

Congratulations!



2018 marks the twentieth year that Mrs Westwood has worked at Sydenham Primary School. I'm sure you will agree that this is quite an achievement! Mrs Westwood has worked in the role of Deputy Head, Headteacher and then Executive Head, leading our school through many successful Ofsted inspections and working tirelessly to provide the best possible outcomes for the many pupils in her care. So many children, parents, carers and staff have benefitted from her support and guidance throughout the years and we are all incredibly lucky to have such an incredible school leader taking care of us!

Mrs Westwood has said about her twenty years at school: *"I'm very grateful for the kindness and friendship of the many people whom I've had the privilege of working with. Sydenham is my 'other family' of which I feel immensely proud to be a part. The children, families and staff here are very dear to me and this is a very special place."*

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to say a great big thank you to Mrs Westwood for everything she has done to make Sydenham such a fabulous school. We hope she continues for many years to come.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 29 (Goals of Education.)



International
School Award
2010-2013



Healthy Schools



SILVER
2008



Extended
Services
Warwickshire



Our Learning Characters

In all classes, pupils use the school Learning Characters to help develop the skills necessary to become a successful learner. These skills include: having a go, concentrating, cooperating, being curious, using our imagination, improving and enjoying our learning.

When she was at home, Fiorella decided to draw the Learning characters. She brought her pictures in to school the next day and we were all very impressed. You can see Fiorella's pictures below:



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Well done Fiorella for being so enthusiastic about your learning. It's brilliant that you remembered all of the Learning Characters, drew such lovely pictures and included all the right labels. Keep up the good work!



Royal Weddings



Congratulations to Harry
and Meghan from Year
One! We hope the
wedding goes well
tomorrow.
CHEERS!

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 31 (Leisure,
Play and Culture)



Soccer Aid



On **Friday 25th May 2018** we will be raising money for Soccer Aid which is organised by Unicef. Pupils bringing a **50p donation**, are allowed to wear non-school uniform including a football shirt, if they wish.

All children will undertake the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge during the day. This involves kicking, bouncing or carrying a ball around an obstacle course. Every £1.00 we raise as a school will be **doubled** by the government which means that, if we raise £100.00, £200.00 goes to help children in need around the world.

The Unicef Soccer Aid website contains lots more information about the fundraising event. It includes stories about children and young people who have already been helped by Unicef. One such teenager is Sebenele who is 14 and lives in Swaziland, South Africa. Last year he was severely malnourished but is now better and stronger thanks to support from Unicef. Sebenele says: *“Last year, I was sick. When I was sick my body stopped growing but now I am growing and I feel well every day. Now I get enough food. I’m playing football and many games that I couldn’t play last year. I go to a Unicef-supported teen club where I can meet my friends, play games and they teach us how to take care of ourselves. I make sure I’m a good boy and I help to take care of my mum. When I finish school I want to be a nurse because you can take care of others as well as afford to eat.”*

Please help us to raise as much money as possible for Unicef by bringing in your 50p donation on May 25th.

KS2 SAT's



Well done to all our Y6 pupils who completed their SAT's tests this week. The children showed an amazing attitude to their exams, showing resilience and real determination to do well. To celebrate, Mrs Ashworth and Mrs Christensen organised an “end of SAT's” party on Friday. Donations of food included these fantastic cakes from Leila and Bethanie. Congratulations Y6!



SYDNI MAY FESTIVAL

WHEN

**Saturday 26th May
11:00 – 4:00pm**

WHERE

The SYDNI Centre

**Cottage Square, Sydenham, Leamington Spa,
CV31 1PT**

**FEATURING • Live Music • Information • Sports •
Stalls • Information • Arts n crafts • SYDNI Café
• Tombola • Table Top Sales • Food • and much
more..**

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**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**ENTRANCE
FREE**

**CELEBRATE
THE LAUNCH
OF THE NEW
PLAY AREA!**



WITH THANKS TO

**SYDNI Centre Volunteers
South Leamington Community
Forum**

**Playground Funders: WREN
Landfill Communities Fund,
29th May 1961 Charitable
Trust, National Grid—Bringing
Energy to Life Grant, WDC Rural
Urban Capital Improvement
Scheme**

BENEFITING

**The continuing
development of activities
and services for people
living in Sydenham and
South Leamington**



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Well done to Y6 and Y5 JvS who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%

Attendance for other classes this week (as of Thursday PM) was as follows:

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| Y1 JL | 99% |
| Y2 HC | 99% |
| Y3 AH | 99% |
| Y1 MBB | 98% |
| Y5 CB | 98% |
| Y4 KJ | 97% |
| Y3 JM | 97% |
| YR AH | 96% |
| YR RK | 96% |
| Y4 KG | 95% |

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.

Diary Dates

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| Monday 21st May 2018 | No teacher-led clubs this week. |
| Monday 21st—Friday 25th May 2018 | Walk To School Week. |
| Monday 21st—Friday 25th May 2018 | RE Week. |
| Monday 21st May 2018 | Cultural Diversity Day. |
| Tuesday 22nd May 2018 9.15am in the hall. | Y4 class assembly at |
| Tuesday 22nd May 2018 | Mr Tracy's last day. |
| Friday 25th May 2018 | MUFTI (non uniform) Day in aid of Soccer Aid. Bring 50p to wear a football shirt or your own choice of clothes. |
| Friday 25th May 2018 | BREAK UP |
| Tuesday 5th June 2018 | Return to school. |
| Tuesday 5th June 2018 | Y6 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. |
| Friday 8th June 2018 | School photographer visiting— class pictures. |
| Monday 11th—Friday 15th June 2018 | Y1 Statutory Phonics Screening. |
| Tuesday 19th June 2018 | Y5 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. |
| Thursday 21st June 2018 | Performance of "100 Languages" dance piece to YR parents at 2.45pm |
| Friday 25th May 2018 | MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear non-uniform. |
| Wednesday 27th June 2018 | Y6 children visit their secondary schools. |
| Tuesday 26th June 2018 | Y2 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. (Change of date due to KS1 SAT's) |
| Friday 29th June 2018 | MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear non-uniform. |
| Tuesday 3rd July 2018 | Y3 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. |
| Wednesday 4th July 2018 | KS2 Sport's Day (AM) —time to be confirmed. |
| Tuesday 10th July 2018 | YR/KS2 Sport's Day (AM) - time to be confirmed. |
| Wednesday 11th July 2018 | Changeover Day (children meet their new teacher.) |
| Friday 13th July 2018 | Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in the hall. |
| Tuesday 17th July 2018 | Y6 Leavers' Dinner at 6.15pm |

Please note that Monday 4th June is an INSET day so school will be closed.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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See you all on Monday.
Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Headteachers)