



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



January 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts, they were appreciated by us all. We hope you had a restful and lovely Christmas break.

The spring term topic letters and grids for each year group are available on the school website under the children tab then select the year group so you can see all the exciting learning for the half term.

Louise Gasser, Headteacher

♦ **CHARITY**— Thank you for your kind donations for Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £148.44 for the Save the Children charity .

♦ **ATTENDANCE and SCHOOL TIMES**—The school day starts at 8.50am, with the gates to classes opening at 8.45am, so please make sure your child is on time in the mornings ready to start their learning; children that are late to school can incur a half day (session) unauthorised absence as stated in the Department for Education School Attendance guidance. The Spring term is a shorter period in the academic year and it is important that we maximise attendance to ensure our pupils continue to make progress. Inevitably, attendance will continue to be impacted by Covid and it is essential that we all take precautions and minimise the spread of the latest variant which is highly infectious. Please inform the school if your child is absent with the valid reason. The school has a duty of care to investigate any absence for the safety of the child. You can either leave a message on the absence line or email the school office on office@southbournejuniors.co.uk.

♦ **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**—We really hope your children enjoyed their present of a book from the Christmas Elf, which was funded by the PTA. Year 5 and 6 also received books as part of the Chichester Reading Festival and were able to ask the authors questions; a fabulous opportunity to enjoy new books.

♦ **COVID19**—Thank you for your continued support through the pandemic. The government has issued further guidance with regards to PCR tests, it states that: Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will

mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. **Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test.** They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has also changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, **following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart.** The first LFD test should **not** be taken before the sixth day.

♦ **LUNCH PLAY**—A reminder that if your child has wellington boots in school they may use the school field at lunchtimes. Using the field means children have more space to play and enjoy our school grounds. Wellington boot pegs are available to store the boots.

♦ DIARY DATES

Fri 14th Jan	Year 4 swimming commences
Wed 19th Jan	PTA meeting 7pm
Thurs 20th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Rail Safety Talk
Fri 21st Jan	Year 3 and 4 Rail safety Talk
Mon 7th Feb	ESafety Week
Tues 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 18th Feb	INSET Day
Mon 21st Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Children return to school Parents Evenings this week –TBC
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day
Fri 8th April	Last day of term
Mon 11th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 25th April	Children return to school
Mon 30th May	HALF TERM
Fri 10th June	Possible PTA Summer Fair
Wed 20th July	Last day of term
Thurs 21st July	INSET Day
Fri 22nd July	Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday for West Sussex Schools

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2021/22:

Fri 18th Feb and Thurs 21st July 2022

