



South Park School



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Children in Need

We will celebrate Children in Need during the week of 15 - 17 November. House Captains have organised the following events:-

Toast at break time at 20p per slice on the following dates;

P1-3 Wednesday, 15 November

P4-5 Thursday, 16 November

P6-7 Friday, 17 November

During that week House Captains will be running a "Guess how many sweets in the jar" and "Guess the teddy's birthday" at 20p per go. These will be on sale at lunch time during the week.

Celebrating Differences Week

Just a reminder that you are invited to share our learning during celebrating differences week at the following times. Please note when certain classes/stages will not be available.

Wednesday, 15 November 1.45 - 2.45pm
No P7 available

Thursday, 16 November 9.30 - 10.30am
No P1 available

Friday, 17 November 11.00 - 12.00 noon
No P3 available

Termly Calendar

The termly calendar was emailed out last week and is also on the school website. Please take note of dates this term. There are parties, pantos, concerts, sharing the learning and so forth. Another hectic term for everyone!

In Service

Just a reminder that we re closed for In Service on Monday, 13th and Tuesday, 14th November. School will resume as normal for all children on Wednesday, 14th November. During In Service staff will be trained in a programme called "Rock and Water" which is aimed at raising self awareness of personal strengths and abilities and at learning how to play, work and live together with others in a changing, multi cultural society.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.rockandwaterprogram.com/?action=main.content&article nID=141&navID=41>

We are using our Pupil Equity Funding to access this training from the Gaduku Institute in the Netherlands. We will be trained for two days in November and the follow up two days February.

Testing

Attached to the email is information regarding the new Government testing - SNSA. Some of our children have been chosen to be used in a trial in the coming weeks so will be trying out the tests.



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.