

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers

PTA Events

Having a Spring Clean?

The PTA are holding a Jumble Sale at the school on Saturday 5th April from 10.30 - 12.30pm. If you have any good quality clothes, shoes, soft toys, books, bric a brac etc that you would like to donate please bring them to the school office for the PTA to collect.

Bingo

We are also having a Bingo evening at the school on Wednesday 9th April from 5.30 - 7.30pm. We will provide further details closer to the time.

Many thanks for your continued support. PTA.

Volunteer Gardeners

Our volunteer gardeners are Bramble Bashing on Saturday 8th March from 10 - 12pm in our millennium garden. Please come and join us preparing the allotment area and raised beds for the spring.

Financial Year End

To assist us with our financial year end, can you please ensure that all monies for dinner, breakfast and after school club are paid either on the day a meal/session is booked or in advance. Many thanks.

Adult & Community Learning Course

A reminder about our FREE 6 week literacy course run by Adult and Community Learning, starting on Thursday 6th March for 6 weeks from 9am - 11am. If you are interested, please let school office know as soon as possible.

Sydenham Superstars!

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 28th February 2014





Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year.
 We can't achieve this without your support!

This week's attendance:

- Class R MB: 97.2%
- Class R AH: 95.1%
- Class 1 LC: 97.2%
- Class 1 KH: 96.7%
- Class 2: 88.5%
- Class 3: 98.9%
- Class 4: 98.4%
- Class 5: 98.9%
- Class 6: 80.8%

Overall Attendance: 94.55%

Congratulations to Year 3 & Year 5 who achieved 98.9% this week - a fantastic achievement!

Free School Meals

Many parents do not apply for Free School Meals because they do not realise they qualify. Other parents do not apply because they prefer to make alternative arrangements for their child's lunch. Schools can still benefit though if a child is eligible for Free School Meals, even if they do not take up their entitlement. Every child entitled to Free School Meals means an extra £953 for the school which we can use to address inequality. If your child does not currently receive Free School Meals but you think that you might qualify then please do apply using one of the methods shown below.

Free School Meals are available to children whose parents are in receipt of an appropriate benefit. Eligible children receive a nutritious meal every lunchtime with different options available each day. Children receiving Free School Meals can choose from exactly the same food as those children purchasing a lunch. Applying for Free School Meals has never been easier. Parents can either call 01926 742060 or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and receive an instant decision regarding eligibility. Any information you provide will be treated in absolute confidence. If you receive any of the following benefits then your child may be eligible for Free School Meals:

- Income Support or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance (but not Contribution Based Job Seeker's Allowance).
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit where the family's annual income as assessed by HMRC is not in excess of £16,190. *Please note that families who are also entitled to Working Tax Credit do not qualify for Free School Meals.*
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (but not Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance).

Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers in school. Please help us to collect as many as possible as they can be used for a wide range of active, cooking and gardening equipment. Please place any vouchers you collect into the collection box in school reception.



AquAid

You may or may not be aware that the school has an Aquaid Water Cooler installed in the staff room. With every water cooler and bottle of water we obtain from AquAid a donation has been made on our behalf to The Africa Trust. These funds are used to directly build fresh drinking water wells in areas in Africa where it is needed the most, like in schools and villages.

We were very pleased to receive this picture and a letter of thanks from the village over the half term, in recognition of our efforts.

Whole School Assembly - Cool Milk

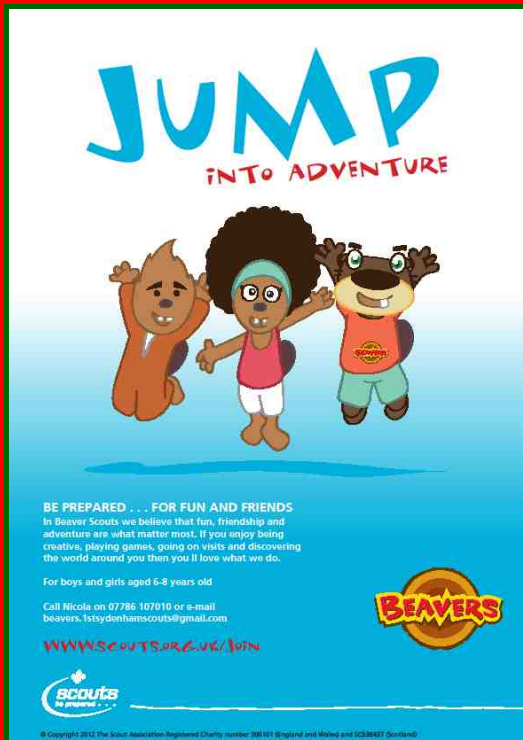
We are hosting 'The Cool Milk Show' at our assembly on Tuesday 11th March. Pupils will learn about dairy processes and the health benefits associated with mid-morning milk. Every child will take part in a quiz and receive stickers, a storybook and free school milk on the day.

1st Sydenham Beavers/Cubs & Scouts

The local Beaver group have some spaces available should anyone be interested. The group meets on a Thursday evening between 6.30pm - 7.45pm at the Sydni Centre and is for ages 6 - 8. Email beavers.1stsydenhamscouts@gmail.com if you are interested.

Cubs & Scouts also meet at the centre on a Monday evening and is for ages 8 - 14.

Email gsl.1stsydenhamscoutgroup@gmail.com.



Best wishes,
Juliette Westwood and Michelle Cragg
Executive Head Teacher and Associate Head Teacher

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 5th APRIL
10.30am - 12.30pm

Sydenham Primary School
 Calder Walk, Sydenham, Leamington Spa. CV31 1SA

Mother's Day Lunch

We have a special treat for Mum's this Mother's Day. On Monday 31st March we will be having a special Mother's Day lunch. Mum's and Grandma's are welcome to come and join us at 12.15pm for this special lunch. Lunches cost just £2.90 for adults and £2.00 for children. If you would like to join us for lunch please return the slip below with your payment on Monday. We know all you Mum's deserve a treat! Look forward to seeing you there!

Menu

Tempura Battered Fish Fillet
Chipped potatoes
 (garnished with fresh tomatoes, lemon wedges and Ketchup)
 Vegetables/Salad of the day

Vegetarian Menu

Broccoli & Sweetcorn Bake
 (topped with crispy sliced potatoes)
Herby Garlic Bread &
Vegetables/Salad of the day

Homemade Strawberry Slice with Custard

Mother's Day Lunch

I would like to book adult lunches. How many of these are vegetarian?

And children's lunches. How many of these are vegetarian?

for Monday 31st March and enclose the payment with this slip
 (£2.90 adults, £2.00 children)

Names and classes of children:

Signed:

Date:

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Clubs Spring Term 2014 : 2nd Half Term

This is an update of clubs we are running this half term. Please look carefully at the dates to see when they finish. Letters out today for football club.

Day	Club	Dates	Run by	Time	Venue	Cost	Open to	Places	Tick Choice
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	Last session 4 th March	Warwick University Volunteers	3.20-5.00	Cookery Area	Free	Years 4,5 & 6	16	Full
Tuesday	Football=new group. Letters out today	5 weeks starting 4 th March	Onside coaches	3.20-4.30	Field/Main hall	£10 for 5 weeks	Years 1-6	25	
Tuesday	Film Club	until Easter	Mrs Munday	3.20-4.20	Main hall	Free	Year 1,2 and 3	12	
Wednesday	Bake it up Club	Last session 4 th March	Warwick University Volunteers	3.20-5.00	Cookery Area	Free	Years 4,5 & 6	16	Full
Wednesday	Rock Climbing	Last session is March 18th	Warwick University coach Mr Butler and Miss Ball	3.20-5.45	Warwick University volunteers	£18 for 6 weeks	Years 4,5 & 6	15	Full
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	Full
Thursday	Fitness Club	Last session 10 th April	Onside coaches	3.20-3.30	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	Last session 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	Last session 7 th March	Warwick University Volunteers	3.30-4.30	classroom	Free	Years 5 and 6	16	

WORLD BOOK DAY fest

HAPPY,
A BIG-BOOKY

CELEBRATION
OF READING

On the 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day.

Children, please **join in the fun by coming to school dressed as your favourite book character** - how about Winnie the Witch, the Gruffalo, Harry Potter or Long John Silver? There are so many exciting characters to choose from!

We will also be holding a special **Share A Book session** for Key Stages 1 and 2 from 2.45 until 3.15 and giving every child their **World Book Day token**. This can be exchanged at Waterstones or Smiths either for a free World Book Day title or as part payment for any book of your choice!



6th March 2014

WORLD
BOOK
DAY





LOVE FOOD?

**We are creating a
community recipe book
and we need your help.**



**Do you have a special
family recipe that you
would like to share with us
and a story to go with it?**

**If so please contact Trevor Humphreys or Rob
Williams on 01926 422641 or email
volunteer@sydni.org**

