

Newsletter - 15th December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! What a great autumn term at school we have all had. The reception children are now fully settled into school and have been so busy this term learning the routines of school, beginning to learn their phonics and being very creative and curious in their learning. Year 1 have been learning all about old toys this half term, they enjoyed a toy museum day and have been busy making their own toys in the toy workshop and learning about money through the toy shop. Year 2 have been learning about the Titanic, and enjoyed a brilliant experience day where they all looked amazing! Year 2 have also been looking at Michael Rosen's poems in Literacy, and through art have created beautiful clay kings.

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful Christmas performances, the children were absolutely amazing! Thank you to all the staff, putting these performances together, and getting 60 children on stage smiling is not easy and they all did a brilliant job. This week the children enjoyed a Christmas dinner, a big thank you to Lisa our Chartwells person and her team for making it a special lunchtime for the children. Our Christmas discos this week were also lots of fun, we saw some crazy dance moves and that wasn't just Mr Rogers!

Today we had our half termly 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. The children chosen for this are those who **always** do the right thing and **always** show our behaviour values **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. **Well done to Sebastian, Lily, Mabel and Oakley in year 2, Freddie, Rosie, Scarlett and Frankie in year 1, Gabriel, Freya, Aoife and Edie in Reception**. This is one of the positive rewards we have introduced, along with our positive notes, to continue to promote high standards of behaviour across the school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Headteacher at Southbourne, the children are so inspiring and seeing them learn and grow is a pleasure. Thank you to all of you as parents and carers you make Southbourne a lovely place to work, I appreciate your support and care for all the staff.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the staff, they make a difference to children every day, they have all worked so hard this term getting through a very positive Ofsted inspection as well. Thank you, you are all amazing!

Wishing you all a wonderful magical Christmas filled with lots of rest and family time. See you on Wednesday 3rd January.

Mrs Lucy Whiffin, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

December

Friday 15th December—Last Day of Term

January

Tuesday 2nd January —INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd January—First day back

Thursday 18th January—Census Day, special meal offered by Chartwells—please order by 4th January

Tuesday 23rd January—PTA Meeting @9am

Phonics workshop for Reception Parents—Date to Follow

February

Friday 9th February—Last Day of Term

Monday 12th—Friday 16th February HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 19th February—INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th February—First day back

Remaining INSET DAYS 2023—2024:

Monday 3rd June 2024

A big thank you from all the staff for your cards and gifts, you are always so generous and make us feel so special!



School Hot Dinners

Please remember to place your orders for next term by Monday 18th December—10 working days prior to Wednesday 3rd January.

It would really help some of the children to know what you have ordered for them each day to avoid upset. You could involve your child in ordering their meals or just remind them first thing in the morning. Many thanks for your help with this.

Forest School

Forest school will not be happening during the first two weeks of school in January. We will send out the dates when we are back in January.