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A note from Mrs McNeil...

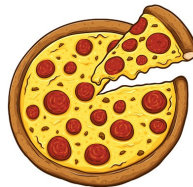
Time is flying by and quite unbelievably this newsletter is being sent out with only one week left of this term! So much has been happening in our school since our September newsletter! Children have all been involved in learning expeditions and the staff have visited each class to quality assure the learning and teaching happening in every classroom. We are delighted that the children are experiencing a very high standard of learning and it is very obvious that the experiences are fun, relevant and progressive. To ensure there is a continuity of learning we very much rely on the partnership of parents and carers. The interaction through home learning is helping enable all our learners achieve and it is important that the family learning is handed in through the home learning journals as we have to report on the engagement and completion of home learning in our annual report. Thank you to everyone who attended the Maths Workshops, I hope you enjoyed seeing the progress the children are making! We have many themed workshops across the session and I have sent them out to you on our Save the Date list. The 2-3pm and 6-7pm times seemed to suit so we will probably stick with this. Our next workshops are on Wednesday 16th November and focus on reading during Book Week. Thank you for the constant support for our school and nursery, please remember I am always available at the school if you wish to discuss any concerns. I wish all our families a restful and fun October break.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th October 6-7.30pm
Free Family Event

Pizza, PTA and Pupil Progress.
Details overleaf.



Friday 14th October Wear It Blue
Day for St Andrews Hospice. Buckets will be at gates for donations.

Monday 17th October-Friday 21st October School Closed for October Break

Thursday 27th October School Photograph Day



Thursday 27th October Halloween Spooky Fun Night 6.30pm-8pm
Details overleaf

Friday 28th October Harvest Collection for Loaves and Fishes

Wednesday 2nd November Parent/Carer Consultations



Monday 14th November School Closed Inset Day

Reporting to Parents.

On Tuesday 1st November a tracking report will be sent home. This report does not have any comments on it but indicates the levels your child has achieved so far in their learning journey. The tracking report will be the focus of the parent/carers consultations which will take place on **Wednesday 2nd November**. Parent consultations will take place face to face. Details of timings and dates will be issued nearer the time.

Notification of Absence

Please note that absence procedures must be followed if your child is going to be off school. You must respond to the text message, emails or phone calls home as it is imperative that we can account for the whereabouts of every child during the school day. The absence policy and procedures are posted on our website.

Pupil Equity Fund

Recently Mrs Donaldson sent out a consultation about ideas for the Participatory Budget. This consultation was completed today and 5% of overall Equity fund has been agreed by the whole community to be spent on Health and Wellbeing Resources, subsidizing whole school community out-ing and outdoor learning resources. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the consultation and I look forward to being able to support many families through the provision of these resources in the coming months. Please remember if you require any assistance or support with any aspect of preparing your child and family for the school day then do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Celebrating Achievement

Our first REACH assembly will take place next week. The children are living out the values in school and I am so delighted they understand what it means to be Respectful, Equitable, Ambitious, Confident and Happy. They are all a credit to the whole South Park community. A special mention this month has to go to one of our P7 pupils Jude Morrison who climbed Ben Nevis not following the tourist route! He did this challenge to raise money for Young Lives Against Cancer Charity. He raised over an amazing £900. Well done Jude!

Liam Thorburn one of our P6 pupils won the British Championships for Taekwondo and achieved a gold medal. Well done Liam!

Our winners of the REACH certificates from each class for this term will be posted on the school app next week following our achievement assembly.



Halloween Spooky Fun Night

Instead of a disco an evening of fun activities including dancing has been planned for Thursday 27th October. We hope all children will attend from 6.30pm-8pm and while the children are having fun there will be activities for the adults to enjoy. The plan is to have hot dogs and spooky bingo, tombola, and speed pumpkin carving! Look out for a form coming out next week to help us gauge adult numbers for catering purposes. The children activities will all be free and will include dooking for apples, spooky obstacle course, dancing, and face painting. The only cost involved in the evening's entertainment is a snack shop with crisps and treats which will be no more than a £1 per child. Donations for tombola and recycling Halloween costumes will take place on Friday 14th October. Details will come out on the app next week. We are very excited about our new venture for Halloween and hope as many families stay to join in the fun. If you are unable to stay but wish your child to be included in the activities please indicate this on the Microsoft form which will have all the details of the event and come out next Wednesday.



Pizza PTA and Pupil Progress!

Next Tuesday 11th October we are holding a free pizza night for all families. We wish to celebrate all our achievements from the first term of this session and share with you our digital benchmark profile. The children in P4-P7 track their own progress through the benchmark tracker and it is really important that families feel informed of their children's learning journey. The evening will take the format of us all having pizza together and then the children will go for fun games with teaching staff. Whilst the children are away adults will have a brief presentation on the benchmark tracker and then have an opportunity to experience the tracker first hand with some of our P7 pupils. It is hoped we will be able to launch our Seesaw codes at this event. Following the presentation there will be a brief meeting to nominate office bearers to both our parent council and PTA. We are very much looking forward to sharing an evening of pizza, fun and pupil progress and hope as many families as possible can attend. The form will come out on the school app today.

After School Clubs

Following the October week new forms will be sent out for our next block of after school clubs. The timetable for clubs changes every term so that all children get an opportunity to learn new skills and try different activities. The new sign up forms will come out on the school app.

