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A note from Mrs McNeil...

Time is flying by and quite unbelievably this newsletter is being sent out with only 4 days 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 we have been involved in a Peer School Review. This involved two headteachers and four teachers from other schools in our authority visiting each classroom to quality assure the learning and teaching. 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 and almost all learners were fully engaged during the visit. 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.

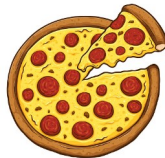
Attached with this October newsletter is October December SAVE THE DATE! This details all our upcoming events and the new Christmas dates for parties, nativities, sing along etc!

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 10th October 5.30-7pm
Free Family Pizza PTA and Pyjama Party



Friday 11th October Non-uniform Day for School Funds. Buckets will be at gates for donations.

Monday 14th October-Friday 18th October School Closed for October Break

Friday 25th October Harvest Collection for Loaves and Fishes



Wednesday 30th October Halloween Spooky Fun Night 5.30pm-6.30pm &

7-8pm Details overleaf

Monday 11th November School Closed Inset Day

Thursday 14th November Parent/Carer Consultations



Reporting to Parents.

On Tuesday 12th November a tracking report will be available on the parent portal. 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 **Thursday 14th November**. Parent/Carer appointments will open up on the portal on Monday 28th October. As before you can book your own appointment at a time that suits. During the parent/carers appointment our newly established South Park Cosy Café will be open. We are very much looking forward to the launch of our café as our pupils have worked very hard on creating this area. More information of what will be on offer will be available from our leadership group nearer the time.

Pupil Equity Fund

The recent Participatory Budget consultation with all pupils, staff and parent/carers identified that the majority wished to spend the Participatory budget of £2500 from our £50,000 Pupil Equity Fund on equipment required to establish a cooking area and South Park's Cosy Cafe. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the consultation and we look forward to being able to launch the Cosy Café at our parent/carer consultations in November. 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.

Values Week

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During the week of 21st –24th October the children will be learning about the relevance and importance of our whole school vision and values. Our vision and values have been embedded for 7 years and it is time to consult our whole community on whether the vision and values still reflect our priorities for our children, families and whole community. A consultation will be sent out and we urge everyone to participate as your views are very important. As with everything in South Park this will be child led and is effective practice to review every 7-8 years.

South Park Spinathon

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Spinathon by either taking part in the challenge or donating through our just giving. The total stands at £945! A massive thank you to You Fit Gym for allowing us to use their facilities and to Claire, Lee and Fraser for taking the three classes. The event was a great success and the staff as always went **above and beyond** on a Friday night!

Halloween Spooky Fun Night

The PTA are running a Halloween party on Thursday 30th October.

The **Nursery-P3 party will be from 5.30pm-6.30pm** and **P4-P7 party will be from 7-8pm**. A

google form will come out on Monday 21st October looking for parent/carer volunteers for each event. Unfortunately if we do not have enough volunteers the parties will be unable to run. I look forward to your support as I am sure like me you do not wish our children to miss out on a night of fun for Halloween.



PTA Pizza Pyjama and PTA Night

We would warmly like to invite our parents/carers to our 'Pizza, Pyjama and PTA' event from 5.30pm-7pm on Thursday 10th October.

This is a completely free event but will require a ticket to come along. To allow us to cater for this event can you please complete the form below. Please only complete one form per family. This form will close at 3pm on Tuesday 8th of October and unfortunately no tickets can be purchased after this time. Tickets will be issued to families on Wednesday 9th October and should be brought to the event. Please note children cannot attend this event without an adult.

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