

January 19th 2018

Website address – southkilworthschool.org.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! We hope that you all had a good Christmas break and all the staff have commented on how ready to learn the children have been on their return.

It is really important that all children arrive at school by 8:55am when the register is taken. The children are allowed into the classrooms at 8:45am, so that they can get themselves ready and they often complete some learning tasks before registration. It is hard for a child to arrive into the class late, and over a term or a year it adds up to a lot of lost learning time (see table below).

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

We hope that you will work with us, to ensure the best possible start to the school day.

Over this term, we will be working on our “character muscles” alongside the usual curriculum subjects. We have been working on a project with other DLAT schools, which is part funded by the NHS and DFE to develop well-rounded, confident and resilient individuals who are equipped to face the challenges of an ever changing world. This year, we have decided to focus on the following “character muscles”, that we will be exercising and developing throughout our lessons.

Optimism, Self Esteem, Integrity, Gratitude, Resilience, Independence, Problem Solving, Respect, Cooperation & Inclusiveness.

We will also be looking at how these relate to Christian values, and messages from the Bible. We hope that you have all seen a copy of your child’s class newsletter which details the learning covered this term. More details and copies can be found on the class blog.

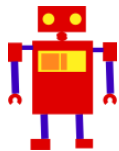
We are looking forward to a great term ahead,

Kind Regards,
Mrs Chamberlain



The Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco was a fantastic success again. Thank you to everyone who supported and organised it and helped raise money for the school. The children had an amazing time too and danced the night away.



Lego Workshops

The Lego Workshops this week were a lot of fun and helped the children to develop their perseverance, cooperation and DT skills. Each class made different robots and had a chance to play with their creations. We definitely have some future engineers amongst our children.

Tuesday 30th January

The National Child Measurement Programme will be taking place. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. Children will not be made to participate if they do not want to. If you do not want your child to take part you will need to contact the address/email on the letter previously sent out.



Thursday 1st February

We will be taking part in the Big Schools Birdwatch on Thursday 1st February 2018 after school until 4.30pm. If you would like your child to take part please complete the permission slip at the bottom of the Newsletter and return asap as spaces are limited. This is open to all children from year 1 upwards. If you would like more information about the Birdwatch please see Mrs Deller.



Tuesday 6th February

The school menu sheet will be sent home Monday next week with a change to 6th February for Pancake day. Please ensure all completed Menu sheets are returned to the school office by Monday 29th January.



Wednesday 28th February

We will be visited by Andrew Cope the author of the Spy Dog books. If your child would like to order any of his books we need to order them before his visit and then Mr Cope will be able to sign them for the children. An order form with details of the books available at £5.00 each will be given out today. Please ensure all orders are returned to the school office with a CASH ONLY payment of £5.00 per book by Friday 2nd February.

Wednesday 28th February

Parents Evening 5.00pm – 7.00pm



Thursday 1st March

World Book Day – We will be inviting children to dress up as a character from any book by Roald Dahl, so get your thinking caps on. More details will follow about other exciting events happening during the week.

Thursday 8th March

Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm



School Money

We have now been running School Money for a term and it has proved successful. We would just like to say thank you for your prompt payments and understanding of the new system which helps us to have an efficient running school.

Clubs / Music Lessons

All Clubs have now started this week.

Arts & Crafts – Fully booked

Archery – Fully booked.

Book Club (Weds Lunchtime) – There are spaces available.

Choir (Tuesday Lunchtime) – There are spaces available

Guitar Lesson – If your child would like to learn the Guitar please contact Michael at Noise Tuition 08443 573470

Piano Lessons – Fully booked

Recorder Lessons – If your child would like to learn the recorder (year 2 onwards) please see Mrs Reader

Si sports (Wednesday after school)– We have 6 spaces available.

If your child would like to participate in any of the clubs with spaces, please see Mrs Reader



Swimming

All children need to wear a swimming hat. Please ensure all boys wear suitable swimming trunks and not baggy ones and girls need to wear well-fitting bathing costumes that do not fall down once they are in the water.

Swimming Certificates

If your child would still like their swimming certificate which was awarded in the Autumn term, please return the signed slip and payment and we will arrange this with the swimming pool staff.

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the questionnaire sent out last week regarding pre school clubs and after school clubs. If you would still like to add your thoughts, please return the completed form by early next week as parents feedback is very important to us.



Breakfast Club

We have a wonderful breakfast club that is run by Colette McCormack. Children can come to school from 7.30am onwards for a tasty breakfast and some fun and games.

Due to falling numbers we unfortunately have to increase the fee to £4.00 per session in the new year. We will constantly be reviewing this amount and if numbers pick up we will be able to adjust accordingly.

Change of Personal Circumstances

If your personal details change ie. Address, telephone number etc please let the school office know as soon as you can in case we need to contact you in an emergency.



New Year Clear Out

If you are trying to find room for all your new toys, gifts and presents etc by having a clear out, please remember we will be looking for prizes and items for stalls at our May Fayre. Please do not send items into school however until nearer the time as our storage space is very limited. Thank you.

Newsletter

If for any reason you do not receive your fortnightly copy of the Newsletter by email, it can also be found on the school website.

FOSKS 200 Club December Draw



SKPS 200 CLUB
December Results

- ❖ **1ST PRIZE - £20.50 – CLARE BRADSHAW**
- ❖ **2ND PRIZE - £8.20 – CLARE BROWN**
- ❖ **3RD PRIZE - £4.10 – SUE SPURGEON**

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Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 30 th January	Reception and Year 6 National Measurement Programme
Tuesday 6 th February	Pancake Day Menu
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Wednesday 28 th February	Author Visit
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents Evening 5-7pm
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Thursday 8 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 20 th March	NSPCC Assembly & Class Workshops
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief
Friday 23 rd March	End of term service at church 9am followed by Egg rolling back at school

RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch

I would like my child Class
(Year 1 upwards) to take part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch on Thursday 1st February 2018 after school until 4.30pm.

Signed Parent

Date

