

Dear parents and carers,

This week's news letter has a sporty theme. We have decided to put the children into house teams for sporting events and the On-side coaches will also develop the house point system in their lessons. The school council chose the names of the four houses and came up with four local outdoor areas: Victoria, Newbold, Jephson and Brook. This led to our whole school competition to design a logo for each house. We had lots of fantastic entries and in the end the coaches and school council chose the four designs below.

Congratulations to :

Jessica y3

Owen y3

Nicola y6

Morgan y4



These four children are looking forward to their designs being on the school council notice board. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Best wishes,

Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews

Executive Head teacher and Associate Head teacher

Sydenham Super Stars!



Superstars 21st March 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: 91.0%

Class R AH: 86.7%

Class 1 LC: 91.1%

Class 1KH: 98.6%

Class 2: 98.9%

Class 3: 99.5%

Class 4: 96.0%

Class 5: 96.8%

Class 6: 97.5%

Overall Attendance: 95.1

Congratulations to class 3 for 99.5% and well done year 2 and year 1 KH for coming so close.

Rock Climbing

14 lucky children have taken part in rock climbing at Warwick University over the last six weeks as part of our school sports funding programme. Here is a glimpse of what they experienced.



First they talked to us about safety and then we put our helmets and harnesses on. Next we learned how to tie complicated knots that look like a double 8.



Rock Climbing



Jiaan, "I didn't think I'd get to the top first time, but when you are up there and you just carry on climbing you get there really fast."



Kelly, "The best bit was when we first went and had to learn to put our harness on. I felt quite nervous because I was worried about being stuck."



Jermaine, "There are challenges to do, for instance you might only be allowed to use green or blue, or yellow and pink. Levels go from 1-6a."

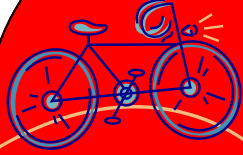


Klaudia, "My favourite thing was climbing. I always got to the top. We also pulled people up to the top to help them and pulled them down with the ropes to help them get down."

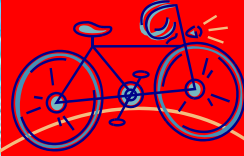


New opportunities for Rock Climbing

The next course starts on Wednesday 26th March and is open to children in years 4,5 and 6. There are some places still available. For more information please collect a letter from the school office.



Free kids' bike club



We're holding a free workshop to show 7 to 11 year olds the basics of things to check on their bike over Easter

Places are limited, so go to www.halfords.com/bikeclub to book your space.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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kids' bike club



Free kids' bike workshop for 7 to 11 year olds this Easter!

We're inviting parents to take 7 to 11 year olds to a free bike workshop at our stores over Easter, teaching basic bike maintenance and bike safety. I'm keen to let parents know that the workshop is available for booking and would be very grateful if you could put the enclosed posters in book bags for children aged 7 to 11 years' old, so that together we can help to make cycling safer for children.

If you need more copies of the flyers or if you would like an electronic version for your school internet site, please do not hesitate to let me know and I will be happy to arrange this for you.

Year 6 Schools Bike Workshop Coming Soon!



I also want to let you know that, during June, we're planning to offer a Year 6 bike workshop for schools. The workshop intends to complement Bikeability, teaching basic bike maintenance and safety in schools before Year 6 children move to secondary school.

If you would like me to address correspondence on the Schools Bike Workshop to anyone in particular when the booking system goes live, please don't hesitate to let me know using the contact details below.

Kind regards,

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Calling KS2 parents of recorder players

Dear parents,

Your child/children will be performing to the school on Friday 4th April at 2.45.

You are welcome to join us if you would like to watch your child perform- Please could you let your child's class teacher know if you are coming, so we can organise seating. Thank you.

Liz Murphy,

P.T.A News

Flower Sale

Children in Year 1 have been potting bulbs. On Thursday 27th March the P.T.A will be selling these after school for a pound each. Limited numbers available.

Jumble Sale

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Jumble Sale. Please keep the donations coming in.

We are desperate for some more parents/carers to help at the Jumble Sale between 10am and 1pm on April 5th. Please leave your name and contact details at the office if you feel able to offer any help. Even an hour would be appreciated.

Thank you.



Industrial Action

Further to our letter today this is to inform you that the following classes will be closed on Wednesday 26th March due to industrial action:

Reception MB
Year 1LC
Year 1KH
Year 2
Year 4

The other classes will be open as usual and Rock Climbing will go ahead after school