

Happy New Year

Dear parents and carers

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and would like to wish you all the best for 2014!

What an exciting term we have planned for everyone this year.

Lego Innovation

Monday started with another Lego Innovation training day for all the teaching staff. This will enable our staff to support the children when our new Innovation Studio based here at the school opens after the half term.

Clubs

Extra-curricular activities are an important element of our provision at Sydenham Primary School. They offer a wealth of opportunities outside of the curriculum for students to develop skills, broaden their experiences and make friends with students from other form and year groups, whilst most importantly, having fun. Some of these activities are funded by the Sports Premium—our 3 new Table Tennis Tables for example which the children are making full use of during breaktimes. We also rely on staff and volunteers to extend this provision so that each child gets an opportunity to take part at least one evening a week. This term we have a fantastic array of after-school clubs on offer, including:

Rock Climbing, Bake it up, Aliens Guide to Politics, and of course Football!

All clubs will be starting next week (13th January) so please return your forms as soon as possible with the clubs of your choice - timetable attached. Children will receive confirmation of the clubs they are able to attend by Monday at the latest. As some clubs are very popular but have a limited number of places we hope children won't be too disappointed if they haven't got into all of the clubs they signed up to. Where possible we may run the clubs again after the 1/2 term.

Congratulations

We had two celebrations during the holidays;

Our lovely year 3 teacher Miss Jones was married during the holidays to Matt and is now called Mrs Munday. Our fantastic caretaker Mr Haines also tied the knot and is now married to Debbie. Many congratulations to them all!

Swimming

Year 3 are swimming this term starting on Tuesday 14th January. Letters have been sent home already but please contact the school office if you have not received this.

School Trips

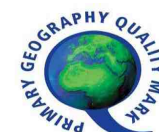
Just a reminder that KS2 (Yrs 3 ~6) are going to see '**Wendy & Peter Pan**' on Thursday 13th February at the RSC in Stratford. This is an all day event starting with the children taking part in an on-stage pre-show session with members of the acting company and the creative teams. This will be followed by lunch and then the actual show at 1.15pm. The coach will depart from school at 9am promptly so please bring your child into school for 8.45am for registration. Children should return approx 4.00/4.15pm. Please ensure you have returned your permission slips and payment of £10 towards the cost of this fantastic trip!



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Share-a-book - Reception & KS1 classes

On Friday 17th January we will be having a share-a-book session for years R, 1 & 2 between 2.45 and 3.15. All parents and carers are invited to come into school and share a book with their child. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to read for enjoyment and we hope to see you if you can make it.

Marle Hall

Year 6 pupils will be going to Marle Hall for 3 days on Wednesday 29th - 31st January. If you have not done so already please ensure you return your OSA2 permission slips to the office.

Contact details

Just to remind you of the importance of providing the school with your up to date contact details. If you have received a lovely new mobile phone as a Christmas gift please ensure you notify the office of your new number.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform to school each day. This includes black school shoes. If children wish to wear warmer shoes to walk to school in they may change when they arrive, but they must wear normal school shoes around school.

Secure Your Bicycle

We have been asked by Warwickshire Police to make you aware of the following event; Security marking your bicycle increases the chances of getting it back if it is lost or stolen. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding a property marking event to help you keep your bicycle safe and secure. Pop along with your bike and get it securely marked free of charge on Friday 17th January at Brunswick Healthy Living Centre, Shrubland Street from 3pm - 5pm.

If you're children are cycling to school please ensure bikes are securely locked in the bicycle shelter

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum

Would like to invite you to attend a FREE event – Big Garden Bird Watch on Saturday 25 January, 11am – 4pm. As part of the Big Garden Bird Watch the RSPB are coming to demonstrate bird watching; using telescopes and binoculars you will get to spot birds on the River Leam and help the RSPB to monitor bird populations in the area.

There will also be fun activities including dissecting owl pellets, making bird feeders and other craft activities. This event is suitable for all ages just drop in and join in.

PTA

We would like to end this newsletter with a special thank you to the school PTA and all of those parents and carers who have supported the PTA and the school last term.

The children will be excited to hear there will be a school disco towards the end of this half term- the date will be confirmed after the next PTA meeting on Tuesday.

Can you help with the fantastic work of the PTA? All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of the school PTA. Please come and join us for our next meeting on Tuesday 14th January at 3.30pm. If you would like to attend but are concerned about childcare please speak to Mrs Matthews to see if we can help.

Best wishes

Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Day	Club	Dates	Run by	Time	Venue	Cost	Open to	Places	Tick Choice
Monday	Bhangra Dance	13 th January until half term	Mrs Harrad	3.20-4.20	Small Hall	Free	Years 1 & 2	10	
Monday	Y6 Booster	13 th January until Easter	Mrs Banks	3.20-4.30	I.C.T room	Free	By invitation		Full
Tuesday	Bake it up Club	28/01/14 – 4/3/14	Warwick University Volunteers	3.20-5.00	Cookery Area	Free	Years 4,5 & 6	16	
Tuesday	Football	14 th January until half term	Onside coaches	3.20-4.30	Field/Main hall	£10 for 5 weeks	Years 1-6	25	
Tuesday	Film Club	14 th January until half term	Mrs Munday	3.20-4.20	Y3 classroom	Free	Year 1,2 and 3	12	
Wednesday	Rock Climbing	4th February – 18th March	Warwick University Professional coach Mr Butler and Miss Ball	3.20-5.45	Warwick University	£18 for 6 weeks	Years 4,5 & 6	15	
Thursday	Homework	16 th January- 10 th April	Ms Fennelly & Mrs Ashworth	3.20 – 4.20 (prompt)	ICT Suite / Key Stage 1	Free	Years 2 - 6	25	
Thursday	Fitness Club	16/01/13 - 27/2/13	Onside coaches	3.20-4.30	Main hall	Free	Years 3 and 4	20	
Thursday	Early Birds Commonwealth club	16 th January- 10 th April	Onside coaches	8.00am to 8.55am	Main Hall	Free	Years 1 and 2	16	
Friday	Cricket	17 th January - 7 th March	Warwick University Volunteers	3.30-4.30	Main Hall	Free	Years 3,4,5,6	16	
Friday	An aliens Guide to Human Politics	17 th January - 7 th March	Warwick University Volunteers	3.30-4.30	Classroom	Free	Years 5 and 6	16	

Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class R MB & Class 1 LC who both achieved 100% - a fantastic achievement!

This week's attendance:

Class R MB: 100 %
Class R AH: 89.6%
Class 1 LC: 100%
Class 1KH: 98.3%
Class 2: 92.9%
Class 3: 99.2%
Class 4: 99.2%
Class 5: 95.2%
Class 6: 96.2%

Overall Attendance: 96.7%

Congratulations to Miss Bond & Miss Clifton's classes!

Sydenham Super Stars!

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 10th January 2014



An invitation to our Year 3 and 4 Class Parents and Carers

Dear parents, carers and family members

You are very welcome to join your child/ren for a hot school dinner in any of the following days: Monday 27th / Tuesday 28th / Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January.

Our lovely cook, Anne, will need to pre-order the food, so booking in advance is required if you wish to join us. Please return your tear off slips by Wednesday 22nd January at the very latest.

We look forward to seeing you then.



School dinners for Parents and Carers

My child (name): _____ in year 3

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

Monday 27th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Tuesday 28th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Wednesday 29th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Thursday 30th January () adult dinners @£2.97 each () child dinners @£2.00 each

Signed: _____ (parent/care)

I enclose £ _____ payment

Writing Group

We would like to say a very big 'well done' to some of our parents who attended a writing course at the school. They all made fantastic books with topics varying from a history book, a storybook for children and an autobiography. All of the books were bound and looked very professional when finished. Thankyou all for attending!

