



South Park School



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We cannot believe how quickly this term has gone. It seems to have been as busy as ever for everyone involved, we have certainly hit the ground running. We hope you all have a restful break and will see you all for the crazy Christmas term on Monday, 30 October 2017.

End of the Day Collection

Could all parents that collect their child at the senior/extension gate at the end of the day please remember not to block the gate. Primary 3 parents are welcome to come into the playground at 3.10pm and extension/senior parents can use the slabbed area surrounded by the wall, just in from the gate, to wait for their children. This will save our children from having to go onto the road in order to get past which has been witnessed on several occasions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Staff Car Park

It has been brought to my attention again that many parents are parking in the staff car park. This is NOT permitted. It means that cars leave the car park at the busiest times and is dangerous for our children.

IBike Crew

We have successfully appointed an IBike crew and along with Phil and Miss Miller we have run a very successful P4-7 breakfast. Phil was overwhelmed by the amount of parents who turned up to help set up, organise and attend the breakfast (as were we). Thank you to all those who supported it. There was a huge increase in bikes/scooters to school that day which was great to see. We hope to have another just as successful event this week for Nursery to P3.

Remember any child can bike/scoot/skate to school if you as their parent/carer agrees. We would love to see the continued support of travelling to school actively in the winter months.

Homework

As a school we have noticed that many parents are not signing their child's homework/reading notebook when homework tasks have been completed.

We would appreciate that you acknowledge that you have seen and supported your child's homework tasks by a signature. We continue to value the support we receive from parents.

Behaviour

As a school we are continuing our journey to becoming restorative in our approach to dealing with behaviour. This term classes have been trialling varying approaches to behaviour which focus on positive rewards and restorative conversations to build an understanding of how all parties involved in any unwanted behaviour feel. We have agreed the new stages to our plan below. Please note that it is differentiated between Primary 1 - 3 and Primary 4 - 7.

Primary 1 - 3

- Golden Time in term 2 will continue, although no golden time will be lost.
- Consequences will be issued in line with the unwanted behaviour, as staff see fit.
- Grey cards are to continue outside for undesirable behaviour. If your child receives a grey they will receive a grey sticky dot in their homework book to notify you of why they have received a grey warning.
- The same system will apply for orange and red warnings. An orange dot, with a brief explanation, will be put into their homework book for persistent undesirable behaviours in class which hinders their learning and the learning of their peers. A red dot will be for violent outbursts.

Primary 4 - 7

- No Golden Time next term.
- Pupils are engaging in Genius hour on a Thursday morning (see below).
- Classes focusing on positive behaviour.
- When issues arise, restorative conversations will occur.
- Home/school contact to continue as and when necessary (as we do just now).
- Grey card to be issued in the playground with immediate suitable consequences applied.

P4 - 7 Playground

With our Pupil Equity funding we have looked at ways in which we can create a more nurturing playground. Pupils in Primary 4 - 7 will have activities to engage in during lunchtime, from 1.00pm onwards. These are as follows:-

- Scooters (playing on their own scooter).
- Bikes (playing on their own bike).
- Grass
- Shed Equipment (free play with tyres/tubes/nets etc.)
- Craze (tables where they can use cards or whatever the next craze will be).
- Graffiti (tables where they can draw).

A rota is available on the school website and attached to this email. Pupils will have the activity for two days then change over.

When pupils are on the grass (two classes at a time) they will be able to go on with their school shoes and will change into their gym shoes for inside. This will save children having three pairs of shoes in school as we felt this did not work previously. More information is available on the school website.

Genius Hour

Pupils in P4 - 7 are engaging in genius hour next term on a Thursday morning. Pupils are signing up this week to a wide selection of activities. The idea is to provide children with a variety of experiences that build skills such as team work, social skills, literacy, numeracy skills and so forth. Activities will include visiting the local library, baking, cooking, outdoor education, golf, visiting care homes in the community, football, running, karate, ICT, knitting, gardening and the list goes on. We are sure the pupils will thoroughly enjoy developing these skills.