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A note from Mrs McNeil...

Time is flying by and quite unbelievably this newsletter is being sent out with only two weeks 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 myself and Mrs Donaldson 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 home 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.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Gillespie and her Global Goals pupil leadership group have secured funding of £2500 to set up a community orchard and vegetable plot within the school grounds. Sustainability is a major focus on our improvement plan and I am sure like me you are excited to see the development of our own South Park orchard and vegetable plots.

Attached with this October newsletter is October December SAVE THE DATE!
This details all our upcoming events and the new Christmas dates for parties, na-
tivities, sing along etc!

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable October break when it comes.



Diary Dates

Thursday 12th October 5.30-7pm Free Family Fun Event with Fantastic Feast!

Friday 13th October Wear It Blue Day for St Andrews Hospice. Buckets will be at gates for donations.

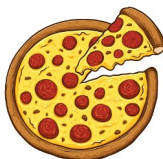
Monday 16th October-Friday 20th October School Closed for October Break

Thursday 26th October Halloween Spooky Fun Night 5.30pm-6.30pm & 7-8pm Details overleaf

Friday 27th October Harvest Collection for Loaves and Fishes

Wednesday 8th November Parent/Carer Consultations

Monday 13th November School Closed Inset Day



Reporting to Parents.

On Tuesday 7th 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 8th November**. Parent consultations will take place face to face. Details of timings and dates will be issued nearer the time.

Communication If you have been unable to link with your child on the parent portal please contact the school office ASAP. We are moving all communication over to the portal at the end of October. Unfortunately the school app is very expensive and we are having several technical issues with it. Therefore the school app will no longer be used after the end of October. All communication will be via Parent Portal. Many thanks for your assistance in this important issue.

Pupil Equity Fund

The recent Participatory Budget consultation with all pupils, staff and parent/carers identified that 70% wished to spend the Participatory budget of £2500 from our £50,000 Pupil Equity Fund on equipment required to facilitate the maintenance of vegetables plots and cooking of our grown produce. 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.

Ambition Week

Beyond South Park

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When we return from our October break the children will be focussing on our value of **Ambition**. During the week of 23rd-27th October the children will be learning about the skills required to fulfil many jobs and roles within our community. On the Wednesday 25th from 1.30-3pm we are hoping to have parent/carers in to discuss their various jobs and skills required to carry out their roles. If you can spare any time please complete the form attached to the QR code. This will be invaluable to our pupils as it is essential that they learn what skills are required for their working life beyond South Park. The culmination of the week will be children from P4-P7 visiting various business to find out more about the different opportunities and job roles.

More details of the visits and groupings of children going out will be intimated during the Ambition

Week. Your help and support with this important themed week is very much appreciated.

Ambitious Week - Beyond South Park Wednesday 25th October



Halloween Spooky Fun Night

The staff and PTA are running a Halloween party on Thursday 26th October. The **Nursery-P3 party will be from 5.30pm-6.30pm** and **P4-P7 party will be from 7-8pm**. Tickets for the parties are £2 each.



For families of two or more children only the first two children pay £2. Tickets for the parties will go on sale on Monday 9th October. Tickets include diluting juice and a take home sweetie mixture bag. There will also be a tuck shop available at the parties where children can purchase chocolate apples, juice cans and crisps. The children can dress up for the party in their own clothes or Halloween costumes if they wish. The school carries a supply of pre loved costumes so please do not hesitate to contact the office to borrow any outfits for the party.

Free Family Fun Night with Fantastic Feast!



On Thursday 12th October we would like to invite all families along to celebrate the end of our first fantastic term! The fun starts at 5.30pm with free family bingo followed by a fantastic free feast of pizza ! The evening is a thank you to all families for your continued support and to celebrate all our achievements of the first term of this session. So we can cater for the correct number of families attending could you please complete the form attached to this QR code. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all at 5.30pm on 12th October!