SOUTHBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter 6 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful summer. It is a particularly special year for me as this week marks 20 years since I became Headteacher of Southbury School! I certainly did not expect to stay for this long when I started her in September 1998 but I feel very happy and proud to have been part of our community for so long and to have seen so many pupils and families move through the school and flourish. Despite the challenges facing many families our children continue to prosper with yet another very successful Ofsted Inspection in April and our best ever set of results across all three key stages in the summer. With our fantastic and dedicated staff I am very optimistic we will continue to work with you and go from strength to strength.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to do well. As you will be aware our homework policy focusses on reading, which the area our children find most challenging and is the gateway to all learning. Your child now has their reading record book for the new academic year. Reading with your child at home is a crucially important way to support their learning and the reading record books need to be signed each day.

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school looking smart in their school uniform. It is important that all children come to school wearing the correct uniform, with sensible black shoes. The correct PE kit must also be worn. Please ensure you write your child's name on all uniform and PE kit. You can remind yourself of our uniform by viewing our uniform poster. This can be found by clicking on 'Our Uniform' which is under the 'Parents' Area' section of our school website. May I also remind you that for safety reasons, apart from small stud earrings, no other jewellery is allowed to be worn at school.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

We will be holding our annual parents information meetings on the week beginning 10^{th} September, for years 1-6 at 3.25-3.45pm, timetabled as follows:

Monday 10th September - Year 2 Tuesday 11th September - Year 3 Wednesday 12th September - Year 6 Thursday 13th September - Year 4 Friday 14th September - Year 1 Monday 17th September - Year 5

It is really important that at least one parent/carer can attend as the teachers can give an overview of the year and the expectations. The meetings will take place in the year group classroom.

Yours sincerely

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