



Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of another school year. What a year it has been! We have had our second Outstanding Ofsted, our second Arts Mark Gold, our second appearance at the National Gallery and our fourth Basic Skills Award. The list is endless.

The children have enjoyed residential, trips and visits as well as fantastic learning opportunities.

Now is the time to say a big thank you to all the members of our school community; our children, families, friends, and staff. Everyone has worked really hard to make Sydenham Primary School the success it is. We hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September. We wish our year 6 pupils good luck as they enter the next stage of their education.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Leon, Miss Lloyd, Miss Martin and wish them every success in their new ventures.



The Autumn Term starts on Tuesday 8th September 2015

Best wishes

Carla Matthews

Associate Headteacher

Sydenham Super Stars!

**Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars!
Friday 17th July, 2015**

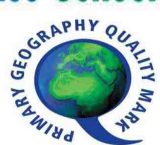


International
School Award
2010-2013



Healthy Schools

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The class of 2015



Year 6 Graduates



The year 6 leavers' dinner was a great success. The children enjoyed meeting outside, despite the drizzle for a group photo. The fruit cocktails were a welcome start and the food was delicious. The evening ended with a little dancing, a great time was had by all. A big thank you to everyone who supported the evening.





Full House at Sydenham's PTA night!



A big thank you to everybody who attended the PTA bingo night last Wednesday. The evening was great fun and raised £164 towards the purchase of resources to support our children's learning – fantastic!

It was great to see so many families enjoying themselves together. Well done to our hardworking PTA for organising everything and providing such lovely prizes. For more information about up and coming PTA events for the new academic year, keep an eye on the PTA notice board in the playground and the newsletter.



Library Challenge. The local libraries are offering a reading challenge for children linked to the Guinness Book of Records with the theme of record breakers. There are stickers and activity sheets to collect. Bring your proof of taking part for a special bookworm badge next term.

This summer, your children can take their reading to new heights – with Record Breakers!

Record Breakers is the Summer Reading Challenge 2015, and this year we've teamed up with Guinness World Records to celebrate some awesome achievements from all over the world.



Last year, more than 800,000 children discovered all the fun of taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

"The Challenge meant that trips to the library became part of our planned summer holiday together as a family!"
Parent, Otford

"I loved the stickers and the chart and the funny characters!"
Mason, Stockport

What's more, their parents and teachers discovered the benefits too. Children who take part in the Challenge return to school after the summer break as more fluent, confident and happy readers.



Remember, taking part is easy and it's totally FREE. All children have to do is read at least six library books and visit the library regularly over the summer. There are all kinds of rewards to encourage your children along the way, and there's also a dedicated website:

www.recordbreakers.org.uk



IT'S A WIN-WIN WITH RECORD BREAKERS

- ★ Parents love it! It's totally free, and they can see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their children's reading.
- ★ Read yourself! Don't feel guilty about sitting down with a book, newspaper or magazine. It sets a good example to kids – and they will copy you!
- ★ With stickers, certificate and often a medal amongst other incentives, children love the Challenge. It's a highlight of the holidays.

HELPFUL HINTS

Here are some ideas to help your child finish the Challenge.

- ★ Visit the library as often as you can. There are all kinds of events going on, and children soon get caught up in the fun. Best of all, it's totally free!
- ★ Let children choose their own books. If they don't like a book, just move on to the next one, or ask one of the library staff to recommend a read.
- ★ Children don't just have to read stories or novels. Fact books, joke books, audio books, poetry – they all count!

"This is a fantastic initiative we do this every year!"
Parent, Southend-on-Sea



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot six differences between these two pictures?



LOG ON THIS SUMMER

On days you can't get to the library, there's still the Record Breakers website. There's so much for children to discover and they can keep a record of their Challenge there, too. Children can also recommend books and decide what to read next using the Book Sifter.

www.recordbreakers.org.uk



APPS THE WAY TO DO IT

This year's Record Breakers App has all sorts of secrets for your child to discover! You can download the App here: sol.us/records

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION



BREAK A RECORD THIS SUMMER

