

Newsletter 33 Friday 15th June 2018

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Science Showcase

Thank you to everybody who attended our Science Showcase today. It was a great opportunity for parents/carers to see the range of Science learning across the school and to experience some practical investigations. Each year group prepared and ran an exciting stall, including the following activities;

- YR— Chemical reactions; volcanic eruptions.
- Y1—Parts of a plant; what plants need to grow.
- Y2—Mini beasts;.
- Y3—Seed dispersal; transpiration.
- Y4—Teeth; the harmful effect of substances on tooth enamel.
- Y5—<u>Reversible/irreversible_changes;</u> bath bombs.
- Y6—Electricity; circuit making.





Outstanding 2010 2011

























Well done to all the children who helped to run a stall at the showcase. You were fantastic science advocates.







Classes for 2018-19

We are very pleased to announce who your child's new teacher will be in September. The arrangements are as follows:

Current Class	Teacher in September 2018	Class Name
YR AH	Mr Lee	Y1 1JL
YR RK	Mrs Lee	Y1 1EL
Y1 JL	Miss Parsons	Y2 2AP
Y1 MBB	Miss Gillespie	Y2 2KG
Y2 ES	Mr Hawes	Y3 3AH
Y2 HC	Miss Martin	Y3 JM
Y3 JM	Miss Daly	Y4 CD
Y3 AH	Miss Jewsbury	Y4 KJ
Y4 KG	Mrs Van der Sterren	Y5 JvS
Y4 KJ	Miss Ball	Y5 CB
Y5 JvS	Mrs Birch	Y6 JB
Y5 CB	Mrs Christensen	Y6 KC

New Members of Staff

We are thrilled to be welcoming some fantastic, new members of staff in September 2018:

Mrs Emily Lee will be joining our Year One team. Mrs Lee is an experienced teacher who has spent several years working in Key Stage One and Two at St Mary's Primary School in Wednesdbury. She is thrilled to be working closer to home and is very excited to be joining us at Sydenham. Please note that, despite the surname, she is no relation to Mr Lee!

Joining Year Two is **Miss Alice Parsons** who has been working at St Michael's Primary School in Reading. Miss Parsons is experienced in Year Two and is very happy to be moving back to Warwickshire where she grew up.

In September 2018 our move to two-form entry will be fully complete and, for the first time, we will have two Year Six classes. **Mrs Jacqueline Birch** will be joining the Year Six team. Mrs Birch is a very experienced Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three teacher who has most recently been working at Brailles Primary School in Banbury. She is very excited about continuing her career at Sydenham.

Many of you will already know **Miss Chantelle Daly** who has previously worked as a teaching assistant at Sydenham and then a trainee teacher. Miss Daly has worked incredibly hard for many years to achieve her dream of becoming a classroom teacher and we are over the moon that she will realise her ambition as a Year Four teacher in our lovely school. We know she will do a fantastic job!

We will also be welcoming **Miss Ruth Arundel** to school as a trainee teacher through the Gateway School Direct Programme. Miss Arundel will work across the school, supported by existing members of staff.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that **Mrs Liz Murphy**, our fabulous KS2 specialist music teacher, is increasing her hours from September so that she can teach our additional Year Six class and also accommodate more recorder pupils.

Please note that all incoming staff members will be spending time in school this halfterm as part of their induction and will be here on Changeover Day (Wednesday 11th July) when pupils get to meet their new teachers.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to some much loved teachers at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Bartley Bond has made the decision to reduce her working hours and is taking up a parttime teaching post at Studley Infant School. Mrs Bartley-Bond has been a wonderful Reception and Year 1 class teacher since she began at Sydenham as a Newly Qualified Teacher in 2012, having a positive impact on the lives of so many young children as they have started their school journeys with us More recently, Mrs Bartley-Bond has made further contribution to the outcomes for staff and pupils across the federation in her role of staff governor. We wish her every success and happiness and know that she will be a great asset to her new school team.

Miss Styles is keen to progress in her career and has decided that she would like the challenge of working in a new school environment. In September, she will be taking up a post as Year Three teacher at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School. Miss Styles has had long associations with Sydenham, from when she worked at the Purple Playhouse Nursery, to her years as a teaching assistant, and then as a class teacher. We will all very much miss Miss Styles' positive contribution to the whole Sydenham community, and wish her every success in her new post. We are so glad that she will still be working in the South Leamington Consortium of schools, so we won't lose touch with her.

Miss Cullinan has decided that she would like to work part-time from September in order to achieve a better work-life balance and experience different school settings as a supply teacher. The school has really benefitted from Miss Cullinan's work over the academic year and looks forward to welcoming her back to school in 2018/19 on a supply basis.

Mrs Bartley-Bond, Miss Styles and Miss Cullinan have all worked incredibly hard during their time at Sydenham. We are very sorry to see them go but wish them well in the next stages of their careers.

YR Celebration of Learning



All Reception parents/carers are warmly invited to attend our Celebration of Learning on Friday 22nd June from 2.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child's Learning Journey and art work as well as enjoying refreshments.

Please make your way down to the Reception classroom, entering through the playground gate. We hope to see you there!

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School Meals

We have been informed by Educaterers (the company providing our hot dinners) that the cost of a Key Stage Two school meal is rise by 5p to ± 2.20 . The price rise takes place from September 2018.

Please note that universal free school meals for all infants (pupils in YR/1/2) will continue.







School would very much welcome any donations of good quality, used books which are suitable for children aged 8—11years. Both fiction and non-fiction books would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.









Come and sing with the Warwickshire Children's Chorus

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus is a unique new partnership between the Warwickshire Music Hub and the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation.

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus will introduce children aged 7 – 11 to the joy of singing.

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus will be led by Jeremy Dibb (Director of Warwickshire Music) and Rebecca Ledgard (Director of Education for Ex Cathedra) Rebecca is also the director of the highly successful 'Singing Playgrounds' project taking part in schools across Warwickshire.

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus will meet once every half term on Saturday from 10.00am – 12.30pm

Parents are very welcome to stay and listen or drop off and return at 12.15 for a short workshop performance.

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus will:

* Signpost ningers to local singing groups

* Create happy children for you to take home



Simply visit www.warwickshiremusichub.org and register to attend.

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Well done to Y1 JL who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%

Attendance for other classes this week was as

Jollows:		
Y3 JM	98%	
Y5 CB	98%	
Y6	98%	
Y5 JvS	98%	
Y2 ES	97%	
Y3 AH	97%	
Y4 KG	96%	
Y4 KG	94%	
YR RK	94%	
Y2 HC	93%	
Y1 MBB	93%	

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

Tuesday 19th June 2018 Y5 class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. Tuesday 19th June 2018 Y1 trip to Warwick Castle. Wednesday 20th June 2018 PTA bingo night from 5.30—7.00pm. Performance of "100 Languages" dance piece to YR Thursday 21st June 2018 parents at 2.45pm Friday 22nd June 2018 Y2 trip to Cadbury World. Friday 22nd June 2018 YR celebration of learning and art exhibition, 2.00— 3.00pm (invitations coming soon!) 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. Thursday 5th July 2018 RSC Playmaker's Festival- Y4 KG performing an excerpt from "Macbeth." Wednesday 4th July 2018 KS2 Sport's Day (AM) —time to be confirmed. Friday 6th July 2018 Y3 trip to Chedworth Villa. Tuesday 10th July 2018 YR/KS21Sport'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. Monday 16th July 2018 Farmer's Market, 3.20pm on the playground. Monday 16th July 2018 Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm in the main hall. Y6 Leavers' Dinner at 6.15pm Tuesday 17th July 2018 BREAK UP for the summer holiday. Friday 20th July 2018



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