



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



February 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

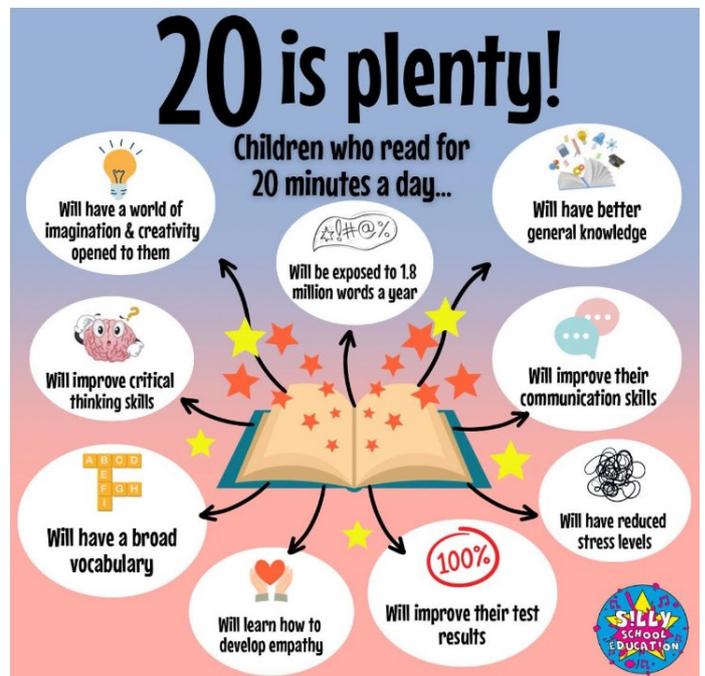
We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back on 20th February.

Louise Gasser, Headteacher

- ◆ **PARENTS EVENING**—We look forward to welcoming you into the school for our parent consultation evenings on either Wednesday 21st February or Thursday 22nd February. This will give you the opportunity to see some of your child's work. Please return your appointment slip to your child's class teacher for a scheduled time.
- ◆ **WORLD BOOK DAY** – World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, the theme is reading is fun! We welcome the children to come dressed as a character from a story they would like to share. You do not need to buy costumes; there are lots of ideas online for ways to make cheap, simple costumes. <https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up/> The children will be given a £1 book token which can be redeemed until 31st March at participating bookshops. For the range of free books available visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>
- ◆ **SCIENCE DAY**— British Science week is from 8th-17th March. As a school we will be focussing on a science day on Monday 11th March. The teachers are busy preparing lots of exciting science activities for the day on the theme of 'Time'. We have set a home challenge for our children to enter into the science fair which will be held during our open afternoon on Thursday 14th March. The science fair, was a great success last year so we look forward to seeing the entries this year! This year the challenge is to design a future farming Innovation or future model of a farm—please see the science letter for full information.
- ◆ **CLASS PHOTOS**—Class photographs are on Tuesday 12th March, these will be our usual long, grouped format for each class. Under GDPR recommendations, we require permission for your child to be included in the class photograph. You should be aware that the photographic proofs are sent home for ordering to all parents/carers within their class, therefore all parents/carers within that class will have sight of the photograph. If you DO NOT give your consent for your child to

be included in the class photograph we require you to inform us in writing by Friday 8th March at the absolute latest.

- ◆ **MMR VACCINATIONS**— Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/ Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.
- ◆ **READING**—An important message to share! Children who read for 20 minutes a day...



- ◆ **TIPI RESOURCES**—We are currently looking for some specific resources to further enhance our outdoor learning environment. If you can help us source any of the following then please speak to Miss Lowrey; wooden pallets and crates for den building, firewood small enough to burn immediately, a preloved mud kitchen or someone with the skills to build one!

◆ **DIARY DATES**

Mon 12th Feb	Half Term Week
Mon 19th Feb	INSET Day
Wed 21st Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
Thurs 22nd Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
Fri 23rd Feb	Maya workshop Y6
Thurs 29th Feb	Production of Boy at the Back of the Class Y4
Mon 4th Mar	Bring in books for a swap on World Book Day!
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Science Day
Tues 12th Mar	Class photo day
Thurs 14th Mar	Open afternoon & science fair from 3pm
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief, Red Nose Day –School uniform & a red nose if you wish!
Tues 26th Mar	Novium Museum Y4 Hawk Class
Weds 27th Mar	Novium Museum Y4 Kestrel Class PTA Easter tombola after school
Thurs 28th Mar	Last day of term
Mon 15th April	Start of summer term
Mon 29th April	Y6 Bikeability week
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 13th May	SATs Week Y6
Mon 20th May	Sports Week
Mon 27th May	Half Term Week
Mon 3rd June	INSET day
Fri 14th June	Summer Fair
Fri 28th June	Locality Area Athletics—selected Y5 and 6
Weds 3rd July	Transition Day
Tues 23rd July	Last day of term

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2024:

19th February 2024

3rd June 2024