



Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all have had a restful couple of weeks. It was great to see the children again this week. They have settled really quickly into the term and seem to have recharged their batteries! The teachers, as usual, have planned lots of interesting learning for the children including visits and visitors.

Last term, we appointed Mrs Hayley Allen as our new Year R teacher. She has already begun liaising with me over the new Year R intake. As Mrs Chakrabarti has reduced her hours due to family circumstances and Mrs Czapp left at Easter, we also appointed a full-time teacher so that we could amalgamate some of our job-share roles. We were bowled over by the number of applications received and after a day of interviews, I am pleased to let you know Mrs Jessica Mann will be joining our staff in the autumn term. Mrs Mann has recently relocated to the area from London where she has been teaching for a number of years. I really look forward to welcoming both our new teachers to Scantabout. I know that they are both excited about joining us.

This will mean that we will be moving our staffing around as usual this year. Once this has been finalised I will write to let you know class arrangements. For those of you who are new to the school, we usually do this early in July so that classes have time to meet their new teachers.

Help Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help pond dipping with small groups of between 2 and 3 children, in Years 1 and 5 over the summer term.

Members of the SSA will be within School on Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th April to dig over the planters outside Year 3 and 4 classrooms. If you are available to help either morning please either let the school office know or drop a note into the SSA post box within reception. Even if you are only available for an hour, your help will make such a difference to those borders. You will need to bring your own tools and gardening gloves.

As ever, we are always on the look out for parents to help with reading or maths games in the afternoon. If you can spare time on a regular basis to help, then please let us know. All volunteers will need to provide references and also completed a DBS. If you would like to become a regular classroom volunteer please speak with the school office who will happily provide you with all the information that you need.

We are in need of reupholstering a couple chairs around the school. May we ask if any parent has any skill or expertise in this area as we would be very grateful of assistance with this

Lost Property

Unfortunately the quantity of lost property unclaimed is increasing. If the items are not claimed by Friday 3rd May we will be donating the items to the SSA for future second hand school uniform sales. If you think you have lost an item please come to the school office where the items are currently being held.

Head Teacher's Surgery - Thursday 13th June

Following feedback from parents, I will be holding an additional Parents' Surgery on Thursday 13th June at 2pm. These are informal sessions for parents to come and talk to me about anything that is on their mind, including ideas and questions. As a school we do hold regular Parent Forums, but I have noticed a drop-off in the number of parents attending and a rise in parents coming in to the 1-1 Parents Surgeries. I want to make sure that there are regular opportunities to share ideas, listen to concerns and gather your thoughts.

If you would like to attend this terms surgery, then please email the school office on admin@scantabout-pri.hants.sch.uk by the Monday 10th June.

In the meantime, if you do have a worry or concern, please do see your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you are still worried or would like to discuss the matter with a member of the leadership team, then please contact myself, Miss Lloyd or Mr Lyon via the school office.

Relationships and Sex Education, with E-safety Evening for Parents

As part of our Personal and Social Curriculum, classes in Year 3-6 will be having their usual Relationships and Sex Education lessons in the second half of the summer term. We will be holding an information evening for parents (no children please) on Wednesday 5th June at 6pm.

This is an opportunity to find out how we teach this important and sensitive area to children. If you would like to gain information ahead of the evening then please look on our website under Policies.

As part of the evening, we will also be talking about e-safety and supporting your child in managing the internet.

SSA meeting

The next SSA meeting will be held at the Halfway Inn Pub on Wednesday 15th May at 7.45 pm. Please come along.

Please also see the attachment to this newsletter which contains details of forthcoming SSA Grounds Groups.

Reminders

Start and End of Day Routines

Just to remind parents that children should not be arriving onsite before 8.40 am. Please ensure that both you and your child stick to the pavements when entering or leaving the school. Please remind your children that football and ball games, are not permitted either before or after school. If you do need to come in to see a member of staff, either before 8.40 or after the end of day, then please sign in via the school office.

Equipment and uniform

Please remember to provide your child with the following during the summer: a water bottle, sunscreen and also a sun hat. It would be helpful also to make sure they bring in a light waterproof, as we try to get the children out to play on as many days as possible.

To remind you that children should not wear nail varnish, coloured lip-balms/make up, tattoos or jewellery to school (with the exception to jewellery linked to their faith). We only permit stud earrings in school for safety reasons. If your child wears earrings they will need to remove them for PE or tape them - please provide tape if they need to do this.

Save the Date - a few summer dates

Musicians and Choir Concert - this will be on Thursday 27th June at 2.15pm. This is for all members of the choir and all children who have individual music tuition. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Our Summer Fair is on Friday the 5th July in the evening. If you can help either set-up, before or during the event then please drop your details in the SSA box in reception.

Wednesday 10th July will be the Years 3-6 Summer Play. This year, Hilliers Arboretum have kindly offered to host our play again. Mr Lyon will write to you nearer the time with details. This will be an evening event.

Monday 15th July (am) is Sports Day. This is for all children in Year R to 6. Parents are warmly invited to attend. We start as soon as possible after register. Further details will follow.

Monday 15th July (evening) is the Summer Disco for Year R to 6. Details will follow from the SSA. If you are able to help - then please drop a note into the SSA box in reception.

Monday 22nd July, 9.10 am is our Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Parents and families of Year 6 are invited.

Tuesday 23rd July is the last day of term and family picnic. School closes at 1.10pm.

Dates for Diaries

Please find attached as a separate attachment, the rolling dates for your diaries.

With kind regards,

Tina Thomas

