# **Southbury Primary School Newsletter.**

# 19th January 2024

### Important dates.

26th January - 6B class assembly 10am

30th January - Coffee morning 9am-10am Focus: Communication at Southbury

2nd February - 5C class assembly 10am

2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

5th February - Children's Mental Health week

5th - 9th February - Year 6 Residential

9th February - 5L class assembly

12th - 16th February - Half term break— SCHOOL CLOSED

### **Terrific Twos Provision.**

We are really excited to now be able to offer Nursery places to two year olds. The children have had a really positive start and enjoy coming to see us every day! If you would like to enquire about a Nursery place for your two or three year old, please contact the office.

# Welcome from Mrs. Panteli.

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a restful break, although it already feels like a lifetime ago. The children have come back focused and ready to learn and we have had an action packed first two weeks. This half term, we are excited to start our class assemblies and look forward to welcoming you into school to see what the children have been learning.

Please ensure that children are wearing coats, hats and gloves to school in this cold weather.

### Attendance and Punctuality.

Overall attendance for week ending 19th January 92%

Attendance winners 15th—19th January

1st place - 4D with 98%

2nd place - Red class with 95%

3rd place - 5C with 94%

Our Value this half term is...

# Tolerance.

Over the next half term, we will looking at what it means to be tolerant and why it is important to be tolerant of others. Speak to your child about ways that they can demonstrate tolerance, at home, at school and within the community.



# BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Our next PTA event will take place on Friday 1st March, where children will have the opportunity to break a variety of rules of their choice, paying up to £3 to break three rules. Rules to break will include wacky hair, non-uniform or bringing a sweet in for a break time snack. More information to follow!



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Dream Big, Fly High!

### Southbury Parent Survey.

What you Said: You would like more information about what is happening at school.

What we did: We now publish a fortnightly newsletter, that includes news about the school and what the children have been doing. We are also starting a half termly coffee morning. Please also check our school Twitter and Instagram pages for regular updates about the children!

## **Coffee Morning!**

We will be holding our first half termly coffee morning on Tuesday **30th January 9am-10am.** This will be an opportunity for parents to enjoy a tea or coffee whilst socialising with other parents. The focus for this coffee morning will be sharing the various ways we are working hard to keep up a good level of communication with our families.

### Bikeability.

Well done to all of the Year 5 children who completed their level 1 and 2 Cycle Confident course with Bikeability. The children did incredibly well and it was lovely to see them developing their skills.

### 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!



# What have we been up to?

### Nursery.

The nursery have been reading Hooray for Fish', a wonderful book by Lucy Cousins. The children have made collage fish, looked at repeated patterns and colour matching, traced wavy lines for mark making and freed some ocean creatures from our frozen landscape outside!



### Year 3

This week, Year 3 had their first Song Sack session with Elena from Enfield Music Services. They learnt a variety of call and response songs and ways to warm up their vocal cords. The children oved every minute!

### Year 1

In English, this week, Year 1 have been learning about giving instructions. The children made their own maps. They used maps to say a clear sentence to direct Pirate Red Beard to the treasure.



### Year 6

6H had so much fun performing their assembly on Friday. It was all based on our school motto 'Dream Big, Fly High!' Well done!



### Year 4

Year 4 are learning about sound in Science. We made cup telephones to investigate how sound travels. We also learned the more taut the string, the better we can hear the sound.





### Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at continents and oceans of the world in Geography. This week, they played a game to help them to remember, using counters to identify continents and oceans on a map.

# Reception

This week, Reception entered their classroom and found some strange footprints and a tray of disgusting food! They spent the week discovering who it belonged to!

Can you guess who it was?



### Year 5

Year 5 are reading the book Journey to Jo'burg in English this week. They wrote a descriptive paragraph about an orange grove and enjoyed smelling real oranges for inspiration!

