

Southbury Primary School Newsletter.

8th December 2023



Dream Big, Fly High!

Important dates

December

11th—15th - Year 5 Bikeability

13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day.

13th December - School Disco

15th December - KS1 Nativity 10am

20th December - Last day of term—

School finishes at 1.15pm

January

8th January - First day back for children.

19th January - 6H class assembly

26th January - 6B class assembly

Welcome from Mrs. Panteli.

Farewell to Mrs. Conway.

Mrs. Conway will be leaving Southbury at the end of term to work in another borough. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work, dedication and passion over the years. Mrs. Conway, you will be greatly missed and on behalf of the entire Southbury community, we wish you the very best for the future. Miss Scales will continue to teach 3SC Monday-Wednesday and Mrs. Dileo and Mrs. Grimsdell will be teaching the class on a Thursday and Friday.

In addition, I would also like to say a goodbye and good luck to Mrs. McMurray, our Reception teacher and Early Years Lead, who will be leaving us temporarily at Christmas to have a baby. Mrs. McMurray, we send you lots of luck and love! We are delighted to welcome Miss Guy to Southbury, who will be teaching Orange class for the remainder of the academic year.

You may have noticed that we have a new school motto, **Dream Big, Fly High!** We feel that this encompasses what we wish for every child at our school and what we will strive for them to achieve!

Southbury Parent Survey.

What you Said: Some of the facilities in the school are in need of refurbishment.

What we did: We are in the process of having all of our signage replaced across the school, using money from our £5000 grant from TG Lynes. Look out for our amazing new signs around the school!

Toys and games request.

In January, we are excited to be opening our Nursery up to two year olds. If you have any toys or games in good condition, suitable for a two year old that you no longer need, and would like to donate, please take it to the office.

Attendance and Punctuality.

Overall attendance for week ending 8th December:
93.95%

Attendance winners 4th - 8th December

1st place - 3NG 100%

2nd place - 4D 97.59%

3rd place - 6H 95.86%

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book during our Scholastic book sale. We raised £400 to go towards new books for our school!

Thank you for your contributions on our Spotty Day for Children In Need. We raised £188.00, which will go to children across the UK, who need it.



Director of Education.

This week, we had a visit from the Director of Education, who visited all of the classes. He was really impressed and commented that the behavior for learning was excellent and that the children were fully engaged in the brilliant lessons planned by teachers.



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas cinema evening. The children had a lovely evening and we raised over £500 for the school!

If you are interested in joining our PTA, please let Mrs. Wellbrook know via the office.

TT Rockstars!

As part of our school homework policy, please ensure that your child does 10 minutes of TT Rockstars a day. If your child does not have a login, please let their class teacher know. Throughout the year, teachers will be setting up battles between classes and year groups so keep your eyes peeled!



Cake Sale!

Our next half-termly cake sale will be on Thursday 14th December, after school in the year 3/4 playground. Cakes will range from 20p to £1.50. Please try and bring change as we only have a small float.

If you would like to donate any cakes for us to sell, it would be greatly appreciated! Either hand-made or shop bought is fine. We are trying to do a Christmas theme, but this is not mandatory.

What have we been up to?

Nursery.

Nursery have been reading Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. We have written to the zoo asking for our own pets, hand printed our own zoo animals and compared sizes using the vocabulary smaller and bigger.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 concluded their 10 week singing course with Enfield Sings with a concert for parents and other year groups. The children performed brilliantly, demonstrating great rhythm and vocal technique.



Year 2

Year 2 have started sewing puppets in D&T! We have been practising different stitches and how to sew in a straight line!



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Bell Beaker Folk from the Bronze Age. The more intricate their pot designs, the more wealthy they were considered! We created our own pots in the style of the Bell Beaker people. Look how detailed they all are!



Reception

Reception enjoyed becoming researchers this week to find out information about penguins and Antarctica. They loved using the class iPads to find out interesting facts. This learning has been part of our new power of reading text 'Blue Penguin'



Year 4

Year 4 have been practising ball games and skills in PE. This week, we practised dribbling in basketball, ensuring that we were able to bounce the ball and pass to our team mates!



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed their water safety swimming lesson. They learnt important life saving skills while having fun, jumping in the swimming pool with their clothes on!



Year 1

Year 1 had a great time this week making smoothies as part of their DT 'Eat more fruit and vegetables' topic. The children prepared the fruit independently and enjoyed drinking their smoothies.

