

Dear parents and carers

After School Clubs

We have had a great response to the clubs on offer this term, we really hope the children enjoy their extra-curricular activities! There are still places available for years 5 & 6 in 'An Aliens Guide to Human Politics' which has now moved to a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 - 4.30. Just let Kiran or Sarah know in the office. Thank you.

Forest Schools

Please note that due to Mrs Thorneywork's absence next week there will be no Forest Schools on Friday 24th January.

PTA Update

Thank you to all those parents/carers that attended our PTA meeting on Tuesday. In our aim to strengthen relationships within the school community, and provide fun filled opportunities to all our families. Our PTA have decided to send out a questionnaire next week for your feedback of the type of activities you would be willing to support/attend. This could be anything from Bingo to games nights so please watch out for this and reply to ensure we make the most of this opportunity!

It was decided that unfortunately we have to postpone the school disco - our apologies to the boys and girls but this will be re-organised at a later time.

If you have not been able to purchase one yet **teatowels** are still available from the school office at a cost of £2.

The next PTA meeting is set for Tuesday 25th February at 3.30pm. We would love to see you then.

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter



Sydenham Super Stars!
Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 17th January 2014

The image shows a group of approximately 15 children in school uniforms (red and white) standing in front of a display board. They are holding certificates or awards. The display board behind them has a purple background with a cartoon alien and the text 'To Sydenham and beyond'. The entire announcement is framed by a border of yellow stars.



International
School Award
2010-2013



Healthy Schools



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Extended
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Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Year 3 who achieved 99.75% this week - a fantastic achievement!

This week's attendance:

Class R MB: 94.65%

Class R AH: 94.4%

Class 1 LC: 97.2%

Class 1KH: 96.95%

Class 2: 95.65%

Class 3: 99.75%

Class 4: 98.8%

Class 5: 96.8%

Class 6: 98.1%

Overall Attendance: 96.9%

Congratulations to Mrs Munday's class!

Lateness

A big thank you to all those parents and children that arrive at school promptly and ready for the day ahead.

Unfortunately, Over the last two weeks many children have still been arriving late to school, some on a regular basis. Lateness is very disruptive to your child's learning. Although we understand that sometimes unexpected things happen that can make people late, it is important that everyone makes every effort to get to school on time. School begins at 8.55 and children come straight in so teachers can do the register. The children themselves report that it can be embarrassing and uncomfortable to have to walk into the classroom when everyone is already sat down quietly. It also means that it is harder for children to settle into their learning properly. Sometimes lessons and activities begin immediately and missing the beginning can mean your child doesn't know what to do and has to have things explained to them again separately. It can also be disruptive to the rest of the class. We hope that punctuality will improve over the next few weeks. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.E. Lessons

At Sydenham we value the contribution of P.E. to the health and well being of all our children. We believe in offering an innovative, varied PE curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities that have a positive influence on the concentration, attitude and academic achievement to all. Our Onside coaches provide varied fun activities and competitions to support this. To help us in our efforts to include all children can we please remind you of the importance of ensuring your child's PE Kit is in school and available to them at all times, kits will be sent home at the end of the term for washing. As a reminder; **Children need to wear a red t-shirt with black shorts. They also need strong trainers for when the weather allows them outside. Please also ensure all kit is labelled with your child's name.**

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids vouchers are returning to stores, petrol stations and online orders from Wednesday 29th January until Tuesday May 20th. These vouchers are really beneficial for extending our sports and cooking resources. Please collect your vouchers when you're shopping and bring them in to school/nursery. The more vouchers we collect the more resources we can order - so please ask family & friends to collect vouchers too and drop them into the voucher collection box which will shortly be available in Reception!

Medical Appointments

We fully understand that there are times when urgent medical appointments are required for your child/ren. Where possible and to minimise the interruption to your child's education can we please ask that you try to make medical/dentist appointments for before/after school or during the school holidays. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

An invitation to our Year 3 and 4 Class Parents and Carers

Dear parents, carers and family members

You are very welcome to join your child/ren for a hot school dinner in any of the following days: Monday 27th / Tuesday 28th / Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January.

Our lovely cook, Ann, will need to pre-order the food, so booking in advance is required if you wish to join us. Please return your tear off slips by Wednesday 22nd January at the very latest.

We look forward to seeing you then.



School dinners for Parents and Carers

My child (name): _____ in year 3

Please book the following lunches for my family: (write the number of adults and child meals in the boxes, including your child at school.

Monday 27th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Tuesday 28th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Wednesday 29th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Thursday 30th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Signed: _____ (parent/care)

I enclose £ _____ payment

Visit to the Gambia

Teachers from our federated school Lighthorne Heath Primary will be flying out to the Gambia tomorrow to continue our learning partnership with the Kwinella Lower Basic School. Mr Jarju and Mrs Kassama have lots of exciting things planned for them during their stay. Bon voyage Mrs Mander and Mrs Thorneywork

Lost Property

We seem to have collected a vast amount of lost property in the school. This is a big problem for us because so many items do not have your child's name on them. We have spent time looking through and have returned everything that is named. We have also decided that prior to disposing of the remaining items we would like to invite all parents to come in to the school on Tuesday morning at 9am to look through and claim any items of yours. This will be in the main hall. Thank you.

HeadLice/Worms

A polite reminder to stay on the lookout for headlice and worms. You will be notified if there are any instances in your child's class. If you are at all worried about head lice or feel you need advice please contact your health visitor, pharmacist or family doctor.

Free School Meals

If your situation has recently changed or you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child, it is very easy to apply. For further information look on the free school meals website: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>. You can contact them via email: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 742060. You can also ask in the office for additional guidance or assistance.

Best wishes

Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews