



South View News

April 2017

Note from the Headteacher

Where on earth has April gone? We seem to have hit the floor running this Summer and the children and staff are working really hard and came back refreshed after the Easter Break. Our Caythorpe Trip went really well (go look at our Twitter pictures), we've had class assemblies already, a phonics workshop AND a KS1 SAT evening.

Don't forget it's bank holiday Monday on 1st May and we look forward to seeing the children back after their long weekend on Tuesday.

J M Tomlins

Dates for your diaries:

- 2nd May – Foundation Stage trip to Great Fen
- 4th May – Hazels Class Assembly
- 8th May – KS2 SATS week (and SAT breakfasts)
- 18th May - Maples Class Assembly
- 23rd May – Y6 Sex Education information evening for parents 5-6pm
- 26th May – Break for half term

- 5th June – Back to School
- 6th June – Yr 6 Information Evening at Deepings School
- 12th June – Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week
- 15th June – Acorns Class assembly
- 16th June – Father's Day Lunch and Father's Day Gift stalls with FOSV
- 19th June – World Music Day
- 19th June – Year 6 Residential to Caythorpe
- 21st June – Y2 to Hamerton Zoo
- 22nd June – Deepings Move Up Day
- 23rd June – 3:15 - 4:15 KS1 Disco – NO after school clubs today – Only Squirrels
- 23rd June – 4:30 – 5:30 KS2 Disco – NO after school clubs today – Only Squirrels
- 24th June – Crowland Show
- 28th June – Provisional Date for Music Concert Evening
- 29th June – Catkins Class Assembly
- 30th June – Whole School Sports Day
- 4th July – Results of KS2 SATS published
- 5th July – Move up Day (children to meet their new teachers in their new classrooms)
- 7th July - Back up Sports Day
- 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Trip
- 14th July – End of year reports out to parents
- 18th July – Year 5/6 Production and Year 6 Leavers Presentation Evening for Parents
- 19th July – Year 5/6 Production and Year 6 Leavers Assembly to school.
- 19th July – Last Day of Term

Appointment

We are delighted to inform parents that Mrs Gray has joined our staff permanently here at South View! Mrs Gray stepped in to support us in year 2 in January and has been an absolute star!

Holiday Requests

Unfortunately we are receiving more and more holiday requests from parents asking to remove their children from school during term time. Whilst we appreciate that holidays can often be cheaper during these periods it is essential that the children attend school as much as they are able. Requests for holidays WILL NOT be authorised. If children are removed from school for 1 week every year during their time here they will essentially miss the equivalent of an entire Half Term during their school career with us (and this does not include not taking account any illness which is of course unavoidable in most cases).

Please ensure that holidays are booked for school holiday periods. Thank you.

Bake Sale

We would like to ask parents and children for your support. Kara, one of our year 4 pupils needs your help!

Kara's nana was diagnosed with breast cancer in October of last year. She has had both chemotherapy & radiotherapy. Her treatment is now complete & hopefully in remission. Throughout all this she had the constant support of the Macmillan nurses who were absolutely amazing, she would not have gotten through it without them. Kara would like to raise money to help support them for looking after her nana. Kara will therefore be holding a Bake Sale on the playground, with the help of her family on **Monday 15th May** at the end of the school day. Cakes will be between 50p to £1. Thank you for your support in advance.

Lining up

We would politely like to remind parents to stay at the far end of the playground when picking up children. This helps us to see exactly who the children are going to and helps us stay organised. Please also ensure that, once you have your child, you keep them with you as you wait for their siblings, as we are finding more and more that children are making their way back towards school once we've dismissed them. Scooters and bikes should be left in the shelter and not brought onto the playground unless they have been dismantled and are being pushed. This is to ensure the safety of everyone in the playground. Thank you

After School Club

Unfortunately, the governors and I have come to the conclusion that our After School Club is no longer sustainable and will therefore close at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank Mrs Johnson, Mr McIntosh and Miss Mason for supporting the children this year. The school will continue to run curriculum clubs during the academic year.

Writing Competition

During February the Key Stage 1 children took part in a Young Writers poetry competition. They were asked to produce a short poem about an animal of their choice. We are really pleased to inform you that a large number of the poems have been chosen to be published in Poetry Safari-Cambridgeshire which is scheduled for publication on 31st July 2017. The children whose poems are to be published have had a letter sent home with a permission form included. If you are happy for your child's poem to be published please can you complete this form. We are so proud of all of the children's hard work and what a great sense of achievement to have their work published. Well done to all who took part.

Miss Biddlecombe

Key Stage 1 Leader

Raising Concerns

If at any point you feel it necessary to voice a concern about anything relating to your child, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you do not feel that the issue has resolved then the phase leaders are:

EYFS – Mrs Holmes

KS1 – Miss Biddlecombe

LKS2 – Miss Turner

UKS2 – Mrs Bell

Miss Barrett (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Davis (Assistant Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you but if you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

We welcome visitors to our school. We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and other members of our community. If visitors use intimidating or threatening language towards members of staff, they may be asked to leave the building.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If, due to your circumstances, you are eligible for Free School Meals, please could we ask that you complete the application irrespective of whether you intend to take up the meal. Successful Free School Meal Applications bring in much needed funding for our school which we use to support the children. Thank you.

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we remind parents that the school doors open at 8.40 a.m. ready for children to start their school day. **ALL** children should be in their classroom ready for the register to be taken at 8.55 a.m.

At the end of the day parents/carers who are responsible for collecting their child are asked to be waiting in the playground ready for their child when the class is ready to be dismissed.

Foundation Stage school day ends at 3.00 p.m.
KS1 (Y1 and Y2) school day ends at 3.10 p.m.
KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) school day ends at 3.15 p.m.

TWITTER

South View Twitter now has **144** of you following us! We hope the quick notes we tweet are helping to improve communication with you. There is a twitter link on our school website homepage. Please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able.



✂	ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017		ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018
Term 1		Term 1	Begins 5th September 2017 Ends 20th October 2017
Term 2		Term 2	Begins 31st October 2017 Ends 19th December 2017
Term 3		Term 3	Begins 3rd January 2018 Ends 9th February 2018
Term 4		Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018
Term 5	Ends 26th May 2017	Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018
Term 6	Begins 5th June 2017 Ends 19th July 2017	Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 1st & 2nd September 2016 31st October 2016 3rd January 2017 20th July 2017		TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 4th September 2017 30th October 2017 2nd January 2018 29th March 2018 One day over academic year as twilight sessions

“Hand in hand we learn together”