



# Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome back from the half term break. I hope everyone managed to have at least some time off. It was great to see the children back and well rested.

This half term, we have a range of exciting things planned for the children including lots of opportunities for the children to get out and about in our school grounds.

Year 5 will be going on their residential visit whilst the rest of the school takes part in a Healthy Living and Adventure Week (details below)

We also have number of concerts for Key Stage 2 children, including the Musicians' Concert for children learning an instrument and choir; The Listen to Me Concert for Year 3 and the Key Stage 2 Summer Production. Watch out for details of all of these events in the weekly bulletins.

Thank you to the SSA and school grounds working group for the wonderful work you have done in tidying the school grounds, digging over the Year 3/4 vegetable patch. A special thank you to the Harry family for making another notice board, this time for the front of the school.

### **Wear it Wild Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Please don't forget to Wear it Wild on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Your child may come to school dressed as an animal of their choice. Please do not worry if you don't happen to have a tiger costume in the back of your wardrobe – a funky pair of socks or hairband is sufficient. There will be a collection in the morning with all funds being donated to the WWF.

### **Welcome to Our Governing Body**

Over the last few months the Governing Body have been in the process of recruiting governors to represent the local community and ensure that a wider range of stakeholders support the school. I am really pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited three new governors. Two are Co-opted Governors - Chloe Buckingham and Catherine Barnard; with Emma Cullen joining the governing body as the Local Authority Representative.

I would like to welcome them to our school and very much look forward to working with them.

### **Library Redecoration**

With thanks to B&Q who have donated the paints and decorating materials, we are currently redecorating our school library. We hope to have the library back in action for the children next week.

### **We Want You - help needed!**

We are hoping to replace our sports equipment store over the course of the summer term. However, we could do with extra hands to help our caretaker, dismantle it and rebuild the new one. If you are able to help with this then please let Miss Blaker know in the school office.

### **Paying Monies to the School - important update for all parents**

Following a review of financial procedures by the Governing Body, from September the office will become cashless. Meaning that all monies for dinners, trips etc will need to be paid via SCO pay

accounts or by cheque, with the exception of collections and SSA events. We would ask all families to ensure that they set up an online SCO pay account.

If you are yet to set up an account please pop into the school office who will happily provide registration details.

If you have individual circumstances that would make this difficult, please come and speak in confidence to either the office staff or to Miss Lloyd, Mr Lyon or myself so that we can make alternative arrangements.

### **Summer Weather**

Please ensure that your child comes suitably equipped and dressed for the summer with water bottles, sun hats/screen etc plus also a waterproof in case of rain.

Please can you also ensure that all possessions and clothes are named. We no longer hold lost property as named items are returned to class.

### **School Development**

On our INSET days this term we have really made the most of the time. Staff have been focusing on further development of strategies for problem solving in maths and the development of English planning. The teachers have worked in teams to refine the assessment system for foundation subjects such as history, RE and PE.

### **Travel Scheme - safety reminder**

As part of our Travel Scheme, I would like to remind parents and visitors of the following:

- please do not drive into school without permission from the school office or a member of the leadership team;
- for everyone's safety, if you do drive in please drive at no more than 5 miles per hour and follow our one-way system;
- please ensure that you and your child walk on the pavements and do not cut across the car park or walk on the road;
- lastly, please remind your children that they must not ride or scoot within the school grounds.

Your support with this is very much appreciated.

### **Healthy Living and Adventure Week – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

The aim of the week is to get the children out and about, whilst developing healthy physical and emotional wellness.

The week will start on the Monday morning with Sports Day - this will start as soon as the children are registered and changed. Parents, families and younger siblings are very welcome to attend.

During the week the children will take part in various healthy living and outward bound activities including:

- orienteering and trail finder activities;
- healthy cooking - including Year 6 going to Thornden to make their own veggie burgers;
- woodland and pond discovery sessions;
- fitness challenges;
- relaxation and mindfulness activities.

During that week, Year 5 children will go on their residential and Year 4 will have their own special Adventure Day led by Kobby our sports coach and Mrs Fenny (details on this to follow shortly).

We would ask that the children bring to school a bag of comfortable clothes such as track suits, t-shirts and tops and especially trainers, for when they take part in their activities. These items can stay in school all week.

### **INSET days next Academic Year**

I am working with the leadership team on the school development plan over the summer, but wanted to give parents a bit of advance notice on our INSET days for the Autumn term.

Dates are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> September - staff training on Health & Safety and Safeguarding;

30<sup>th</sup> September - School Plan focus day.

As soon as I have other dates for coming year I will let parents know.

### **Sharing Progress with Parents**

During the year there are various opportunities for parents find out about the progress of their child. At Scantabout there are 2 sets of parents' evenings with targets shared; plus an end of Year report.

This year, we will also be sending home the children's English and Maths books. These will be sent home by class teachers so you can see how your child has progressed during the year. We will keep the last unit of work your child has completed in writing, so your child's next class teacher can see how they were achieving at the end of the summer term.

### **Head Teacher's Surgery 13th June 2pm to 6pm**

This is an opportunity for parents to come and speak with me on a one-to-one basis about anything that is on your mind.

If you have any suggestions, questions or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's general development, please book a session via the email on: [admin@scantabout-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@scantabout-pri.hants.sch.uk)

If you could let me know the basic gist of what you would like to discuss, that would be really helpful. If you have any more immediate worries or questions, then please so see your child's class teacher or come in to speak with a member of the leadership team. We are always happy to help.

### **Additional Relationship and Sex Education Information Evening – Parents of Year 3 to 6 only**

There will be an additional Relationship and Sex Education Information Evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm. This will be for parents of Year 3 to 6 children only. Please note that this evening is suitable for parents only – no children please.

### **New Year R Parents Evening – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

The Parents Evening for those families with children due to start with us in September, will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. This is an information evening specifically for the new starters. Please note that this evening is for parents only. If you will be joining us and are unable to find childcare please do let the school office know in advance.

### **Thornden Junior Choir is recruiting!!!!**

Thornden School Choir are now entering our second full year of Junior Choir in September and they are hoping to recruit many new current year 4 and 5 pupils. Please find attached a flyer with further information.

### **Courtyard Mural**

We are currently preparing for a new mural to be painted within our courtyard area. On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June the children will be adding their handprints to the colourful rainbow mural. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Cutmore who are arranging this mural.

**Soft Toy Donation – SSA Summer Fayre**

Please find attached a flyer from the SSA regarding donations for the Soft Toy Tombola. The SSA would be grateful of donations and have provided collection dates accordingly. We thank you in advance for your support of the Summer Fayre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Dates for Diaries**

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

**With kind regards,**

**Tina Thomas**

