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## News & What's coming up

Please find below the class allocations for next year. All pupils will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on the afternoon of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Current Class colour 2016-17	Year Group September 2017	New class teacher and new class colour 2017-18
New pupils 2017	EYFS	Miss Rowan (Jade)
New pupils 2016	EYFS	Mrs Hall (Amber)
Amber	Year 1	Miss Dane (Yellow)
Jade	Year 1	Mr Offredi (Bronze)
Blue	Year 2	Mr Moyse (Ruby)
Yellow	Year 2	Mrs Hayes (Red)
Lime/Ruby - New (1) See class list with separate letter	Year 3	Mrs Johnson (Blue)
Lime/Ruby - New (2) See class list with separate letter	Year 3	Mrs Alexander (Purple)
Aqua	Year 4	Miss Inglis (Orange)
Purple	Year 4	Mrs Johns (White)
Red	Year 5	Mr West (Silver)
Bronze	Year 5	Miss Kemsley-Benson (Aqua)
White	Year 6	Miss Farrell (Green)
Silver	Year 6	Mrs Pilkington (Gold)

**Homework Club has now finished for this school year**

### District Sports

\*\*\* If you have any green sports t-shirts with South Benfleet Primary School printed on the back, could you please return them it to the School Office as soon as possible. \*\*\*

For those taking part in the District Sports on Tuesday, please remember to bring 4 safety pins into school. District Sports training has now finished.

**Next week is the last week for all of the after school clubs.**

**Swimming – PLEASE SEE THE SWIMMING TIMETABLE OVERLEAF FOR WHICH CLASSES ARE SWIMMING NEXT WEEK AND WHEN**

### News from Mr Carver

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers, staff, children and our wider community for their support and help in making South Benfleet Primary a friendly, successful, special place of learning. Going out today you will receive your child's report and other interesting information about the school year. We are really proud of the many things that take place, often annually and help to make learning fun, real and memorable. Please follow us on Twitter to stay up to date with the many learning, sporting, cultural and social activities that happen and make our school unique.

### Staffing

At the end of this year we will saying a reluctant goodbye to a few staff. Mrs Woollard has taken a new role in Hockley where she will be training as an Inclusion Manager. Miss Brown is relocating to The West Country with her family and Mr Williams, our part time SENCO has decided that after nearly 30 years of association with the school he would like to spend more time at home enjoying his garden. I would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them all the very best wishes for the future.

I would also like to welcome four new staff members to the team. Mrs Pilkington will be joining the Year 6 team, Miss Kemsley-Benson our new maths subject leader will join us in Year 5, Miss Inglis will be joining us in Year 4 and Mrs Alexander in Year 3. I am also pleased to announce three promotions in the school, Mrs Hayes will become an Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Johns will be our new literacy leader and Mrs Johnson will be our reading and library leader. Well done to all of them.

## Results

I am really delighted to be able to share with you some really excellent results from across the school. Whilst these results belong to specific children and year groups it is only by working hard as a dedicated team that we can achieve such positive outcomes. So **thank you everyone** for your hard work and dedication-it really does make a difference.

**Early Years:** 71% of pupils are considered to have achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD)

**Phonics screening tests Year 1:** – 87% of our pupils achieved the expected level compared to last year's national average of 81%.

### Year 2: End of Key Stage 1 SATs (Standard Attainment Tests)

Reading : 88.3 %of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

Writing : 78.3 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

Maths : 81.7 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

Our excellent Key Stage 1 results are all above the national results for all schools for 2015-16- the latest data available

### Year 6: End of Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Attainment Tests)

Reading: 83 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

Writing: 85 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

Maths: 92 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard

GPS\* 95 % of pupils were working at or above the National Standard (\* Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)

Our combined total for children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths is 75% against a national average of 61%.

## PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Thank you to the many volunteers of the PTA who have once again worked tirelessly to put on fun, social and fundraising events and activities. We wouldn't have had the discos, Christmas Bazaar, Summer Fayre, E safety film night or Mother's and Father's Day gift sales without them! Just recently they have provided new playground equipment, have funded Early Years playground markings and agreed to help us replace our interactive white boards with touch screen panels. The money they raise makes a real difference to all pupils. Thank you all for supporting the PTA- please look out for new events next year and continue to support them with time, with donations and by attending events

## Holidays and Attendance

There has been much ongoing discussion in the media about term time school holidays including recently the loss of the Isle of White term time holiday appeal case. I am keen to stress that we cannot authorise term time holidays unless there are *evidenced, truly exceptional* circumstances, which are likely to be a complete 'one off' event. If such circumstances exist we will then consider them carefully. We **strongly** believe that children need to be in school for the maximum amount of time in order for them to develop as capable learners and to develop communication and friendship skills and become the '**best they can be**'. Unpredictable childhood illnesses and unforeseeable events already have an impact on attendance and learning, potentially adding holidays or other days off to this **will have** an adverse impact on learning. ***Missed time from school is impossible to replace!*** Poor attendance and lateness also present extra challenge and work for teaching staff as they mean gaps are created in knowledge and skills, which where possible staff will aim to close.



It is worth pointing out and congratulating the more than 100 children who have 100% or 99% attendance across this year. Currently attendance across the school is at 96.7% - 0.1 % up from last year. **Well done everyone**- let's make it even higher next year, thus helping to ensure all children can achieve their potential.



## School Uniform

As your attention turns to the summer holidays and in time to buying new uniform please can I ask you to keep working with us so the children stay looking smart and are safe and ready to learn.

### **You can do this by:-**

- ✓ Keeping to our uniform guidelines- see our prospectus please- also on the website
- ✓ Continuing to provide black shoes, not trainers for daily use
- ✓ Not allowing extreme hair styles, accessories or excessive 'hair gel sculptures', spikes, colourings, shaved patterns, highlights etc. (Please let them be children!)
- ✓ Not allowing fake transfers / tattoos / make-up including nail varnish in school.
- ✓ Making sure the correct PE kit is in school at all times (plimsolls/trainers, black shorts and white t- shirt)
- ✓ Please also remember for safety's sake if possible no jewellery. The only permissible items are a watch and small stud earrings.

At secondary school there are very strict uniform expectations and children are sent home for failure to adhere to these. *Please help your children to get into good habits now by following our uniform expectations correctly.*

Please note that we have been forced to change the way we sell uniform due to changes in part of our uniform supply chain. We will no longer carry uniform at the school office, other than book bags, water bottles etc. All uniform is available from our official supplier- [www.redoak-schooluniform.co.uk](http://www.redoak-schooluniform.co.uk). We do however still have a few items of larger size uniform left at the office- please ask Mrs Hartland.

I would like to finish by wishing our current Year 6 all the very best for the future and to thank them for their hard work and their significant contribution to school life, we will miss you.

*Have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing the pupils again in September for what we hope will be another very successful year.*

### What's on next week

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

EYFS – Trip to Marsh Farm

3.15-4.15: School Council meeting

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

District Sports at Deanes

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Swimming Gala

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

9.30-10.30: KS2 Production to Parents

1.45-2.45: KS2 Production to Parents

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

9.30-10.30: KS2 Production to Parents

pm: Meet your new teacher

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip to Stubbers
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – PTA School Discos
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly



### Letters sent home

**Year 5 & 6** – “What’s happening to me book” – available from the office if you would like one

### Menu for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Day! Choose from Homemade Tomato or Cheese Sauce Ⓟ	Children's Favourite! All Day Breakfast  (sausage, bacon, scrambled egg)  Vegetarian All day Breakfast (vegetarian sausages and scrambled egg) Ⓟ	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers  Quiche Ⓟ	Home cooked Roast of the Day served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy  Veggie Nuggets Ⓟ	Chicken Cajun in an optional Wrap  Quorn Dippers in an optional Wrap Ⓟ
Salad Bar 🥕		Chips	Seasonal Vegetables 🥕	Pasta Selection
Garlic Bread	Hash Browns Baked Beans	Peas Salad Bar 🥕 Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes	Salad Bar 🥕
Homemade Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Selection 🍎	Jelly Fruit Selection 🍎	Ice Cream Fruit Selection 🍎	Angel Delight Fruit Selection 🍎	Iced Rock Cake Fruit Selection 🍎

### Homework Reminders

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

**Year 6** – TTRockstars, 4 reads

**Year 5** – Practise “Consider yourself”, TTRockstars, 4 reads

**Year 4** – Active Learn Maths game, 15 garage games, 4 reads

**Year 3** – In homework books

**Year 2** – Maths, phonics, handwriting

**Year 1** – Phonics red book, maths online

### Don't Forget!

**Early Years** – Trip to Marsh Farm is on Monday. Children should be dressed suitable for the weather and in non-uniform. Please remember sun hats and apply sun cream beforehand.

**Year 2** – Items for junk modelling

**Year 5** – Please remember orphan/Fagin's gang costume (ASAP).

Please look at the swimming timetable next week to check whether your child's class is swimming.

**Year 6** – First day at school photos needed for all year 6 pupils. Also if any parents have class photos from Early Years to Year 5 we would appreciate it if we could borrow them. All photos will be returned.

Please send in your costumes for **Oliver** shows next week if you haven't yet done so.

Don't Forget



### Star of the Week

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

Yr6 Gold Class – Maisey  
 Yr6 Green Class – Emily  
 Yr4 Red class – Lenny  
 Yr4 Bronze class – Elliott  
 Yr3 Aqua class – Thomas  
 Yr3 Purple class – Holly  
 Yr2 Lime class – Lewis  
 Yr2 Ruby class – Alice  
 Yr1 Blue class – Morgan  
 Yr1 Yellow class – Aston  
 EY Jade class – Whole Class  
 EY Amber class – Whole Class

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 – 24  
 Green – 23  
 White – 20  
 Silver – 27  
 Red – 25  
 Bronze – 25  
 Aqua – 29  
 Purple – 21  
 Lime – 24  
 Ruby – 19  
 Blue – 25  
 Yellow – 21  
 Jade – 23  
 Amber - 17



### 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 – 28  
 Green class – 23  
 White class – 25  
 Silver class – 25  
 Red class – 24  
 Bronze class – 17  
**Aqua class – 30 ☺ Well done**  
 Purple class – 18  
 And well done to the following Year 2's who were Rockstar Heroes  
 Lime class – Josh  
 Ruby class – Maxwell  
 Well done and keep up the good work.



### Attendance – w/e Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The **Key Stage 1** class with the best attendance is **Yellow Class**. Their attendance was **100%**

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

Other Key Stage 1 attendance is as follows:

Ruby Class – 99.3%  
 Jade Class – 98.7%  
 Lime Class – 98%  
 Blue Class – 97.3%  
 Amber Class – 96%

Other Key Stage 2 attendance is as follows:

White Class – 99.3%  
 Purple Class – 99.3%  
 Bronze Class – 97.7%  
 Gold Class – 97.3%  
 Green Class – 96.3%  
 Aqua Class – 95.3%  
 Red Class – 94.4%

### PTA News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Around the World Fete either by coming along or sending in donations beforehand or both, we are truly grateful and it wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

We hope you had a great afternoon and had lots of fun with your families and friends. The children looked happy which is always our main aim!

I would also personally like to say a huge huge thank you to all the PTA and teachers who helped with this great event, you are all fabulous and we make a brilliant team! Thank you also to all the parents who also helped out during the fete running stalls and serving refreshments.

Many thanks  
 Hayley, PTA Chair

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

### SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Please note the change to swimming this week.

#### Early Years and Year 3 have finished their swimming lessons

We are delighted to have a pool and be able to offer swimming lessons with a qualified instructor. We see swimming as an essential life-saving skill. It also promotes fitness, stamina, coordination and fun.

The timetable is as follows:

Approx. timings	a.m. 1 9.00	a.m. 2 10.00	Lunch	p.m. 1 1.10	p.m. 2 2.10
Monday	Bronze Yr4	Red Yr4		White Yr.5	Silver Yr.5
Tuesday	Ruby Yr2	Lime Yr2		Yellow Yr1 Lessons start 1pm & 1.30pm	Blue Yr. 1 Lessons start 2pm & 2.30pm
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday				Gold Yr. 6	Green Yr. 6

Please ensure that swimming kits are brought into school on the morning of your child's swimming session. They will need a swimming hat and these can be purchased at the school office for £1.50. Could you please check your children's feet for verruca's before they have swimming. Verruca socks are available from the school office.

Although the weather has been cooler, we have a variety of measures to help make the experience fun, safe and successful and as comfortable possible, these include:

- o the pool being kept at a comfortable temperature
- o regularly refurbishing the changing rooms
- o heating the changing rooms
- o a rubberised soft pool surround and path to the changing rooms , so there is no cold rough concrete under foot
- o hooks on the poolside right where the children leave the pool allowing children to quickly wrap themselves in a towel.