

Y5 CB Class Assembly

The Victorians



On Tuesday, Year 5 CB presented a fantastic assembly on their History topic: The Victorians. Pupils explained how hard life was in the past. They told us that some Victorian children attended very strict schools whilst others had to work in dangerous jobs such as coal mining and chimney sweeping. The very poorest members of society were forced to enter the workhouse which offered a terrible quality of life.

Well done to all the children for this brilliant assembly. Your singing was spectacular! Thank you also to the parents and carers who were lucky enough to be able to attend.



★ School Council ★

Meet our 2017—18 School Council! These wonderful class representatives were brimming with ideas at our first meeting of the year. Here are some of their suggestions for projects around school.

We should make signs reminding children to keep the cloakrooms tidy.

Why don't we teach everybody new play-ground games?

We could have a competition to encourage children to read even more books.



We could make signs so that children know where each class lines up in the morning.

It would be great to have a gardening club at lunch time.

We should tell children not to pick berries because they might be poisonous.

Y2 Science

These Year Two engineers have been exploring the properties of different materials in their Science lessons this week. Miss Styles and Miss Cullinan challenged the children to design and make a boat which floats and is waterproof and the results have been impressive. The children had lots to say about their designs!

This is waterproof.

My boat is like a raft so that it floats.



I made my boat safe for the people.

I covered my boat so the bottom doesn't soak.



Y4 History



The Anglo Saxons



Let battle commence!



Year 4 have been learning about the Anglo Saxon invasion in their History lessons. They had great fun making reproduction weapons for home learning and then re-enacting a battle scene. I am sure you'll agree that Year 4 make fearsome warriors!



We will be victorious!



YR AH Parent Meeting



Thank you to the many parents/carers in Mrs Harrad's class who attended our first Reception meeting. It was great to hear how staff are developing children's learning through play and fantastic to get feedback from families regarding their child's first few weeks in school. Year R RK parents/carers are invited to a similar meeting next Friday. We hope to see you there!



Healthy Lunch Boxes



Eating a balanced diet is vital for healthy childhood development. Good nutrition also aids concentration and helps children to fulfil their academic potential.

Packing a healthy lunch that your child will eat can sometimes be a challenge as a parent/carer! However, we would encourage you to persevere with healthy choices wherever possible.

Top Tips:

When you are making your child's lunch, please remember that sweets such as jelly beans and lollipops are not allowed in school. It is also wise to limit the amount of sugary treats to one, small item. **Your child will also need a drink in their lunchbox** such as milk, water or fruit juice—this is in addition to the water bottle they keep in the classroom.



School Governors Required

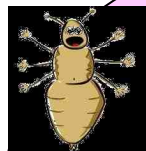
There are currently two vacancies for parents to sit on our school Governing Body. The National Governance Association (NGA) outlines the role of governance as follows:

"The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

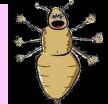
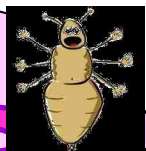
- **Set the aims and objectives for the school.**
- **Set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives.**
- **Set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives.**
- **Monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives.**
- **Be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend.)"**

If you would like to become a governor, please express your interest at the school office by Friday 29th September at the latest.

For more information, see <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>



Head Lice



Infestations of head lice (nits) are a common problem in most primary schools. To keep your child (and others around them) free from lice, please make sure you **regularly** check your child's hair. If you see fully grown lice or eggs you **MUST** treat your child by either:

- Applying a lotion bought from the pharmacy followed by the wet comb method (see below.)
- Regularly using the wet comb method (see below) until all the lice and eggs have gone.

Lice move fairly easily from one head to another. As a parent/carer, it is very frustrating to successfully treat your child for head lice only to find that they are re-infested a few weeks later! **As a school community, we all need to work together to keep outbreaks to an absolute minimum.**

How To Wet Comb Your Child's Hair

1



Shampoo hair.

2



Rinse.

3



Apply plenty of conditioner.

4



Work through the hair in sections from root to tip using a nit comb.

5



Comb all over the head.

6



Check the comb for lice and eggs.

7



You may need to comb for up to 15 minutes.

8

Monday	Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Friday	Friday	Friday
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday

Repeat every 3 to 4 days.



Triple P

The Positive Parenting Programme



The programme is held over 8 weeks. Each session lasts for 2 hours during which you have the opportunity to discuss and plan strategies that can be put into practice at home.

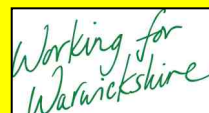
The first session will be held at
Sydenham Primary School on
Thursday November 2nd 2017 from
10.00am—12.00pm

There will be 4 weekly group sessions followed by 2 weeks during which time you will have the opportunity to put the ideas you have learned into practice at home.

You will not be left alone to do this. Your Triple P trainer will be in contact to see how you are doing and to help you with any difficulties. There is then a final 2 hour session to celebrate how well you have done and discuss how to continue with all your good work!

For further information or to
book a place contact:

Tina Fennelly or Harinder Chima
on 01923 339138 or pop into
school for a chat



PTA News

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is holding its Annual General Meeting on **Monday 16th October at 6pm** in the staffroom. (Please see the poster on the next page.) All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please come along if you would like to hear about forthcoming events or are interested in a position on the committee.

MUFTI Days

We will be having two MUFTI Days this term on Friday 29th September and Friday 24th November.

On MUFTI Day, pupils are allowed to wear non-school uniform **if they bring in a 50p donation for School Fund**. The money raised is used to buy extra classroom resources and subsidise the cost of trips.

Share- A- Book for KS1

All Y1 and Y2 parents are invited to our Share-a-Book event on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm. Please come along and read with your child from a selection of lovely fiction and non-fiction books. Parents/carers should meet at the office and a member of staff will take you down to your child's classroom.

School Photographs

Brush up your smiles because the school photographer will be taking individual portraits of pupils on Wednesday 27th September. **The photographer will also be taking family portraits between 8.15 and 8.55am so, if you would like a picture of all your children together, please come along.**

Sydenham Primary PTA



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

The AGM is an opportunity to elect this year's committee, find out how you can join or support us, have your say on what events we hold this year and how the money raised is spent.

Come along to find out what we do and why we do it!

Date & Time: Monday 16th October at 6pm

Location: School Staff Room



Diary Dates

Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always try to notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!

Monday 25th September 2017
Wednesday 27th September 2017
Friday 29th September 2017
Friday 29th September 2017
Monday 16th October 2017
Tuesday 17th October 2017
Tuesday 10th October 2017
Thursday 12th October 2017
Thursday 12th October 2017

Monday 16th October—Friday
20th October 2017.
Wednesday 18th October 2017
Wednesday 18th October 2017
Thursday 19th October 2017
Thursday 19th October 2017
Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 30th October 2017

Football match (away) v Long Itchington.
Photographer in school to take individual portraits.
Meeting for YR RK parents at 9.30am.
MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear non-school uniform..
PTA Annual General Meeting at 6.00pm.
Share-a-Book for Y1/2 at 2.30pm.
Flu vaccinations for YR—4 (more information soon.)
RSC workshop and performance to Y4 pupils.
Open Morning at 10.00am for prospective Reception,
parents/carers, September 2018.
No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this
week.
Parent's Evening from 3.30—5.30pm.
YR visit to the Gurdwara
Parent's Evening from 3.30—7.00pm.
YR visit to the Gurdwara.
Break up for the half-term holiday.
School closed—INSET (staff training with the RSC.)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Tuesday 31st October 2017
Tuesday 31st—Friday 3rd October 2017

Tuesday 7th November 2017
Thursday 23rd November 2018

Friday 24th November 2017
Thursday 23rd November 2017
Friday 24th November 2017
Wednesday 29th November—Friday
1st December

Wednesday 6th December 2017
Wednesday 13th December 2017
Friday 15th December 2017
Monday 18th December—Friday
22nd November
Wednesday 20th December 2017
Thursday 21st December 2017
Friday 22nd December 2017
Friday 22nd December 2017

Children return to school.
No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this
week.
Y5 visit Pizza Express.
Open afternoon at 2.00pm for prospective Reception
parents/carers, September 2018.
MUFTI Day (bring 50p to wear non-school uniform.)
Y3 JM visit to Sarehole Mill.
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Y6 residential to Marle Hall, Wales.
Y2 Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Christmas jumper day!
No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this
week.
YR Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Y3/4 music concert for parents at 2.30pm.
Y5/6 music concert for parents at 9.30pm.
Break up for the Christmas holiday.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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See you all on Monday!
Best wishes from Miss Glenny
(Associate Headteacher)