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NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

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TOP WHIZZERS FOR SPRING TERM

Well done to everyone who completes their Maths Whizz every week. This will only have a really positive effect on the their maths attainment.

Upper School Class: 6H

Upper school individual: Deacon 6P

Lower school class: 3P

Lower school individual: Ronnie - 2C



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to see the children back after the Easter break, we all hope you managed to spend some quality time together.

This term is always jam packed so please do keep an eye on the school calendar on our website or for Parent Mails detailing events.

Hopefully we will continue to see lots of the sun so please do ensure your child comes to school prepared for the weather. A hat to wear outside would be great as well as applying suncream before school to exposed areas. A refillable water bottle is also an essential to keep the children hydrated but please only water in these.



STATUTORY TESTING

A reminder that all of our Year 1 children and selected Year 2s will be undergoing phonics screening checks, Year 4 will be taking the multiplication tables check and Year 6, the end of Key Stage 2 SATS over the coming weeks.

This season of testing begins with the Year 6 SATS in May. All the other tests happen in June.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office or look at the useful links below:

Year 1 parents:
https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/

Year 4 parents:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFA.pdf

Year 6 parents:
https://www.theschoolrun.com/sats/sats-year-6

It's important to mention that whilst these are formal statutory tests, the younger the children are, the more low-key the assessment methods. Teachers will not make a 'big deal' of these tests and parents have always commented historically that their children didn't even realise that they had completed them!

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Please do try to ensure that your child attends regularly and on time.

Top April Attenders

Gold: The Den

Silver: 2C

Bronze: 4B

DRINKS

Please can we remind you that as a school, we would only like water in their bottles. Juice is OK in a carton for packed lunch but not during the day please. The NHS site states: *The best drinks to give children are water and milk.*

Children should avoid sugary fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely. Children who drink a lot of sugary drinks are more likely to become overweight. The added sugar in these drinks can also damage teeth.

And https://dentalchoices.org/ says: *The simplest and safest drink for your teeth is: **Tap Water**! Everyone can drink tap water …… and even the stubbornest child will drink tap water when she or he is thirsty.*



Squash and Cordials

Squashes and cordials contain sugar and so cause tooth decay. They are usually also acidic and so cause acid erosion of teeth.

Even squashes and cordials labelled as no-added-sugar still do contain sugar and so still cause tooth decay.

GOLF

Well done to our Y4 golfers (2 teams) who came in 1st and 3rd places in a competition with other local primary schools held here at SCPS&N. It was a new activity for many and lots of new skills were developed during the morning.



YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

Our Year 6 football team competed in a local school's football league and have emerged as the champions – fantastic! Here they are with Jenny Day, our school games co-ordinator, having received their medals and the trophy.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have lots of pre-loved uniform available which doesn't all fit on the rack! If there is something specific we can help with in a particular size please just let us know and we'll have a look for it. We don't ask for anything for the uniform, just a donation in the bucket if you can spare something.

Any donations, particularly of sweatshirts or good quality black shoes or trainers, would be gratefully received to the wheelie bin in the front reception area.

YEAR R/1 NEWS

The Reception children have been learning about how plants grow and this week they have all planted their own sunflower seed. We are going to watch them grow at school and then they will take them home to plant in their garden.





The Year 1 children are continuing to enjoy and work hard at their DT project where they have been designing and making a soft toy. It has been great to see how confident they are with their sewing now, compared to when they were in Reception.





MUSIC NEWS

The children are going to be busy in the Music Room this term.

The children in Year 5 are learning to play Taylor Swift's 'Shake It Off 'on the ukulele. Year 6 will also be playing the ukulele, learning a new set of chords to perform 'On Melancholy Hill' by Gorillaz. Year 3 will be working with tuned percussion and Year 2 are learning to strum in time on the ukulele and pick a simple melody, whilst singing a range of songs.

The children will also be listening to a variety of Mr Cooper's favourite music and these will form our 'Music of the Week' selections this term.

RETIREMENT

We are sad (but very excited for him!) to let you know that Mr Cooper will be retiring at the end of this term. He has been the driving factor behind our excellent music provision for many years now and we will miss him greatly. I know he has got many exciting things planned with his partner Jo and we wish them both good health and happiness. His legacy will continue in the capable hands of Mr Lawrence and Mr Amies next year.



