

Newsletter

September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We have all been working very hard to make the school ready for your children and are really looking forward to the year ahead. I hope you all had a good summer and managed to have some fun days with your children, despite the lack of sunshine.

As you have probably heard, school life will hopefully start getting back to 'normal' from now on, so please note the details of the changes and expectations (see below). Some of the new routines that we have become used to will be staying, as they have worked so well! We are all looking forward to a more settled term.

I would like to welcome all our new children and parents to our Southbourne 'family' and wish them well as they start on their school journey with us. **I am once again sending home a copy of our Rainbow Values for you all to read; as you know, 'Following the Rainbow' forms a central part of our school. Please have a look to see how the children can follow the rainbow and how we, and you as parents, can support us with this.**

Here's to a happy and healthy term!

Best Wishes

Mrs L Partridge

MEET THE TEACHER REMINDER

Wednesday 8th September
In classrooms

@9- 9.30am

Please do come along and find out about the year ahead...

- Meet the teachers and TAs
- Meet the parents of your child's new classmates
- Find out which topics will be covered
- Find out useful information about the curriculum
- Find out how you can help at home to best support your child's learning

COVID-19 Update

- ⇒ We will return to all doors opening at 8.50am and school for all children will finish at 3.00pm; no staggered starts/finishes
- ⇒ We will continue to have a one-way system for drop-off and collection; we have created a new 'path' for reception families, to avoid congestion outside the Year 1 and 2 areas (see signs)
- ⇒ We will not be operating year group 'bubbles' any more, so will have playtimes and assemblies in bigger groups again
- ⇒ We will continue with more regular handwashing and sanitising than pre-COVID

Parents of Year 1 and 2 children CONSENT to administer ad-hoc medicines

If you are happy for us to continue to have permission to administer short term, non-prescription medicine, **you need not do anything, we will assume continued consent.** If you no longer give us consent, please come to the office and let us know.

Thank you

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details for you in the office (address and phone numbers of who to call in an emergency.)

It is very distressing for a child when we cannot contact an adult when they become ill or have an accident at school.

OUTSIDE AREAS

Our outdoor areas are an important part of our learning environment, which are set up and used daily for the children.

Please make sure that your children (both school children **and** pre-schoolers) do not play with our equipment before or after school.

Please do not allow your children to play on our Play Trail before or after school either.

Thank you.

New Website

We are excited to let you know that we will very soon be launching a new website. Initially this will be fairly simple, but we are planning to develop it into a more sophisticated, up to date and useful website. We are hoping that it will be much more user-friendly for parents and will provide an effective channel of communication, to keep you all up to date.

Watch this space!

SAFEGUARDING

The safety of our children is really important to us all. If someone other than you will be collecting your child from school, **please** let the class teacher/TA/office know as it can be awkward if we do not allow your child to go with them.

LETTER DAY—THURSDAY

When possible, letters will continue to be sent home on this day

This successful system helps to ensure that you all receive letters and know to expect them on a specific day. There will still be times when we need to send a letter out urgently and cannot wait until Thursday, but this is unavoidable. Newsletters and many other letters are also put on our website.

And do keep an eye on our fantastic facebook page (Southbourne Schools) for updates too!

Important Absence and Attendance

If your child will not be at school, please remember to telephone or email the school office to report their absence. We can then complete the class register and note the reason for their absence. This is particularly important now, as we need to know if the absence could be COVID-related.

Please call/email by 9.30am so that we can be sure that your child is safe. If we have not heard from you by then we will contact you.

Please make all dentist and non-urgent doctors appointments after school.

Thank you

If your child has sickness/diarrhoea, they **MUST** stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout, **even if they feel better!**

FOREST SCHOOL DATES

Badgers (am) and Hedgehogs (pm)

17th September
1st October
15th October
5th November
19th November
3rd December

Squirrels (am) and Owls (pm)

24th September
8th October
22nd October
12th November
26th November
10th December

Please see the attached clothes list for Forest School sessions. It is really important that you adhere to this list. Even if the weather looks good, children still need long sleeves and trousers; even if the weather looks dry, children still need waterproofs. Please make sure that children have layers, as the only time we have had children who have been a little miserable in Forest School is when they haven't had enough layers and have got really cold.

New Arrangements for Forest School; use of the yurt

Parents of children in Year 2

Please bring children to school in their Forest School clothes (see list) and drop them off **AT THE YURT** (past Year R and the play trail.) Please collect children from the classroom at the end of the day as usual. Please send uniform to school in a bag so that children can change into it after Forest School.

Parents of children in Year 1

Please bring children to school in their Forest School clothes (base layers and trainers) and bring their wellies, waterproofs etc which they will put on at lunchtime, before their session. Please bring the children to their classroom as usual in the morning, but **COLLECT THEM FROM THE YURT** at the end of the day.

Thanks very much.

Dates for your diary

Weds 8th September 9-9.30am	Meet the Teacher (Years 1 and 2)
Weds 6th October	PTA AGM
Thurs 7th October	Individual Photos
Weds 13th October 9-10am	6 Weeks In meeting (Year R parents)
Tues 19th October 9-10am	Open Morning
Tues 19th October 3.15- 5.45pm	Parents' Evening
Thurs 21st October 3.15- 5.45pm	Parents ' Evening
Fri 22nd October	Break up for half term