



Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe how quickly the first half term has gone. The children have all settled into their new classes, with the Year R children looking like they have been with us forever!

European Languages Day

I really enjoyed dropping into the classes last Friday during our European Languages Day. The children made the most of learning a few basic greetings, songs and numbers in Spanish, Greek, Italian & German, as well as French - the main language the children learn in Key Stage 2. A big 'Thank you' to those who volunteered to help on the day and those of you who shared your expertise in various languages.

Whilst there are regular French lessons in Key Stage 2 there is also a weekly lunchtime French Club, run by an external provider - Sandrine Leoni, Le Club Français. If you would like to know more, including costings, then please contact the school office.

STEM Events (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

We are holding the first of our STEM events for the year in the next couple of weeks.

Mr Bhome, who is a parent, a Governor and by day - a surgeon, will be coming into school on Thursday 18th October to hold a whole school assembly about how he uses microscopes in his work. He then will be working with Year 6 pupils getting to grips with the microscopes. After half term we will be holding a series of microscope workshops across the school.

On the 23rd November, we will also be holding an Engineering Challenges Day where the children have a chance to explore mechanisms and structures. Please join us at the end of the day to see what they children have been building. If you would like to help out of the day, then please see your child's class teacher.

Welcome to our new Administration Assistant

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Whitten to Scantabout School. Mrs Whitten will be joining our office staff after half term. She is very much looking forward to getting to know all the children and their families.



Year 5 and 6 Residential trips – deadline

Just a reminder that permission slips and initial deposits for both the Year 5 and Year 6 residential trips need to be returned by Monday 15th October. This is so that we can confirm to the respective Residential Centres how many children will be attending. If you need another copy of the letter, please pop into the school office.

“What’s On Guide” from the SSA

Please find attached the “What’s On Guide” from the SSA for the remainder of the Autumn term. This includes some key events for your diary. We are very grateful to the SSA for their continued hard work supporting Scantabout Primary School. If you would like to get involved please contact your class rep or put a note in the SSA post box at Reception.

New Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning and to the SSA for organising it.

Year R class photo

This week we were lucky enough to have the Daily Echo come to school to photograph our new Year R class. The class photograph will be published within the Daily Echo on Thursday 8th November. Please be assured that any child without parental consent for photos were not included within the photo.

Ditch the Stabilisers

Bike It Ray will be running some free cycling sessions to help children cycle without stabilisers, or need any other help to get going! The next session will be held at Merdon Junior School on Wednesday 17th October at 3.45pm. For more information or to book a place, please contact Ray on ray.craig@sustrans.org.uk or 07854 011829.

Ray will have spare balance bikes and helmets to use in the session, but please bring your current bike and helmet (including stabilisers if you need them).

ACE Sports at Sherborne House – October Half Term 2018

Dates- Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th October 2018

Venue- Sherborne House School, Chandlers Ford

Time- 8.30am to 4.30pm (extended day option available to 5.30pm for an additional £5 per Child)

Price- £23.50 per Child

Discount- 5% Sibling Discount for Additional Siblings

For Children in Year R & Upwards from Any School!

to book go to www.ace-sports.net/holiday-clubs

or

Call 02381842093



Congratulations to our New House Captains

Well done to our new House Captains who were elected by the children to represent their House.

We have four houses - Mercury, Saturn, Apollo and Neptune. Throughout the year, the children collect house points for their respective house and compete in their house teams at Sports Day.

Well done to:

Mercury - Jenny J, Zara F and Louis T

Saturn – Isla G and Elliot M

Neptune – Erin I’A and Tom L

Apollo – Rosie H and James D

What's New?

After lots of discussion both with the School Council and with children around the school, we have made a few changes to rewards in the school. The children felt strongly, that in weekly Celebration Assembly they wanted awards for different subjects, not just writing, therefore we have introduced Star of the Week Golden Certificates. Children receive their certificate in assembly and then have their photograph displayed in the hall for a week.

Alongside Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher stickers, I have also introduced Head Teacher Postcards, which are posted home for when your child has done something exceptional. Teachers also have 'Notes Home' for special things, which happen in class alongside house points and stickers.

On line payments – SCO pay

Please don't forget that you can sign up for online payments within the school. This will enable you to pay for school trips as well as dinners, from the comfort of your own home. No longer will you need to find your cheque book or spare change. For those that have not already signed up registration letters will be sent home again in the near future.

Please also remember to complete your payment on line if you are returning a trip permission slip. It is easy to forget the payment online when completing a permission slip.

Parents' Forum and Head Teachers' Surgery

We will be holding the first Parents' Forum for the year on Friday 16th November at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to talk about ideas, and issues, that are on a less personal level. The forum will be attended by myself, and another member of the leadership team, and usually a representative from the Governing body. Suggestions for agenda items will be requested when we return from half term.

I will also be holding my twice yearly Head Teachers' Surgery, again this is similar to Parents' Forum but on a one-to-one basis with myself. In the past parents have used it as an opportunity to talk about ideas they have, discuss individual queries or talk about things the school could improve on. The first Head Teacher's Surgery will be held on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October during Parents Evening. You can either drop in on the evening or book an appointment in advance through the office.

With kindest regards,
Tina Thomas

Key Dates

Date	Event
17 th & 18 th October	Parents Evenings – with Headteacher’s Surgery
19 th October	Harvest Festival – 2.30pm
22 nd – 26 th October	Half Term
18 th Oct – 1 st November	Travelling book fair
9 th November	Pupil individual photographs
12 th November	INSET Day
13 th November	Flu Vaccine for Years R to 5
16 th November	Parents Forum – 2.30pm
16 th November	Children in Need dressing up day – more details to follow
14 th January	INSET Day
15 th February	INSET Day
2 nd May	INSET Day