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Hindi Day

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday! The children took part in a range of cultural activities to celebrate just one of the 25 languages that is spoken here at Sydenham Primary. Thank you very much to all of the lovely volunteers who came to help make it such a special day! We hope you enjoy the photos.

































Rangoli patterns

I liked going outside and using the chalk to decorate the rangoli patterns! Danica







Learning a traditional dance

Mendhi hand painting



I enjoyed the dancing when we used the dhandiya sticks. Connor



Learning songs in Hindi







I coloured the flower

used lots of different

colours. Harbinnd





Live Music at Sydenham

We welcomed Leamington Spa's brass band 'Royal Spa Brass' to school on Monday morning. Their visit gave the children the opportunity to hear brass instruments being played live, and they certainly blew away any weekend tiredness with a lively range of theme tunes from Indiana Jones to Star Wars! Please see the attached notice for how you can get your child involved in brass instrument lessons





















The Band Factory Althorpe Street CV31 2AU

MORE INFO: http://www.royalspabrass.com/events/ CONTACT: EMILY 07731 665 937



Heritage &Culture Warwickshire

with Wild Creature Features

October Half Term Activity Wednesday 26th October St John's Museum, Warwick 11.00am - 3.00pm

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Meet a creepy-crawly collection of live spiders and insects - will you be brave enough to handle one yourself? Make a spooky spider headband and discover all about these incredible creatures!

Cost: £2.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop in.

Heritage Spooky Arty Tots

October Half Term Activity Monday 24th October St John's Museum, Warwick 2.00pm - 3.30pm

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Make Halloween themed craft and hear some stories and tall tales. Suitable for under 5s, older siblings welcome.

Cost for: £2.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop in.



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Y5 Class Assembly

Year 5's amazing assembly on Tuesday told the story of Philippe Petit, who walked along a tightrope between the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. The children shared their hopes and dreams for the future, from wanting to be archaeologists, cancer charity workers and footballers. Will you follow your dream today?













Photo of the Week...



The children in Miss Styles' class enjoyed learning some sewing techniques this week. Here is Maxim showing what he has created!

Year 2 will be learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali in class next week. Their hand-made Diwali cards will be on sale at school on Wednesday 19th October! Your child can buy cards to send to their friends and family to wish them peace and good fortune for the year ahead! Cards will cost 20p and proceeds will be given to the Helping Hands charity, which is based in Leamington.



PARENT PAY

As communicated in previous newsletters, we are aiming to reduce the amount of cash received in school.

With effect from **1** November **2016** we will not accept cash for the following items:

Dinner Money, Trips, Swimming, Breakfast Club, Butterflies Club

We are in the process of sending out letters to our parents/carers who have not yet activated their parentpay accounts reminding you of your log in details. The school office are very happy to help you activate your account and offer and help/training you may need to do this.

If you do have access to the required payment method for this online facility there are a number of different options as follows;

Dinner Monies - we can order you a PayPoint card which will enable you to make payments at a local PayPoint (Asda or McColls). Please notify the school office if you would like us to order one for you.

Trips, Swimming, Breakfast Club, Butterflies Club - we are able to supply you with a barcode to enable you to make payment for any of these items. Please notify the school office if you wish to produce a barcode letter for any of the above items.

There will still be some occasions where cash will be accepted due to these funds being allocated to a different bank account ie. Mufti, sponsored events, PTA events, Onside After School Clubs etc and we will notify you via the newsletter or letter regarding these events.

We have so far had many positive comments regarding the new online payment system.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the school office team if you have any concerns or would like any help with any aspect of the above.



Reserve your place today **WEEKLY THEATRICAL** WORKSHOPS

for little ones aged 7-11 years

Professional guidance and tutoring in a fun informal setting. Workshops include improvisation, drama games, story telling, trust exercises and the use of voice and body language, building valuable stage and life skills.

Contact Elizabeth at actone@loft-theatre.co.uk or telephone 01926 259679



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HOW TO FIND US

Loft Theatre, Victoria Colonnade, Learnington Spa CV31 3AA

The Loft Theatre is close to the river bridge at the bottom of the Parade. There is nearby parking in Newbold Terrace, Euston Place, Dormer Place and in Bath Place and St. Peter's car parks.



Encourage creativit

In assembly last Wednesday, the children found out more about the exciting 'Food For Life' programme that we are going to be involved with.

Brajan, Jason and Tanveer helped to host the assembly, and told everyone about what they had learned about food and farming at Pleasance Farm.



Representatives from 'Food

for Life' are going to support our school to promote a healthy life style for all of our

children, which will include a range of opportunities and activities that children, parents and carers can take part in. These activities will include:

The Big Dig - An opportunity for children, parents and carers to come and plant in the school allotment - dates to be confirmed.

Herb planting

Tasting foods from around the world

Cooking sessions with children, parents and carers - dates to be confirmed.

Please look out for more information about these exciting activities!

In the mean time, you can support your child with making healthy food choices by including a range of foods in their lunch box. Here is an example of a daily menu for your child's lunchbox:

Monday

Banana sandwich with wholemeal bread Tomato Boiled egg Low-fat fruit yoghurt Small box of raisins Semi-skimmed milk

Tuesday

Tuna and sweet corn wholemeal roll Reduced-fat cheese triangle Satsuma Apple juice, unsweetened

Wednesday

Pasta and sausage salad (with spring onion and red pepper) Stewed apple and blackberry with crumble top Reduced-fat natural yoghurt Bottle of water

Thursday

Edam cheese, ham and lettuce pitta pocket Tomato Small flapjack Nectarine Reduced-fat yoghurt drink

Friday

Houmous, red pepper and grated carrot wrap Grapes Creamed yoghurt pot Slices of malt loaf Bottle of water



You can find these weekly lunch box lists on this website:

www.nhs.uk/change4life/ pages/healthy-lunchboxpicnic.aspx

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates

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

Monday 17th October 2016	Wriggle Dance Company visiting Y1.
Tuesday 18th October 2016	Y1 visit to Batsford Arboretum
Wednesday 19 th October 2016	Parent/Corer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 - 5:30pm.
Thursday 20th October 2016	Y1 harvest assembly - all Y1 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15 am.
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Parent/Carer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 - 7:00pm.
Friday 21st October 2016	Break up for half-term holiday.
Monday 31 [#] October 2016	INSET Day (school closed for staff training.)
Tuesday 1 [#] November 2016	Children return to school
Tuesday 1 [#] November	Year 2 Diwali assembly - all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am
Tuesday 1 [#] November	Year 2 visit to the Shree Krishna Mandir
Thursday 3rd November 2016	Open afternoon for prospective parents at 1:45pm.
Thursday 3rd November 2016	Y5 visit to The Space Centre, Leicester.
Tuesday 8 th November 2016	Y3 CB class assembly - all Y3 CB parents/carers are welcome at 9.15.
Thursday 10th November	African dance company visiting Y3-6
Thursday 24 th November 2016	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of "Stick Man."
Friday 25 th November 2016	MUFTI Day (non-school uniform - bring chocolate!)
Wednesday 30 th November 2016	Y6 residential visit to Marle Hall.
Thursday 1 [#] December 2016 - Monday 5 th December 2016	Scholastic book fair in school.
Friday 2 nd November 2016	Y6 return from Marle Hall
Monday 5th December 2016	Y3 JM, last swimming lesson.
Monday 5th December 2016	Book fair in school.
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	Y3 CB, last swimming lesson.
Tuesday 6 ^m December 2016	Book fair in school
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	YR perform "It's A Baby!" - all YR parent/carers welcome at 9:30am.
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	Y1 perform "Angel Express" - all Y1 parent/carers welcome at 2:15pm
Friday 9 th December 2016	Recorder and choir performance to parents and carers at 9:15am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	Y2 perform "Christmas With Aliens" - all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9:30am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	Class Christmas parties, PM.
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 visit The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch a performance of "Treasure Island."
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Break up for the Christmas holiday.



Class assembly Year 1's Harvest assembly is on:

Thursday 20th October 2016

Parents and carers are very welcome!



We are now collecting donations of fresh produce, tins and dried foods as part of our Harvest celebrations. All items will be distributed to the local food bank to help feed families in need.

Each class will be presenting their donations to a representative of the food bank during the Y1 Harvest assembly on Thursday. Please give your donation to your child's class teacher. Fresh produce should be brought in on Wednesday 19th October so that it remains fresh.



Many thanks!



Cleaner required

We are looking to recruit a cleaner for 9 hrs a week (term time only) plus 18 hrs to be worked in the school holidays.

The hours are Monday to Thursday 3.30 to 5.30 and Friday 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Please apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jobs or call in at the office for an application form.

The closing date for applications is Friday 28 October.



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Congratulations to all of this week's YR/1/2 Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 14h October, 2016

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Congratulations to all of this week's Y3/4/5/6 Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 14h October, 2016

> Have a fabulous weekend. See you all next week! Best wishes From Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Head Teachers)