



Dear parents and carers,

Selection Box Raffle

Please send in 50p with your child (small envelopes available in the school reception area) if they would like to be entered for the Christmas Selection Box Raffle. The raffle winners will be drawn in assembly on Friday 20th December.

Lateness

We seem to have quite a few stragglers at the moment, arriving after classes have been brought in from the playground. We appreciate it's hard to leave the cosy comfort of the duvet on these chilly mornings, but lateness can have a detrimental effect on your child's learning and self-confidence. It can cause great anxiety in children, and they may miss out on the introduction of their lessons. Please make sure your child is lined up in the playground at 8.55am promptly. Thankyou, in anticipation of your usual support.

Winter Weather

Please remember to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Hats, scarves and gloves should (like all other clothing) be labelled with your child's name. Children do continue to do P.E. outside during the winter months and should have a tracksuit/ joggers and sweatshirt in school. In the event of severe weather conditions, a decision about school closure will be communicated by 7.45am each morning through:

- the text alert service • on the Warwickshire County Council website <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures> ; • on local radio stations: BBC Coventry and Warwickshire 94.8FM 103.7FM and 104FM and Mercia FM 97 – 102.9FM www.mercia.co.uk

Scholastics Book Fayre

Please note that the Scholastics Book fayre is on in the school hall from 5th December between 3.30-4.00pm.

Christmas Holidays

Please note that school breaks up for Christmas on Friday 20th December. School is closed on Monday 6th January for teacher training (INSET). The Spring term begins on Tuesday 7th January 2014.

Christmas Post Boxes

We shall put the Christmas post box in the entrance hall / reception area the week commencing 9th December so that children can post Christmas cards to their school friends if they wish. Please remind your child about recycling envelopes. We will have a collection box for recycling old Christmas cards in January.

Table Tennis Tables

I'm sure you will have noticed our new concrete table tennis tables in the playground. We have used some of our School Sports Funding to increase participation in physical activity; give the children an opportunity to try out a new sport; and further activity for playtimes and lunchtimes. The table tennis rota will be starting next week, to allow every child a chance to play and practise their skills.

Mufti Day

Our next Mufti Day is next Friday 29th November. Please send in a prize for the tombola stall at the Winter fayre, rather than the usual 50p. Thank you :)

Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly for headlice. Unfortunately, this is a community problem that can only be solved with the co-operation of every parent. Please see overleaf for tips for tackling the little critters!



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Winter Fayre

The Winter fayre will be taking place on Thursday 5th December from 2.00-4.30pm. Please send in any unwanted book, toys, games, clothes etc in good, clean condition. Stall are available to rent for £5. Please see Melanie Malin or other members of the PTA if you would like to have a stall. Children will need to bring some pocket money into school in an envelope or purse, clearly marked with her / his name. Parents and carers who are able to come may collect children from their classrooms at 2.00pm and accompany them around the fayre. We look forward to seeing you all then!

**On Thursday 5th
December from
2.00~4.30pm
Ho! Ho! Ho!**



**Samosas
Pakora
Pop corn
Mendhi**

**Beat the
Goalie
Shoot the
Hoop**

**Snow Queen
& Father
Christmas**

**Raffle
Face painting
Tombola
Balloons**

**Lucky Dip
Cakes
Treasure
Map**

**Bric~a~Brac
Pin the Nose
on Rudolph**

Yours sincerely, Juliette Westwood, Executive Head Teacher

Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class 4 again~ who can beat them next week?!

This week's attendance:

Class R MB: **97.5%**

Class R AH: **96.7%**

Class 1 LC: **90.9%**

Class 1KH: **95%**

Class 2: **96%**

Class 3: **97.5%**

Class 4: **98.8%**

Class 5: **97.4%**

Class 6: **97.4%**

Overall Attendance: 96.4%

Congratulations to to Class 4. Let's see if any classes can achieve 100% next week!

Sydenham Super Stars!

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 22nd November, 2013



TAKE ONE PICTURE

Saint Michael Triumphs Over the Devil by Bartolome Bermejo



During our teacher training day at the beginning of this half term, the staff from both Sydenham and Lighthorne Heath primary schools took part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture Project at the National Gallery in London.

'Take One Picture' is the National Gallery's countrywide scheme for primary schools. Each year the gallery focuses on one painting from the collection to inspire cross-curricular work in primary classrooms. During a one-day teacher training course at the Gallery, teachers are given a print of the painting. The challenge is then for schools to use the image imaginatively in the classroom, both as a stimulus for artwork, and for work in more unexpected curriculum areas. National Gallery Education then displays a selection of the work in the annual 'Take One Picture' exhibition at the National Gallery and on the website.

Children have started work in class with their teachers about the picture, and are also working this week and next with Ros Ingram and Laura Tan, our artists-in-residence. Ros and Laura will be returning to us in the Spring term, as the children lead the planning and progression of this exciting project.

The Lion King



Congratulations to all of the children in years 3 and 4 who are taking part in The Lion King. The children performed to the rest of the school yesterday morning, and did their first show to parents and carers yesterday afternoon. The children and staff have worked so hard to produce a truly wonderful show. Yesterday morning, the pupils in Reception, years 1, 2, 5 and 6 were enthralled by the performance, and staff were impressed by the commitment the children have given to learning their lines and the songs. We also really enjoyed the beautiful backdrops that the children have created in art lessons using oil pastel crayons, which were displayed on the projector. Many thanks to all of the children and staff for their tremendous effort, and to all of our audiences. The final show is on the evening of Tuesday 27th November.



An invitation to our Reception Class Parents and Carers

Dear parents, carers and family members,

You are very welcome to join your child in Reception Year for a hot school dinner on any of the following days: Monday 2nd / Tuesday 3rd / Wednesday 4th December.

Our lovely cook, Anne, will need to pre-order the food, so you must book in advance if you wish to join us. Please return your tear-off slips by next Wednesday 27th November at the very latest.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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School Dinners for Parents and Carers













My child's name: _____ in y1/2: _____

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

Monday 2nd December	Oadult dinners @£2.97 each	Ochild dinners £2.00
Tuesday 3rd December	Oadult dinners @£2.97 each	Ochild dinners £2.00
Wednesday 4th December	Oadult dinners @£2.97 each	Ochild dinners £2.00

Signed: _____ (parent / carer)

I enclose £ _____ payment

Christmas Dinner

A final reminder that Ann and her lovely ladies in the kitchen will be serving school Christmas dinner on Monday 16th December. Please complete the order form below if your child would like a traditional Christmas dinner and return it to school by Friday 29th November so that Ann can place her food order. Christmas dinner costs **£2.00** per child. Thank you!

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Christmas Dinner Order













My child: _____ in class: _____

Would like to have a traditional Christmas dinner on Monday 16th December.

I enclose payment of £2.00 for the dinner o

My child usually receives a free school meal and would like a Christmas dinner o

Signed: _____ (parent / carer)

THE FACTS OF LICE

by Full Marks



Your handy guide to beating head lice



So you've spotted your little ones scratching their heads and you don't think it's a maths puzzle that's causing it.

Don't panic!

Head lice are really common and treating them is easy.

What are head lice?

- Head lice are tiny, harmless insects around the size of a sesame seed.
- They like to live in hair close to the scalp because they need to keep warm to stay alive.
- Head lice have been making pests of themselves for thousands of years – so if you are one of the three million people affected in the UK every year (they especially love school children) you're not alone.
- Now you can lose the louse in just ten minutes. So it's really nothing to worry about. Read on to find out more...



Top Tips 4

Head lice don't always make you itch, especially when they are first in residence, so regular checks are essential.

1 Make a regular head check part of your weekly family routine – you could do it on a Sunday night, or on a Friday so you can treat them over the weekend.

5 You can't get rid of head lice with normal shampoo – they can survive underwater for hours.



2 It's easier to spot white eggs and dark lice against a pale grey coloured comb such as Full Marks Detector comb.



6 The best way to evict head lice is to use a quick acting treatment like Full Marks Solution at bath time. It doesn't smell horrible and applying it is easy and fuss free. You might even manage to treat the kids without them realising as it only takes 10 minutes!

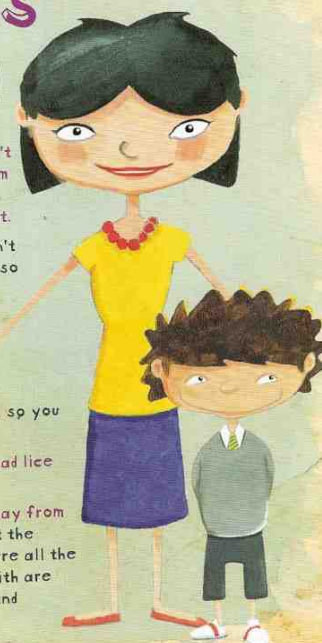
3 If you find head lice on your child, check the whole family as they are no respecters of age or authority, and tell everyone your child has been in contact with.

7 Repeat the treatment after seven days, to make sure that you break the life cycle of the louse and kill off any newly hatched lice.

The Myths explained!

The truth about head lice

- They are lazy little critters – they can't jump, swim or fly. They simply walk from one head to another, so they can only spread through close, prolonged contact.
- Head lice aren't just for kids. They don't mind setting up home in anyone's hair, so everyone should watch out for them.
- Not everyone who gets head lice will itch and it's perfectly possible to have them and be completely oblivious.
- Animals don't get or pass on head lice, so you can't blame the dog for this one...
- Keeping your hair short won't help, head lice don't care how long your hair is.
- There's no need to keep your child away from school if they catch head lice, but let the school know so that they can make sure all the children they have been in contact with are told. This is called 'contact tracing' and schools know the drill.



What's the best way to treat Head Lice?

1 DETECT Use a grey comb such as a Full Marks detector comb to make head lice and their eggs easier to spot. Only treat your family if you find a live head louse on the head.

2 TREAT When you discover head lice, you'll want to get rid of them as quickly as possible – so opt for a treatment like Full Marks Solution which works in as little as ten minutes. The range is free from pesticides and works by coating lice in a substance that makes them dehydrate, shrink and die. Head lice can't build up resistance to Full Marks Solution, and it is suitable for people with asthma and sensitive skin.

3 REMOVE Get rid of any head lice and eggs that have still attached themselves to the hair even once you've treated them by using a comb with fine metal teeth. A free removal comb is included in every Full Marks Solution pack.

For more advice on treating head lice, speak to a healthcare professional – a staff member at your local pharmacy or a doctor or nurse at your GP surgery or visit www.headlice.co.uk



Where to find more information

Go to www.headlice.co.uk for more information about head lice detection, treatment and removal, as well as:

- Find out what other parents think about Full Marks Solution and why they trust it.
- Get a head start on keeping the kids entertained with our 2 for 1 offer on great days out, with over 40 exciting attractions to choose from.
- Full Marks Solution and Full Marks combs are available from most pharmacies and supermarkets.
- Visit the kids zone to give the kids the low down on lice and help dispel the myths about them.

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Parent Survey

Please share your views with us about our school ~ it helps to inform our future planning!

Question	N/A	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child enjoys school					
2. The school keeps my child safe					
3. My child is making progress at this school					
4. The school helps my child have a healthy lifestyle					
5. The school informs me about my child's progress					
6. The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best					
7. The school sets appropriate homework for my child					
8. The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example changing year group, changing school, and for children finishing school, entering further or higher education or entering employment)					
9. There is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in					
10. The school treats my child fairly and with respect					
11. The school meets my child's particular needs					
12. <i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and / or disabilities</i> The school provides specialist support for my child's particular needs					
13. <i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and / or disabilities</i> The school provides specialist support for my child's particular needs					
14. <i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and / or disabilities</i> The school informs me how the specialist provision is helping my child to progress					
15. The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour					
16. The school has appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints					
17. The school takes account of my suggestions and concern					
18. The school is led and managed effectively					
19. Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school					

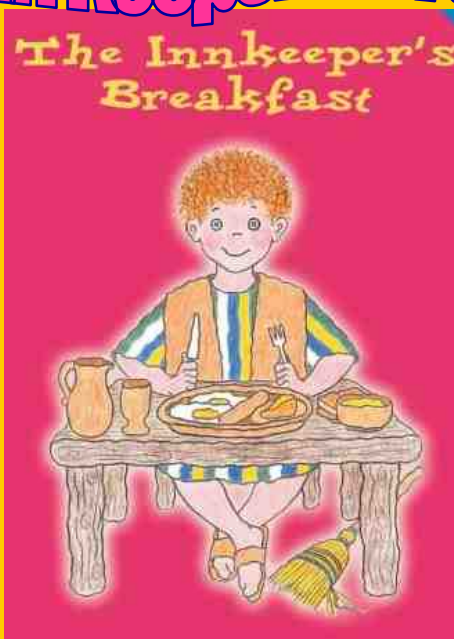
PTO to make any additional comments....

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return it to the school office by Friday 6th December.



The Year 1 and Year 2 children at
Hydenham Primary School
will be performing

The Innkeeper's Breakfast



**On Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm
in the main school hall**

Refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards in the small hall.

There will be a silver collection at the end of the concert.

Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Tickets will be sent home with children during the week of the concert.

'The Inn Keeper's Breakfast' Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert

I would like ☐ tickets for the Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert

Child's name: _____ in class _____

Signed: _____ (parent / carer)



The children in Reception at
Sydenham Primary School
will be performing

Nursery Rhyme Nativity



On
Wednesday 11th December at 10.00am
in the main school hall

Refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards in the small hall.

There will be a silver collection at the end of the concert.

Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Tickets will be sent home with children during the week of the concert.

‘Nursery Rhyme Nativity’ Reception Christmas Concert

I would like ☐ tickets for the Reception Christmas Concert

Child's name: _____ in class _____

Signed: _____ (parent / carer)