



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



May 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are now using the field without wellies, as the weather becomes warmer and the grass is drier. It is fabulous to see the children enjoying the space mixing with other year groups. As the weather becomes warmer (hopefully!), please ensure your child has a sun hat and applies sun lotion before coming to school.

Louise Gasser, Headteacher

- ◆ **ARTIST WEEK**— The children will be embarking on a wood mosaic project with artist Zac Newham the week of 15th May. Zac's artwork is heavily influenced and inspired by the great outdoors which marries with our school passion for outdoor learning. The artwork that the children are creating will make four large leaf wood mosaics, each representing a different species of tree found on our school grounds. These will be displayed in our new corridor for all to enjoy.
- ◆ **OPEN AFTERNOON**—Our open afternoon is on Thursday 25th May at 3.15pm. You are invited to look around the school and classrooms with your child/children and they may wish to show you some of the work they have completed this year. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.
- ◆ **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**—The children had a wonderful time celebrating the King's Coronation with our red, white and blue day and picnic lunch with the infants. The home-made crowns were amazing and very majestic! Well done to all the children that took part. Children and staff used the British Value of Democracy to vote for the winning crown in each class—it was very close as they were all so good! Photos of the event are available on our school website.



- ◆ **LOST PROPERTY**—We have quite a bit of lost property in our blue bin in the reception foyer—please do have a look if your child is missing a coat, jumper, cardigan etc.
- ◆ **TRANSITION**—We will be holding our transition day for our pupils on Wednesday 5th July. This is an opportunity to meet and spend time with their next teacher and teaching assistant. Further information will be provided after half term. The new Year 3 pupils (current Year 2) have been invited to spend some time with us for a few sessions after half term, we look forward to welcoming them to our school.

◆ **MAGICAL MATHS**— A new after school club, Magical Maths, teaches children to read minds and calculate impossible sum, all with the power of maths! The club will commence after half term on Wednesdays until 4.15pm. It is open to all year groups for a cost of £39.00 for 5 x weeks. More details to follow on Monday.

◆ **SUMMER WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING**— Our Summer Term 2 whole school learning focus is 'How can we be guardians of our planet?' a very topical issue of looking after our planet. Class learning letters and grids will be available on our school website after half term.

◆ **MEDICAL INFORMATION**—Please inform the school office if there are any changes in medical conditions (asthma, allergies etc), so staff are aware of current needs.

◆ DIARY DATES

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| Mon 15th May | Visiting Artist—all year groups over week Football Match Y5 and Y6 team (boys) |
| Tues 16th May | Enthuse STEM project Y5 |
| Thurs 18th May | Future Flyers (6 pupils—PE) |
| *Mon 22nd May | Parent Workshop—Zones of Regulation (*CHANGE OF DATE due to presenter) Football Match Y5 and Y6 team (girls) |
| Thurs 25th May | Open Afternoon at 3.15pm |
| Fri 26th May | Donation day for summer fair |
| Mon 29th May | HALF TERM |
| Thurs 15th June | Future Flyers (6 pupils—PE) |
| Fri 16th June | Summer Fair |
| Fri 23rd June | Sports Day (afternoon) |
| Mon 26th June | Bikeability Y6 Eagle Mon-Thurs |
| Mon 3rd July | Bikeability Y6 Buzzard Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri |
| Weds 5th July | Transition Day |
| Fri 7th July | Locality Area Sports Event |
| Fri 21st July | INSET Day |

INSET Days 2023-2024

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 19th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

E Safety Focus - Smartwatches

As with any type of mobile technology, smartwatches can pose a risk to children unless they are used safely —Please see the poster on our school website under the parent, esafety tab.

