



Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

In-Service Training Days

A reminder that school will be **closed on Friday 25th October** for staff to be trained on 'The Taking Care Project'. School will also be **closed on Monday 4th November** for training on the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture Project'.

Half-Term

A reminder that school is closed for the half term holiday from Monday 28th October ~ Friday 1st November.

Book Bags and Lunch Boxes

Please would parents and carers send children into school first thing in the mornings with bookbags and lunch boxes—there have been rather a lot arriving later in the morning! Thank you.

PTA Barn Dance

Please see the flier overleaf about our Barn Dance on Friday 11th October ~ yeeha!

Sydenham Parent Teachers Association and Friends of Sydenham

A reminder that the PTA Annual General Meeting will take place at 6.15pm next Tuesday 24th September, 2013 in school.

Teachers' Industrial Action

We have been informed by NUT and NASUWT that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Tuesday 1st October (provisionally). This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about changes to pay and conditions. There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. Neither the governing body nor the Head Teacher is legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. However, our main concern is the safety of our students. The school will only close if in the opinion of the Head Teacher it is not safe to remain open. If it does remain open, we shall endeavour teach classes as normal, although this may not be possible. If action is prolonged, we will endeavour to protect the education of all our pupils. Because we may not know until very late how many staff will be available to work, the decision to close may have to be taken at the last minute. Every effort will be made to give notice at the latest by the day before; but in case the decision has to be made on the day itself, we are asking parents to nominate a place of safety, which may be your home, to which your child can go if we have to close. We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site. Thank you, in anticipation of your usual support.

Medical Appointments

Please endeavour to make any medical or dental appointments outside of school hours, or during the school holidays. Thank you.



International
School Award
2010-2013



Healthy Schools



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Services
Warwickshire



Polite Request

It has been brought to my attention by a number of parents and carers that when they bring their children to school, they are having to pass some adults who are smoking cigarettes immediately outside the school gates, and that they and their children are passively inhaling smoke on their way into school. This is a polite request for any smokers to please refrain from smoking until after the children have started school and / or smoke away from the school entrance. Please note that smoking on the school site is strictly prohibited. Thank you.

Admissions 2014

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Reception Class places for September 2014 is 15th January 2014. It is very important that forms are returned on time to ensure your child is given a place! Text STARTSCHOOL to 07950 081 082 for a text message reminder on how to apply. Telephone 01926 742037 or apply online at

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool>

Parent and Teacher Learning Reviews

A reminder that we will be holding Learning Review Meetings on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. Please put the dates in your diaries. More information and appointment request slips will follow soon.

Sydenham Super Stars!

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 20th September, 2013



Warwickshire County Council

Adult and Community Learning

Together into Books

*Sydenham Primary School in
partnership with Adult and Community
Learning*

- ✚ Make a book to share with your children
- ✚ Gain an OCN qualification
- ✚ Support your children with their writing skills

10 week course

Thursday 3rd October

9.15 -11.15am

If you would like more information on the course, please contact Lucy Whittington on 01789 416963

Please complete the slip and return to the school office by Friday, September 27th

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Name:..... Tel no:.....

Ages of children.....

Barn Dance

Friday 11th October

6.30-8.30pm



Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a live Band, dancing and free buffet.

I would like.....tickets at £3 each/or a family ticket for £10 (2 adults 3 children max)

Name.....Child in year.....

*Please hand money to the school office by 4th October.

In aid of Sydenham Primary P.T.A.



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COMPANY

10 DECEMBER 2013
– 2 MARCH 2014

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



Advance Notification of Juniors' Theatre Visit

We have bought tickets for all of the junior children (years 3~6) to go and see 'Wendy and Peter Pan' at the Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre on Thursday 13th February, 2014. The school is subsidising this visit, to reduce the cost from £15 to £10. Children will receive a drink and snack during the trip. We will be travelling to Stratford~Upon~Avon by coach. Children will need a packed lunch for the day. Unfortunately, due to the huge popularity of this show, we have been unable to secure any additional tickets for parents or carers to accompany us this year. Further information, and a tear-off permission slip will follow shortly.



spellbinding adventure from the creators of *The Gruffalo!*

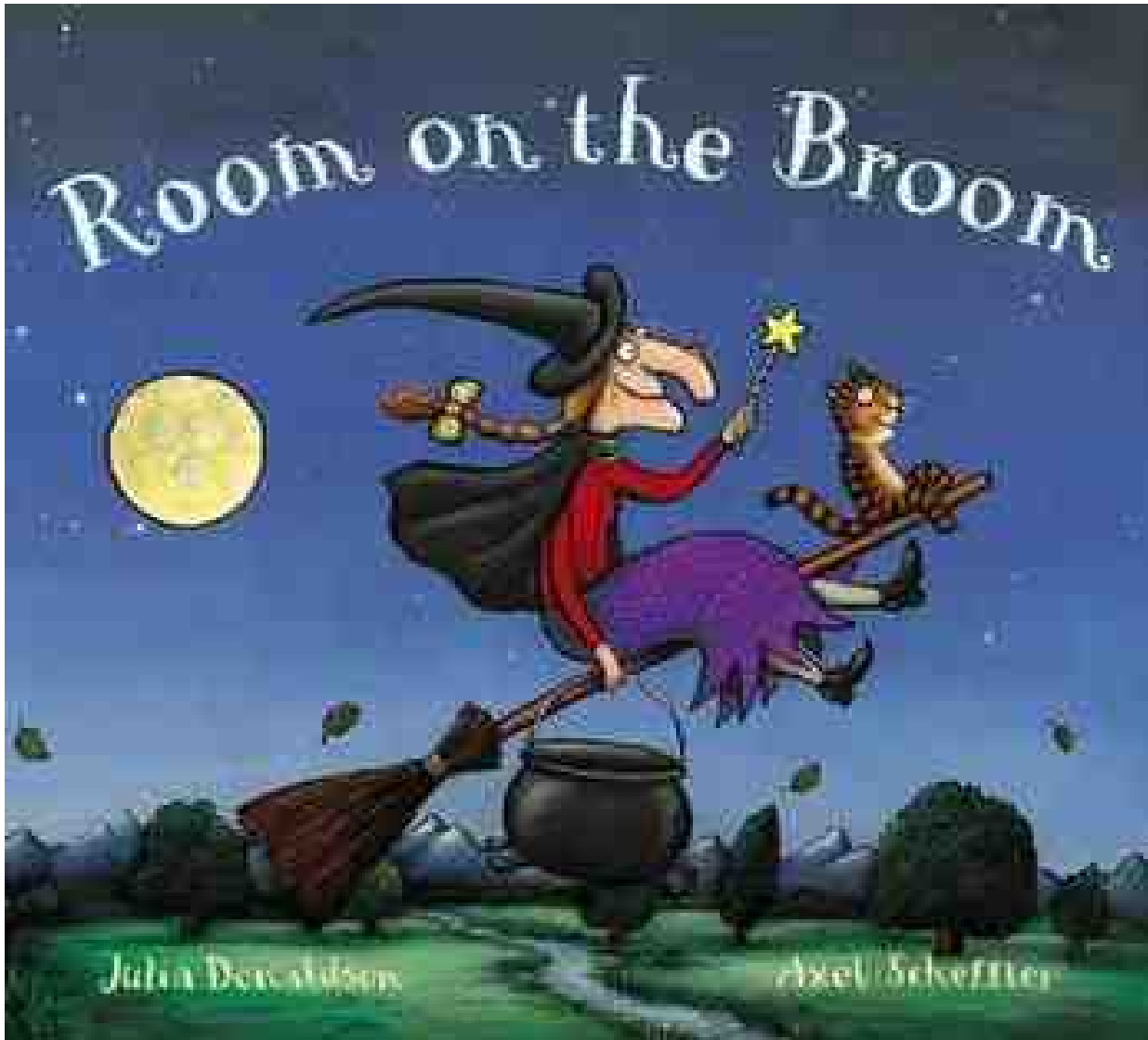
*How the cat purred and how the witch grinned
As they sat on their broomstick and flew through the wind*

The **witch and her cat** are flying happily along on their broomstick when a stormy wind blows the witch's hat, bow and wand away into the night.

With the help of a **daft dog**, a **beautiful bird** and a **friendly frog**, her belongings are retrieved. But this broomstick's not meant for five and – CRACK! – it snaps in two! When a hungry dragon appears, who will save the poor witch?

And will there ever be room on the broom for everyone?

A magical, musical delight for children aged 3+



Advance Notification of Infants' Theatre Visit

We have bought tickets for all of the infant children (years R~2) to go and see 'Room on the Broom' at Warwick Arts Centre on Friday 13th December, 2013. The school is subsidising this visit, to reduce the cost from £15 to £10. Children will receive a drink and snack during the trip. We will be travelling to Warwick Arts Centre by coach. Children will need a packed lunch for the day. Further information, and a tear-off permission slip will follow shortly.