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A note from Mrs McNeil...

I can't believe this is the second last newsletter of this session! We have an extremely busy term ahead! Could I please remind all parent/carers that if your child rides a bike to school they must wear a helmet. In South Park we teach the children our school rules of RRS, Respect, Ready To Learn and Safe. In line with our Safe rule if children arrive at school with a bike and no helmet they will be asked to push their bike. Also in line with the safe rule all children will be taking part in the Speak Out lessons and Sexual Health and Relationships lessons during May.



A huge thank you to all children and families who attended our Spring fling, an amazing amount of £500 was raised! Thanks also to the Sneddon family who in conjunction with Harvester held a fund raiser where Loaves and Fishes and South Park Primary were the beneficiaries. An outstanding £800 was donated to our school fund. This is very generous and we are very grateful as it means our younger children will be able to get private buses on on whole school day out on Monday 24th June.

Thank you to all our parents/carers on completing the recent consultations on the next steps for improvement in South Park and evaluating the impact of the work carried out by all staff and children this session. Your feedback is very much appreciated and we value your input into our journey ahead.

Please remember that I am always available at the school to support all our children and families so please do not hesitate to contact me for any concerns or issues that I can help with.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that June Nicholson our office manager has decided to retire. After an amazing 30 years service it is only right that we have a celebration to thank June for her relentless commitment to our school and whole community. We are planning on holding a Thank You Celebration on Tuesday 25th June from 2-3pm. All parent/carers from past and present are welcome to join us to bid farewell and wish June happiness on her way to a well deserved retirement. A form will come out nearer the time so we can gauge numbers for catering but please save this date and time in your calendar.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are very fortunate to have an ex pupil come into school to start a British Sign Language lunchtime club and work with our P4 children on signing a song for our end of session assembly. Other clubs that are running this term are Athletics, Football and the lunchtime Book Bistro. Please look out for the booking forms which will come out next week. We are really keen to run a gardening club and are looking for any keen gardeners to volunteer either during the school day/ lunchtime or after school. Please contact the school if you have any spare time at all and would like to be involved.

Save The Date

As you are aware the summer term is always extremely busy with many transition events, sports weeks and end of session celebrations. All the upcoming events for May and June are on the SAVE THE DATE information attached to this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at all the community events!

New policies

Our new Relationships Policy, Cost of The School Day Policy and Anti bullying policy will be launched next week. A copy of the new policies will be available on our website and can also be accessed through the QR codes displayed on the notice board at the front entrance.

Outdoor Learning

All our children are working hard to complete our community garden and make our outdoor spaces beautiful. We would be very grateful if anyone is able to help us out with loose parts like cable reels, plastic tubing, or wooden pallets. We are also looking for any off cuts of tree trunks or spare wood which could be utilised as seats in our forest skills area. Unfortunately the logs we had placed in the forest skills zone have been stolen!

PTA

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm on teams. If you would like the link please contact the school office. I look forward to seeing you then.

Reports and Transition

End of session Reports will be issued through the portal on Monday 17th June.



Rake and Take

As intimated in the April information we have created a Rake and Take station outside the main door. Very often we have perishable food on a Friday that needs to be used. Please help yourself. The station also has school uniform, toiletries, coats, jackets and shoes. This station is to help all our families recycle pre loved uniforms and helps us meet our sustainability goals. If you have any uniform, shoes or jackets which no longer fit but are in very good condition could you please donate them to the Rake and Take station. Many thanks with your support with this important community initiative.

Summer Fayre



Please if you are able to keep **Saturday 15th June from 10am-12 free!**

We are very busy planning a family fun morning with the return of the South Park Community football match and of course the usual soaking of the Headteacher! More details to follow nearer the time but it looks like its going to be a great morning of fun and games.

Sports Week

On Save The Date Information attached to the newsletter you will see that **Sports Week is Monday 10th June –Friday 14th June**. During Sports week the children will have various opportunities for trialling different sports so please remember to wear PE kit to school all week. All parent/carers will be invited to the final races on **Friday 14th June from 1.30pm**.

Social Media

Can I urge all parent/carers to refer to the guidance on South Park's social media policy. Please ensure that you check your child/children's devices to ensure they are keeping safe online and not viewing or using inappropriate sites or language. We have recently had ongoing issues around the use of inappropriate language on What's App groups and would appreciate if devices were checked regularly. If you wish support with this or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.