

# Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers

## **Year 3 & 4 Parents School Dinners**

We do hope parents enjoyed their lunches this week. Thank you for joining us!

## **Y6 Marle Hall Residential Trip**

Welcome back to the year 6 children from Marle Hall in North Wales. They have had an amazing week, participating in rock climbing, canoeing, bushcraft and lots more team building exercises. A huge thanks to the Marle Hall instructors who are fabulous, and our own staff team; Mrs Thorneywork, Miss Banks & Mr Morrey. There will be photographs and a report from the children on next weeks newsletter.

## **Theatre Trip**

We are collecting our final numbers for the Wendy & Peter Pan RSC Theatre trip on Thursday 13th February for years 3/4/5 & 6. If you have not yet returned your slip and payment could you please send it in to the office before half term. We have attached the letter again for your convenience. Thank you.

## **Parents evening: Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th February**

Thank you to those parents that have returned their parents evening slips. You should receive notification today confirming your appointment time. If you have not returned your slip please do so as soon as possible.

## **Y5/6 Indoor Athletics Team**

Congratulations to our pupils in 5 & 6 who took part in a Junior Indoor Athletics event at Trinity School last Friday. Our team came 2nd overall and performed really well in the event. Well done to them all!

## **Sydenham Super Stars!**

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 31st January 2014



## Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class R AH who achieved 99.3% this week - a fantastic achievement!

### This week's attendance:

Class R MB: 96.5%

Class R AH: 99.3%

Class 1 LC: 95.6%

Class 1KH: 93.9%

Class 2: 93.7%

Class 3: 97.3%

Class 4: 98.8%

Class 5: 92.3%

Class 6: 96.3%

**Overall Attendance: 96%**

**Congratulations to Mrs Harrad's class!**

### Free School Meals

If your situation has recently changed or you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child, it is very easy to apply.

Just look on the free school meals website: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

Email: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call **01926 742060**.

You can also ask in the office for additional guidance or assistance. Please note that you do not have to take up your entitlement every day, if you have applied, but eligibility makes a huge difference to the way our school is funded. Please apply if you can.

### Building Works

Ashe Construction will be back on our school site for 3 weeks (commencing Monday 3rd February 2014) to complete the playground works and some additional internal building works. We are looking forward to having an open day when all the work is finished, so that parents and carers can come and have a peek at our new accommodation.

### Refurbishment of Year R/1& 2 toilets.

We are pleased to announce that the Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 boys and girls toilets will be refurbished during the Easter Holidays. This work alone will cost in excess of £25,000.

This financial year, we received £6,273 for capital projects (building/maintenance/ICT projects).

As you can see this funding does not go far in maintaining the building, and leaves a significant amount of money to find from other revenue streams. The work that I, and other members of the teaching staff do to support other Warwickshire schools, generates additional income that enables us to fund extra staff, resources and capital projects. We would love to be able to refurbish all of the toilets but, as you can imagine, our highest priority is always the children's achievement and ensuring that our resources enable children to do their very best learning.

### Sickness

Just a reminder that if children are sick or suffering from diarrhoea they should not return to school for 48 hours. This is to help prevent the spreading of any bug or virus. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Best wishes**

**Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews**



# JUNIOR'S THEATRE VISIT



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, followed by the show at 1.15pm. Please ensure you send a packed lunch in with your child on this day. If you are entitled to free school meals please indicate below if you wish us to order a packed lunch from the kitchen. Children should wear full school uniform. Thank you.

Please note: The coach will depart from school at 9am prompt so please bring your child into school at 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!

## RSC WENDY & PETER PAN THEATRE VISIT

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ in Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the school visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre on Thursday  
13th February 2014. I enclose payment of £10 towards the cost of the trip ☐  
My child is entitled to a free school meal and requires a school packed lunch ☐  
I would like to order a school packed lunch and enclose £2.00 ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / carer)