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Spring Term 2015 Newsletter 1



Dear Parents,

Updates since the last newsletter

BATICS Got Talent As a result of our 'in school' talent show just before Christmas we entered two acts into the annual BATIC Trust's Talent Show at The Palace Theatre on 20.1.15. Kiera, Kelsey and Sean from Year 6 sang and danced in front of the packed audience. Jack and Hayley (Year 4) both showed off their piano playing talents. Well done and thank you to all of our winning acts.

Netball: Miss Tyler and Miss Rivers have continued to train and shape our netball team. The team has worked well and tried hard, most recently at a Saturday Rally in Southend where they were up against some very stiff competition.

Football: The squad continues to work hard with Mr Bellenie and Mr Boulden and have had a mixed season so far, not helped by the soggy conditions underfoot!

Cross Country

Our large and dedicated squad of some 50 children trained hard under the watchful eyes of Miss Tyler and Mr Boulden for the local schools cross country competition. This was held on Canvey on the 3rd March. The whole of the Year 6 boys' team, Kiera also from Year 6 and Brodie from Year 4 were all successful winning individual or team awards and got through to the next stage to be held at Garon's Park Southend next week. Thank you and well done to all involved.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We continue to offer a variety of after school clubs and team activities, aimed at fun and skill development rather than as a child care solution. We do keep these clubs under review and make changes from time to time. It is always a challenge trying to meet the needs of over 400 children of varying ages, interests, skills and abilities! It is worth remembering that we co-operate with several before and after school child care providers some of whom drop / collect from the site. If you need information regarding childcare please speak to the school office.

New web site- same address: www.southbenfleet.essex.sch.uk

Those of you that have recently clicked on our website address will have noticed our new website is now active. We hope that it will prove to be much more informative and useful than the old one. Please bear with us whilst we tweak, change and add to it. We will endeavour to keep adding photos of school events and activities to the gallery section. Please have a look at those that are already there!



Twitter. As mentioned before, the school's Twitter account is @SouthBenPri which can be followed directly via twitter. You can also see the latest tweets, including pictures by clicking on the link on the front page of the school's website, do have a look and please do follow us. We are aiming to use Twitter alongside other means to keep a regular flow of news and reminders coming out to parents. The photos also provide a bit of a scrapbook of key events during the school year.



Comic relief 2015

A big thank you for your support this year. Over £420 has been raised so far!

Parking Once again we have received a request from our neighbours. Please can parents and carers **not** park in the private parking behind the neighbouring shops or in the access road leading to the shops. We have recently had an incident where we believe a parent parking behind the shops was rude and aggressive to a shop worker. This does not reflect well on the parent or the school. Please park in the Richmond Car Park which is free until 9.30 am and between 3 pm and 4 pm. Please also consider walking to school to avoid congestion and encourage exercise!

Road Safety

Linked with the item above we have become aware that there have been one or two near misses involving children near to the school. Some of these incidents have been in part caused by inconsiderate parking by parents dropping off children. A small minority seem so focussed on getting as close to the school as possible they do not look out for other road users or pedestrians.

School Motto Competition

Thank you for the many entries suggesting our new school motto. All the entries were well thought out but two entries from different children both used the school's initials- SBPS. We have taken these entries and created **Smile Believe Persevere Succeed**. Thank you to the children who suggested this format, they are Emily and Rosie in Green and Aqua Classes and Lucy from Yellow Class. They have all received a small prize.

Flotsam Book Week

We had some inventive entries into our Flotsam Book Week photo competition. 8 children were awarded prizes for their efforts- well done to all of them. Please see the gallery for photos of book week.

Swimming

Just after Easter we will again be starting swimming lessons for all children. This is an important part of PE but also a crucial lifesaving skill. Please help your child to be ready for each lesson by sending in kit on the correct day and stressing the importance of swimming. Further details will go out after Easter but here is the timetable which will start on 20th April – the second week back.

Approx. timings	a.m. 1 9.00	a.m. 2 10.00	Lunch	p.m. 1 1.10	p.m. 2 2.10
Monday	Orange Yr.4	Purple Yr. 4		Bronze Yr. 3	Yellow Yr.3
Tuesday	Silver Yr. 5	Amber Yr. 5		Blue Yr. 1	Lime Yr.1
Wednesday				Green Yr. 2	Red Yr. 2
Thursday				Aqua-EYFS Lessons start 1pm & 1.30pm	Jade EYFS Lessons start at 2pm & 2.30pm
Friday				Gold Yr. 6	White Yr. 6

20.3.15- Solar Eclipse- Please remind your child never to look at the sun- we will also remind in school and weather permitting consider going outside to see what is happening!

Important dates for your diary:

- 25.3.15 School Discos (PTA event)
- 26.3.15 Last day of term, **Friday 27th is a training day**, we return on Monday 13th April
- 23.4.15 Early Years Assembly to parents 9.30.
- 23.4.15 St George's Day 'Special Lunch'
- 07.5.15 Parents Forum – 9.00
- 15.5.15 Class Photos

Yours sincerely
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