



South View News

October/November 2016

Note from the Headteacher

Is it really half term already?

Wow! This term we've had class assemblies, some excellent Friday Achievements, a Roald Dahl Day, Sponsored Read, School Disco, School Trips and lots of visitors to our school. I'd like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for your support this term.

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Dates for your diaries:

- 31st Oct – Staff Training Day
- 1st Nov – Children back to school
- 17th Nov – Elms Class Assembly 9-9:30am
- 18th Nov – Children in Need
- 24th Nov – Poplars Class Assembly 9-9:30am
- 25th Nov – Non-Uniform Day
- 2nd December – 2pm FOSV Christmas Fayre
- 3rd December (Saturday – Crowland Lights)
- 8th December – Year 4 class assembly
- 14th December – Foundation KS1 Christmas Production – AM
- 14th December – Foundation KS1 Christmas Production – Evening
- 15th December – Foundation KS1 Christmas Production – PM
- 19th December – Christmas Lunch
- 20th December – Carol Service

Toilets

Please note that the toilets in our Year 3 corridor are for CHILDREN only. For safeguarding purposes parents who may need to 'use the facilities' at the end of a school day CANNOT use these toilets as there may be children in there. Toilets for adults can be accessed via the front entrance but we ask that parents only use this facility if absolutely necessary.

We welcome visitors to our school.

We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and other members of our community. If visitors use intimidating or threatening language towards members of staff, they may be asked to leave the building.

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 Miss Barrett (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Davis (Assistant Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you. If you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If, due to your circumstances, you are eligible for Free School Meals, please could we ask that you complete the application irrespective of whether you intend to take up the meal. Successful Free School Meal Applications bring in much needed funding for our school which we use to support the children. Thank you.

Ofsted ParentView

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about South View Primary School as we are **NOW**, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

At the moment, results for this year so far will not show until we have a minimum of 10 surveys completed. Please help us improve the school by giving us some much needed feedback.



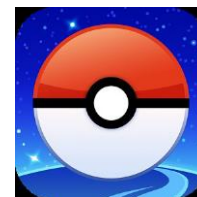
TWITTER

South View is now on Twitter and we already have **76** of you following us! I 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, I'm sure it'll support (but not replace) our lines of communication.



E-Safety – What is Pokemon Go?

Pokemon Go is an Augmented Reality (AR) game where players walk around the real world and catch Pocket Monsters (Pokemon). There are 150 Pokemon in total and the aim is to catch them all by 'throwing' a Pokeball at them through a swipe on your phone screen. The App uses the GPS in your phone to show where you are in the real world through a map. Some Pokemon will only appear in certain areas such as fields, near water and in built up areas. Pokemon can be captured using a Pokeball or 'hatched' from an egg—you will need to walk a certain distance to hatch your egg, either 2km, 5km or 10km. Pokemon Go WILL require a player to travel to different locations in order to catch different Pokemon, especially if you live in a village or a small town.



Do age restrictions apply?

Yes! You need to be over the age of 13 to set up an account. The app does allow a parent to set up an account for their child to use if they are not 13 yet. You can either set up an account by using your Google email address or by setting up a Pokemon Trainer account—**both of which have a 13 age requirement.**

Are there any privacy settings/controls?

The app doesn't currently offer any online chat facility. You are asked to set up a username but this cannot be seen by other users unless you leave one of your Pokemon at a gym. You are represented in the game through an Avatar (a digital character) which can only be seen when one of your Pokemon occupy a gym. The App will track where you go through the GPS location and will also store the users name, age and email address. It's also important to note that Pokemon Go, like many other 'Free' mobile games, has its own virtual currency to enable players to purchase additional Pokeballs as well as other items which help players. Pokecoins can be earned by taking over a Gym (although only a small number of coins are on offer) or by purchasing them through the App.

Things to think about

Pokemon Go requires players to travel on foot to different locations. carrying their smart phone. This gives the game some rather unique risks when compared to other games: as all interactions with other players will be in the real world:

Strangers

Pokemon Go encourages people to get together in the real world. Gym's and Pokestops are usually the places where people congregate which means that children and young people may meet and engage with strangers. There have been some reports of children being encouraged to follow strangers to find 'Rare' Pokemon—ensure children know to stay in groups of friends and to never follow a stranger, even if they are with their friends—Pokemon appear randomly so there is no way of knowing which ones will pop up. If a situation feels uncomfortable or unsafe, get to a safe, public place. **The safest way to play Pokemon is as a family or with a trusted adult.**

Personal Safety

Ensure children know how to stay safe outside and to be aware of the risks around them. Crossing roads can be dangerous if they are too focused on their mobile device, as well as other obstacles such as people and lamp posts.

The game will always let you know when Pokemon are near by vibrating, which means that it isn't necessary to stare at your device the whole time. Playing with an adult can be a great way to help them have fun but keep them safe

Respect

Make sure that children know to show respect to other people when playing—this includes respecting other people's property. It's not necessary to trespass in order to play: If you can see it on the screen, you can catch it! It's also important to remember that some Pokemon and Gyms are found around churches and graveyards—it's vital to think about other people when playing the game.

Want to learn more? NSPCC Guide to Pokemon Go for Parents: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

School Uniform

Don't forget to order your school uniform online now by going to the school website Southviewprimary.co.uk, then select the 'Parents' tab and scroll down to School Uniform Orders—this will take you direct to the online shop with Total Clothing.

Please remember that you can also visit their school shop at No 9 Botolph Trading Estate, Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 9QP

PHOTOGRAPHS & FILMING

Please note, any photographs or filming taken of your child should be for home use only and **SHOULD NOT** be placed on social media or the internet **if any other child other than your own can be seen**. Please can you ensure that any such photos etc. are taken down if you have already uploaded any showing other children. This is for safeguarding reasons.

HEAD LICE

Please can we ask that over the next few days ALL families check for head lice – this includes all family members. Please be vigilant of these 'visitors' and treat them as soon as possible.

	ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017		ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018
Term 1	Ends 21st October 2016	Term 1	Begins 5th September 2017 Ends 20th October 2017
Term 2	Begins 1st November 2016 Ends 20th December 2016	Term 2	Begins 31st October 2017 Ends 19th December 2017
Term 3	Begins 4th January 2017 Ends 10th February 2017	Term 3	Begins 3rd January 2018 Ends 9th February 2018
Term 4	Begins 20th February 2017 Ends 31st March 2017	Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018
Term 5	Begins 18th April 2017 Ends 26th May 2017	Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018
Term 6	Begins 5th June 2017 Ends 19th July 2017	Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 1st & 2nd September 2016 31st October 2016 3rd January 2017 20th July 2017		TRAINING DAYS will be notified as soon as possible.

“Hand in hand we learn together”