



# Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term.

We came back to a very busy week. First the year 4 class went on a Residential trip, staying at Stratford Youth Hostel and visiting the Butterfly Farm. They had a brilliant time. A big thank you to Miss Jones, Miss Martin and Mrs Ashworth for their hard work. Miss Jones was delighted that on this occasion she got 4 hours sleep. Last time she didn't get any! Aleksandra won the class competition with her report of the trip, which you can read inside. The next day Year 5 had Peer Mediator training, getting ready for their role in September. On Thursday year 3 gave an assembly with the help of the staff from Gaydon Motor Museum. They showed their amazing creations in a key stage assembly and are looking forward to their trip to the museum next week. Their models and their writing will be on show in the Autumn.

Year 5 have had Peer Mediator Training and will be putting their new skills in to practice very soon.

We have had two amazing Sports Days, which our Onside Coaches organised magnificently. A big thank you to all the parents who were able to come to support us and enjoy lots of fun in the sunshine. Next week I will send out a special Sports Day Newsletter.

On the back of this newsletter there is a request from the Reception teachers for bits and pieces. Can you help?

Next week:

- We have visitors in school on Monday from another Warwickshire School.
- Thursday we have class photographs.
- Year 3 are out on Thursday afternoon

Staffing News:

Following the announcement of my retirement in October parents have been keen to know who is replacing me!

I am delighted to announce that Carol Glenny will be your new Associate Headteacher. Carol and I are looking forward to working together in the first half of the Autumn Term to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Congratulations to Miss Glenny on her appointment.

Further staffing news will follow in July.



**Best Wishes**  
**Carla Matthews**  
**Associate Headteacher**



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## Our Year 4 Residential Trip to Stratford



On Tuesday 2nd June 2015 I visited Stratford-Upon-Avon for an exciting trip to the Butterfly Farm. Unfortunately, not all of my class managed to attend. However we still had a fantastic time. Six children from Lighthorne Heath joined us. We went to enjoy ourselves, learn to look after ourselves and of course, to learn about a range of different animals and insects.

We were supposed to leave school at 9:25. However, the driver made a bit of a mistake and picked up Lighthorne Heath first! Due to the mistake, we had to wait an extra 20 minutes outside! As soon as the coach did arrive, I stored my suitcase and sat down. I sat next to Aashima and she showed me her photos on her camera. It took approximately half an hour to get transported to the hostel and drop our stuff off. The only things I took were my packed lunch and my purse.

Afterwards, I made my way to the Butterfly Farm, where we met Mark. Mark told us all about the insects and iguanas as all of the celestial butterflies were flying around freely. Some children held a tarantula, but I didn't really want it on my hands, I am not a fan of spiders.

Straight after we left the Butterfly Farm we enjoyed our lunch on the picnic benches. At 1:00 we walked to the river and climbed aboard our boat ready for the boat trip.

On the boat trip we saw lots of different birds and the theatre.

Once all that fun had ended, it was time to return to the Youth Hostel and go to our rooms to settle in. In about another 30 minutes, we were called for dinner. I wasn't really hungry so I only had rice and sweet corn.

At 7:30 we got dressed in our pyjamas and brushed our teeth. Later on, we came downstairs to have some hot chocolate and a Jaffa cake. We had half an hour in our rooms to tell stories but I just read my book.

The next morning, I was the first to wake up. Everyone else in my room was still asleep so I got my book out and read quietly. When everyone woke up, I got dressed into my favourite clothes and brushed my hair. At 8:30 I had breakfast. I had baked beans, a sausage and bacon. It was really well cooked! In a few minutes we had to pack our stuff. I didn't want to leave so soon but I knew I had no choice. We did a few challenges and left after lunch.

My favourite part was playing in our rooms. I would like to go again but for longer and I would recommend the rooms. The worst part was leaving.

By Aleksandra Nowacka





## Reception class are looking to extend their open ended play provision outside. Can you help?

It is our belief that in the early years children extend and deepen their understanding of the world around them through hands-on experiences with diverse materials. In our outdoor area children already have access to crates and wooden blocks etc but we would like to extend our collection further. Do you have any of the following lying around in your back garden waiting to be taken to the tip? If so we will gladly receive them instead!

We are looking for:

Planks pipes logs pallets tubes tyres buckets  
bricks guttering wooden cable reels/spools  
old pans/ kitchen equipment

There may be chocolate rewarded to anyone who donates!  
Thank you very much!

Reception Class

