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Friday 17th March 2017

News & What's coming up

Comic Relief Day – Friday 24th April

We are joining in with Red Nose day and the children can wear something red (non-uniform day) with a donation of £1. There will be a special menu, see below. More information to follow next week.

E-Safety Sessions – Thursday 20th April 2017

In conjunction with EST E Safety, we will be running a day of E-Safety sessions for children in Year 1 through to Year 6. This will be followed by a parent E-Safety session where, with the help of the PTA, we will be holding a pyjama party for children whose parents are attending the E-Safety session. We see this as an important opportunity to all better understand e-safety and we hope as many of you as possible will attend. A film suitable for all ages will be shown and refreshments will be provided for both parents and children. This will be a free event and will be funded by the PTA. More details to follow.



Sports News

Year 6 Netball will continue next Tuesday.

Year 5 - There will be no further Netball for Year 5.

Away matches took place this week:

Netball – Mixed at Thundersley saw us lose 15-6

Netball – Girls at Jotmans saw us win 9-3

Football at Jotmans saw us win 5-4.

Well done to all the children who competed.

Easter Bonnet

This year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet/Cap Parade on Friday 31st March. The parade will take place during school hours and there will be prizes awarded. The judge's decision will be final. You can be as imaginative as you like. To enter simply bring your bonnet / cap into class on Friday 31st March.



Relief Midday Assistants - If you are interested in becoming part of our Midday Assistants relief team, please leave your details with Mrs Hartland at the School Office.

Parent Survey at Open Evening - Results of the Parent Survey carried out during the Open Evening can be found at the end of this newsletter.

What's on next week

Monday 20th March

3.15-4.15 – School Council meeting

3.30-4.30: Netball Match v Holy Family (Home)

Wednesday 22nd March

PTA Mother's Day Gift Sale

Thursday 23rd March

2-3: Multiplication and Division Workshop for Parents

3-4.30: Football Match v Thundersley (Away)

Friday 24th March

Comic Relief Day

Future dates for your diary

The dates below are for information only – full details of events will be sent via a separate letter or mentioned in this newsletter.

Monday 27th March (pm) – Infant Music Festival at the Paddocks

Monday 27th March – Year 4 trip to Wat Tyler

Tuesday 28th March – Early Years Assembly to Parents

Wednesday 29th March – PTA Easter Discos

Thursday 20th April – E-Safety sessions (see above)

Monday 24th April – Parents Forum (pm)

Friday 5th May – Multiplication and Division Parents Workshop

w/c 8th May – KS2 SATs

Thursday 18th May – Year 1 Assembly to Parents

Friday 19th May – Sports Day

Friday 26th May – Training Day

Menu for next week – See change to Friday for Comic Relief Day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Comic Relief Day
Sausage	Build Your Own Burger	Roast Pork	Home Made Meatballs In A Rich And Rustic Tomato & Basil Sauce	Funny Fillet O' Fish in a bun
Quorn Sausage	Build Your Own Quorn Burger	Vegetable Dippers	Quorn Meatballs In A Rich And Rustic Tomato & Basil Sauce	Silly Southern Style Burger (Quorn)
Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Spaghetti	Funny Fries
Beans Crusty Bread	Sweetcorn / Salad Bar	Seasonal Vegetables Yorkshire Puddings	Sweetcorn	Bouncy Beans
Flapjack	Marble Slice	Iced Finger Or Yoghurt	Sponge with Custard	Dizzy Doughnut

Homework Reminders

Don't forget to read at least 4 times a week, do your Times Table Rockstars and practice your spellings.

Year 6 – Reading comprehension, MyMaths, learning log – due Wednesday

Year 5 – MyMaths, reading comprehension book, Times Tables Rockstars

Year 4 – Active Learn maths game

Year 3 – Active Learn – see note in books

Year 2 – Spellings, handwriting, maths books

Year 1 – Maths paper homework, phonics red books

Don't Forget!

Year 4 – Please return Wat Tyler letters if you haven't done so already

Year 1 – Please return trip consent forms. We have enough parent helpers now, thank you.

Early Years – please continue to send in items for junk modelling

Early Years – Assembly to parents on Tuesday 28th

Don't Forget



Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who are Stars of the Week

Yr6 Gold class – Rian

Yr6 Green class – Ekote

Yr5 White class – Lexx

Yr5 Silver class – Lily P

Yr4 Red class – Carter

Yr4 Bronze class – Millie

Yr3 Aqua class – Luke P

Yr3 Purple class – Taylor

Yr2 Lime class – Elly

Yr2 Ruby class – Alice

Yr1 Blue class – Kai

Yr1 Yellow class – Grace

EY Jade class – Bobby

EY Amber class – George

Well done and keep up the good work.



Reading

Well done to all classes who had the following number of children who read **at home** at least 4 times this week and were entered into the Reading Record Reward Pot:

Gold – 29

Green – 27

White – 22

Silver – 30 ☺ Well done

Red – 26

Bronze – 26

Aqua – 29 ☺ 6 weeks in a row!

Purple – 18

Lime – 23

Ruby – 24

Blue – 23

Yellow – 21

Jade – 22

Amber – 20



Rock Heroes this week

Well done to all classes who had the following number of children complete 15 or more Times Table Rockstar challenges this week:

Gold class – 22

Green class – 25

White class – 20

Silver class – 27

Red class – 26

Bronze class – 17

Aqua class – 26

Purple class – 9

Well done and keep up the good work.



Attendance – w/e Friday 17th March

The **Key Stage 1** class with the best attendance is **Ruby** Class. Their attendance was **99.3%**

The **Key Stage 2** class with the best attendance is **Bronze** Class. Their attendance was **100%**

Other Key Stage 1 attendance is as follows:

Jade Class – 98.7%

Blue Class – 98.1%

Lime Class – 97%

Yellow Class – 96.3%

Amber Class – 96%

Other Key Stage 2 attendance is as follows:

Green Class – 99.3%

Red Class – 98.3%

Gold Class – 98%

Aqua Class – 97.9%

Silver Class – 97.7%

Purple Class – 97.3%

White Class – 96.7%

PTA News

Adventure Island tickets can be purchased from Lorraine Jones Hearn on 07956 467477. Prices £15(big) £12(Junior/Mini)

We also have available tickets for the following:

Adventure Golf – 2 rounds - £3 each

Sea-Life tickets - £5 Adult - £2.50 Child

Summer Fete – Friday 30th June from 3.30pm

Are there any parents that would like to have a stall at our Summer Fete? If so, please leave your details at the school office for the attention of Hayley Wright.

Mother's Day / Special Person Gift Buying

Please remember that the Mother's Day /Special Person Gift Buying will take place on Wednesday 22nd March during school hours. If your child wishes to purchase a gift, please send them in with £2.50 in an envelope marked "Gift buying" and a carrier bag to take their gift home in.

House Points

House points are awarded to KS2 children for good behaviour, good work, helping others, being kind and good manners.

Points earned this week

Raleigh	27
Drake	23
Nelson	16
Wellington	15



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Parents/Carers Survey **RESULTS** - 132 SURVEYS COMPLETED

February 2017

1. My child is happy in school.			
Strongly agree 73%	Agree 26%	Disagree 0%	Don't know 1%
2. My child feels safe at school.			
Strongly agree 81%	Agree 17%	Disagree 2%	Don't know 0%
3. This school encourages and values good attendance.			
Strongly agree 81%	Agree 17%	Disagree 2%	Don't know 0%
4. This school encourages and values good behaviour.			
Strongly agree 78%	Agree 20%	Disagree 1%	Don't know 1%
5. This school encourages and values reading.			
Strongly agree 86%	Agree 14%	Disagree 0%	Don't know 0%
6. This school has high expectations and encourages children to achieve their potential.			
Strongly agree 67%	Agree 30%	Disagree 2%	Don't know 1%
7. Would you recommend this school to another parent?			
Yes 95%	No 1%	Don't Know 4%	
8. Do you have any new ideas about how we can communicate with you?			
Yes 9%		No 91%	
Comments/suggestions about communication:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tapestry for other year groups • Not Twitter or social media • Information sessions at the beginning of term very useful. It would be good to have them through the year • Emails between teachers and parents (only to be looked at by teacher during working hours) • Text messages, emails & phone calls – less letters which get lost or ripped please • More paper letters rather than texts/emails • Apps – more email less paper • Football team re times and notice for matches is a bit hit and miss. • A Facebook group 			
Any other comments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My children love their school life • This school has been fantastic for both my children. I couldn't be happier • Great school • My child enjoys school – especially street dance, literacy and maths • My child has really settled in well and loves her class. Am very happy she joined this school • Thank you. My children both have a superb education at SBPS 			

- Thank you for all your support. The time and effort is greatly appreciated
- We are very happy with the progress of our children at this school
- We really like the weekly newsletter on Fridays and the after school activities
- Excellent school. Very happy
- Brilliant run school. Thank you
- Both my children enjoy coming to school
- Is it likely that my child's class will have an experienced teacher next year?
- Everyone here is so helpful
- We are proud to be part of such a wonderful school. The teachers here are fantastic, supportive and encouraging.
- I agree that the school encourage good behaviour but feel bad behaviour isn't looked closely at
- My child has been very happy this year. Always says how much he likes school
- I love this school!
- My child is extremely happy this year and is progressing well.
- Keep up the good work
- My child is always happy to come to school
- SATS meetings very informative
- My child is happy most of the time and sufficiently challenged thanks to the teacher's hard work
- Office staff are very friendly, professional and caring
- A wonderful school. Our children are happy here as are we
- Communication has dramatically increased which is great as have the extra-curricular activities. Keep it up!
- Children are happy, feel safe and doing above what we could have hoped for
- An outstanding school!
- Couldn't be happier with the values and teaching of the school
- South Benfleet has a wonderful safe, happy environment where all the staff strive hard to ensure all the children have opportunities to gain/reach their full potential across all areas

Suggested Improvements

- Suggestion box of some sort – **this idea has already been actioned.**
- I feel that more middays would help at playtime
- ParentPay is remarkable BUT I wish the minimum amount would be less than £10.50
- School menu seems a little 'processed' in some weeks. Sometimes not sure about school dinners in terms of quality. Is it all healthy and balanced? – **The school menu is currently under review for the summer term. Cook has been talking to children to gain their ideas. New menus will be shared soon.**
- More after school clubs would be great and a breakfast club would be wonderful!
- Bullying issues need to be taken more seriously and stopped quicker
- Have a teacher on the main gate.
- Reward attendance at the end of each term – **children with 100% attendance will receive special stickers at the end of this term in our whole school assembly. Badges will be given at the end of the summer term.**
- Would like to see more dedicated teaching sessions for gifted and talented in juniors and/or 11+ tuition sessions
- The school pushes hard academically but needs to participate and push sports team activities more
- The school's attitude to attendance is not healthy. Quality time with parents is just as valuable as time at school.

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their feedback.

Please remember that we have an 'open door' policy and are happy for parents/carers to come and share their concerns/ideas/positive comments at any time.

We are considering and working on other suggested improvements and will share actions on our newsletters.