

Sunny Bank Primary School



Newsletter Term 1 October 2019

Head of School's Message

As we end Term 1 we can look back and reflect on a successful term. Sunny Bank has been highly involved in a number of different events, from football tournaments to Swale Fusion of Light. The pupils have represented themselves and the school fantastically and I would like to thank all parents that gave up their time to come and support them.

As the evenings become darker and the nights draw in I would like to think ahead to next term with a message focussing on 'Safety'. With Halloween and Bonfire Night being celebrated early on, it is important that the children are aware of some of the risks associated with these events.

With the weather turning wetter and colder, it is also essential that children bring a suitable coat to school to wear outside during play and lunch. Children without a coat will not be able to go outside so please make sure that they bring one.

There will also be some safety works going ahead outside the Tonge Road entrance gate during the break. Councillor Hall has arranged for the safety barrier to be extended and repaired to ensure that the children are protected as they exit and to prevent cars from driving up on to the pavement.

I am aware of the amount of children that enjoy playing games online or accessing social media and we will be covering some of the pitfalls and risks associated with this during e-safety lessons next term. I have attached a number of fact sheets for your information.

Finally, if you have changed your mobile number or email please could you update the office when we return so that we are able to keep you informed of information and events and can contact you about your child if required.

I hope that you have a peaceful and relaxing half term.

Mr D Waters
Head of School.

Attendance & Lateness

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please telephone the school office before 9:00am to advise accordingly. You can text us with your child's absence on 07860055264 before 9:30 on the day of absence and there after until their return to school.

Time Keeping! There has been an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. Please ensure your child is in school on time. It is very disruptive when children arrive late into school and they can miss information that is given to the children by their teacher and this can have an adverse effect on a pupil's learning.

Un-announced home visits will be made next term for any children who are persistently absent

Please remember that the gate closes at 8.55am

ROALD DAHL DAY - 13th September 2019

On Friday 13th September, both children and staff dressed up as Roald Dahl characters with themed activities throughout the day. There were some very creative costumes and a lot of fun was had by all.



PARENT COFFEE MORNING - 27th September 2019

Many thanks to all the parents who joined me for coffee and cake. This coincided with MacMillan Coffee Morning Event. A special thank you to the PTA for organising and serving teas/coffees and cake.

YEAR 3 VISIT TO OTTERDEN ESTATE - Wednesday 9th October

On Wednesday 9th October, Year 3 had a trip to Otterden Estate to take part in a woodlands session for schools. They took part in a variety of activities run by Countryside Learning charity.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - Thursday 10th October

The children celebrated the meaning of Harvest during an afternoon assembly which was open to all parents. Many thanks to all parents for the fantastic selection of donations we received including tins, packets and fresh produce. Again a special thank you to the PTA for arranging the Harvest display and for transporting the donations received to the Sittingbourne Food Bank.

YOUNG MINDS HELLO YELLOW - Thursday 10th October

This year in support of National Mental Health Day we signed up to #HelloYellow to support children and young people's mental health. All children were asked to wear an item of Yellow clothing or accessorise in Yellow for a donation of £1.00. There was an amazing mix of seasonally autumn yellows around the school and £178.08 was raised. Thank you.



NURSERY STAY AND PLAY- 11TH October 2019

Nursery stay and play was well attended on Friday 11th October. Parents came along to learn about the importance of mark making and how children learn through play. Parents joined in the mark making activities by writing hello in their home language for our display in the entrance hall.



SWALE FUSION FESTIVAL OF LIGHT 2019



Early this term, an Art Workshop came into Sunny Bank and made Lanterns with Woodpecker and Badgers Class. Kestrels and Adders took part in a Drumming and Dance Workshop on Monday 7th October. The children were invited to take part in the third



Swale Fusion Festival of Light Parade on Friday October 11th organised by Kent Equality Cohesion Council. They set off from Wilko's in the high street at 5:45pm finishing just after 6:30pm in Albany Park. A firework display followed at around 7:00pm.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT- 12th October 2019

Sunny Bank Primary School participated in a 7-a-side football tournament on Saturday 12th October. The team all played really well to reach the quarter-finals and should be very proud of themselves. Well done boys!



SUNNY BANK CHOIR - YOUNG VOICES CONCERT JANUARY 2020

We are pleased to announce that the Sunny Bank choir will be taking part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in January 2020. For further details about this exciting opportunity please contact Mr Russell.

There are still places available to join choir, Thursday's after school.

Parent Consultations

Parents evenings will be held on **Tuesday 19th** and **Thursday 21st of November** after school. This will provide you with an opportunity to come in and discuss the progress of your child and look at some of the work that they have produced so far.

Further details regarding how to book an appointment will be sent out early in Term 2.

Please note: The school will be closed to pupils on this date.

School Dinners & Dinner Money

If your child wishes to have school dinners this will be for the whole week, no mix and match days. However, if after a week's trial they wish to change to pack lunch please ask your child to inform their class teacher.

ALL DINNER MONEY MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE ON A MONDAY MORNING FOR THE WEEK.

The charge for school dinners is £11.50 per week. There have been occasions this term where parents are paying in arrears for their child's school meal. Money should be paid in advance either on line with Principals www.principals-catering.com or cash via the envelopes in reception. **The school is responsible for any debt and therefore we are unable to allow debts to accumulate. If you have not paid on Monday morning when Principal's Cash Collector checks the registers, you will be contacted by the school office and asked to bring in a packed lunch for the whole week.**

Starting at Primary school

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you need to apply for their place at Primary School. The application process opens on the 5th November.

Applying online is quick, simple and convenient.

Apply before 15th January 2020: Kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Breakfast Club

There are spaces available for our Breakfast Club, which runs Monday to Friday 8am to 8.40am at a cost of £2.00 per day.

Please advise in advance and complete a Registration Form available at Reception.

The children are given a choice of breakfast cereals or toast and a selection of drink. After breakfast they play a variety of games before being taken to class at the start of the school day.

Uniform

Please ensure that ALL uniform and PE kit are clearly named. If your child does mislay an item of uniform, please ask them to check in lost property.

PTA

"Be a voice for your child's school" Both Staff and Governors have welcomed this exciting initiative; please become a part of this opportunity. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Diary Dates

October

Friday 18th - Last day of Term 1

Monday 28th - Start of Term 2 - children return

Monday 28th - Yr R-6 Nasal Flu Immunisations

Thursday 31st - Deadline for Secondary school applications for current Year 6 children

Thursday 31st - Fire horse productions - Just Joshing Show - 1:30pm-3:00pm (anti bullying)

November

Friday 1st - Halloween Disco 3pm to 6pm

Monday 4th - ENGIE Community Project Assemblies Yrs R/1/6/Nursery

Tuesday 5th - Applications open for Foundation Stage places 2020

Wednesday 6th - National Stress Awareness Day

Thursday 7th - NCMP Height and Weight Yr R and 6

Thursday 7th - New Foundation Stage Open Afternoon 1:45pm to 2:45pm

Friday 8th to 15th - Friendship & Anti-bullying Week - all year groups

Tuesday 12th and 13th - ENGIE Building Workshops - Yrs
3-5

Tuesday 19th - Parents Evening

Thursday 21st - Parents Evening

Friday 15th - Friday Children in Need Day, non uniform day

Wednesday 20th - New Nursery Entrants Welcome Session - January intake 9:00am-10:00am

Monday 25th - Prospective Year R Open Morning 9:30am-10:30am

December

Friday 6th - Winter Fair - 2:00pm-4:00pm

Friday 13th - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th - End of Term 2

January

Monday 6th - Start of Term 3 - children return