefore **no longer wait in the playground until 9am as they used to**. Myself or Miss Hayward will be in the playground as a reminder. On arrival in their classroom, there will be early work in the form of 'Nimble Number' which is a new maths focus we are introducing. **Please note: children should not come into school before 8.45am as the classroom will not be supervised**. The Register will be taken just after 9am as usual, so **all Junior children should be in class before the 9am bell is rung for the Infants** who will wait in the playground as they have done previously.

SUMMER WORKS



So, what has been going on during the summer holidays? Well, I am sure by the time you read this Newsletter that you will have seen our fantastic new Year 1 building. It was completed a little later than we had hoped but it was certainly worth waiting for. Miss Zakariyyau and Miss Bah have been working extremely hard to get their classrooms ready in record

time for the children and I know that Classes 1B and 1Z will love their new building and their very own outdoor learning area.

We have also had the school kitchen extended and refitted. It has always been on the small side for the number of children we have, but with the three extra classes we have taken in over the last three years, I really do not know how the ladies in the kitchen have managed.

AUTUMN WORKS

As I mentioned before we broke up, we will be having new windows fitted very soon. This is also a key development as the some of the windows are in a dreadful state. This work will have to be done during term time but we shall ensure that there is minimum disruption to the children. This installation will also be a key factor to help us to become more energy efficient and reduce our heating costs.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The very start of the term is the ideal time to remind you that we have bought in the services of a very reputable company to provide our Education Welfare Service. All of our procedures have been tightened up already and next week, I shall send a reminder of the letter I sent out at the end of last term. If your child is in school and on time every day, then you will have no dealings with the new EWO (Education Welfare Officer), but if your child is late and often absent, then please expect to be contacted in the very near future.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

I shall very soon send you key dates for the Autumn term, but would like to let you know now, that the Parents' Meetings are on Tuesday 18th October (5.30-7.30pm) and Wednesday 19th October (3.30-5.30pm). Over the last couple of years, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of parents attending. It is vital that you come along to that meeting to formally discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.



On a more informal note, from now on, we shall be reintroducing our '**Drop-In Sessions**'. On the first Wednesday of each month, you are invited to visit your child's classroom with your child and have a look around, look at work and have a brief chat with the teacher. We did introduce this a year or so ago, but it lost momentum. The first 'Drop-In' will be on **Wednesday 5th October**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that we do expect the children to be smartly dressed at all times and to wear the appropriate school uniform and school shoes (not trainers). Uniform can now be purchased from the School Office and ordered if not in stock.



HAPPY HEALTHY BREAKFAST

We do have some spaces for our morning breakfast club. For just 50p a day, your child can enjoy cereal, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit and fruit juice. Children can arrive at the Infant Hall from 8.30am. Juniors will go straight into their classes now for 'Nimble Number' (see above) and Infant children are either kept in the Hall until the 9am bell or taken outside to the Fitness Trail and supervised in there.

Please collect a form from the letter rack by the Office if you are interested.