



South View News

October 2017

Note from the Headteacher

It's half term! What a busy one! Please make sure you follow us on twitter as we try to keep it up to date so that you can see what our children are getting up to whilst you're at work! We've been to Stibbington for an evacuation day, we've visited West Stow, Drum Kit lessons have begun, our children are reading more due to our new Reading Incentives, parents have entered our poetry competitions, we were visited by the Sealed Knot for a talk through the re-enactments in Crowland, we saw a Lancaster Bomber engine as a Messerschmitt flew by for us, our reception class featured in the Spalding Guardian, (*deep breath...*) FOSV had their AGM and first meeting, Foundation raised money for MacMillan via their coffee morning, the Betty Bus visited the boys and girls in years 5 and 6, we've had our Harvest Festival collecting much needed food for the Spalding foodbank, welcomed in music teachers from Jordan and Ethiopia and had our parent consultation evenings.

Phew...it's no wonder we're tired. Oh, go on then, you can have next week off!

See you back bright and early on **Tuesday 31st October.**



Note from the Chair of Governors

The first term of this academic year has been extremely busy and seems to have gone by very quickly. I had the pleasure of working with the Year 5 pupils as they prepared for Harvest and it was good to see so many parents in the Abbey on this occasion. I'd like to thank the staff involved for all of their time and hard work that went into making this event a success. Governors were present at both Parents' Evenings this week, and it was good to talk to so many parents on these evenings. One of the important roles of a Governing Body is to ensure that the school site is safe for all children. Steve Strickland is our Premises and Health and Safety Governor and he has completed a Health and Safety visit this term which included overseeing a fire drill. I'm pleased to say that he reports that all children and staff vacated the premises safely and in good time. Thank you for your support this term, and have a good holiday.



Note from Chair of FOSV

The FOSV committee have had a jam packed first term organising the harvest festival donations, arranging the first disco and preparing for the Christmas festivities. We've also been busy spending the money raised last year so keep your eyes peeled for an outdoor gym being installed soon! We want to say thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!



Dates for your diary:

30th Oct – Training Day

31st Oct – Children back – Shoe boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child' will be sent out.

1st November – Children practising and recording '24 sleeps 'til Santa' (we'll be the first school to sing on 1st December on HEART FM)

3rd November – Non uniform day

3:00-4:00 EYFS and KS1 Disco

4:30 – 5:30 KS2 Disco

6th Nov – 1.30 p.m.-2.30 p.m. New Intake 2018 Open Afternoon

7th Nov – 9:30a.m. – 10:30 New Intake 2018 Open Morning

7th Nov – 6:00 – 6:45 EYFS and KS1 Phonics and Maths Evening

15th Nov– Clarinet letters need to be returned for lessons to commence after Christmas

16th Nov – 6:30 – 7:00 Andrea Chatten in to talk to parents about childhood anxiety, anger, depression, mental health

17th Nov - Children in Need- Pyjama Day ‘Spots Rock’ theme. Wear spots or come as a rock star!

24th Nov – Non-uniform day for Chocolate raffle

1st Dec – South View on HEART FM singing ‘24 sleeps ‘til Santa’

1st Dec – 3.30 pm Christmas Fair

8th Dec – Year 5 Trip to Stibington

13th Dec – Abbeygate Retirement home residents in for Christmas lunch

15th Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Is your joint family income UNDER £16,190 per year? Are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *the guarantee element of State Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on*
- *Universal Credit.*

If so, you are very likely to be eligible to apply for Free School Meals. As well as this giving you the opportunity to provide your child/children with a hot meal every day, every successful application mean that the school receive an extra **£1,320** to support your child. This funding (Pupil Premium) is used to employ high quality staff, subsidise trips and events, purchase resources to support learning and ensure all pupils make good progress.

If you are ELIGIBLE to apply for free school meals PLEASE apply, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD PREFERS A PACKED LUNCH.

Please contact the school office if you require further details.

Music Lessons

If your child is beginning to receive music lessons from Lincolnshire Music Service (drums, violin or brass) but for any reason decide not to continue, the written notice required to finish lessons at the end of the Autumn Term is 20th November. To stop lessons at Easter written notice would need to be received by 5th March.

If any further children would like to take up an instrument please email the school office for details.

Brass Tuition. Mrs Amey currently has vacancies for brass pupils. Lessons are available either individually or in a small group (subject to demand). If your child would like to play trumpet or trombone please contact the school office for prices. Instruments can be hired for the cost of £25/year which includes insurance.

Clarinet Tuition for year 4 pupils. Mrs Amey currently has vacancies for clarinet pupils. Lessons are available either individually or in a small group (subject to demand). If your child would like to play clarinet please contact the school office for prices. Instruments can be hired for the cost of £25/year which includes insurance.

Birthday Parties

Did you know that you can hire our Community Room in the Children’s Centre for private functions? Feel free to contact the office for a quote if you would like to enquire about letting fees etc.

Raising Concerns

If at any point you feel it necessary to voice a concern about anything relating to your child, please make an appointment with your child’s class teacher in the first instance. If you do not feel that the issue has resolved then the phase leaders are:

EYFS – Mrs Evans

KS1 – Mrs Gray

LKS2 – Miss Turner

UKS2 – Mrs Bell

Mrs Henderson (Deputy Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you but if you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

Shoe box appeal

This year we will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child! Mrs Hart has kindly offered to lead on this charitable project.

“Samaritan’s Purse is a non-profit, Christian organisation providing church support and emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samaritan’s Purse is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, and disease with the aim of demonstrating God’s love and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The aid and assistance are given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion, or ethnicity of the beneficiaries.”

Watch this space for further details in November...

Replies and Deadlines

Please could we ask parents to make a note of ‘hand in’ deadlines for reply slips, payments etc. These dates are usually given so that we have enough time to calculate numbers of children for events and book relevant sized coaches, book their lunches, meet payment deadlines ourselves. Thank you.

48 hour absence

If your child has been sick or is finding it difficult to stay off the loo please allow 48 hours before sending them back to school to prevent infections being passed on. Thank you.

Breakfast club

Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club we’ve had to move from the food room in the school building into the Jackdaw room in the children’s centre. Please contact the school office for more details if you need to make use of this provision.

TWITTER

South View Twitter now has **177** of you following us! We hope the quick notes we tweet are helping to improve communication with you. There is a twitter link on our school website homepage. Please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able.

Parent Poetry Competition

Our **PARENT POETRY COMPETITION** title for next half term is:

‘It wasn’t like that when I was at school!’

Happy Writing!

All entries in to Mrs Tomlins (via the office) by Friday 1st December

“Hand in hand we
learn together”

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018	
Term 1	Ends 20th October 2017
Term 2	Begins 31st October 2017 Ends 19th December 2017
Term 3	Begins 3rd January 2018 Ends 9th February 2018
Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018
Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018
Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 4th September 2017 30th October 2017 2nd January 2018 29th March 2018 One day over academic year as twilight sessions