



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

It does feel as though we've 'sprung forward' into Spring this week (a British Spring complete with rain today!). I wish you all an enjoyable two weeks taking full advantage of the longer, lighter days.

I was delighted to read the positive feedback from the parent questionnaires we handed out on parents evening (see attached document). The overwhelming majority of parents believe their child to be happy, safe and well-taught at this school. We have taken note of any points for improvement and will keep you posted on any actions we take as a result of your constructive criticism. Many thanks for completing the questionnaire.

Louise

Attendance

I am pleased to report that our attendance figure has been steadily climbing and we have just reached the 95% mark. The Local Authority target is 96% and with your help we know we can reach it before the end of the year. Thank you to all parents for your co-operation with this. It is particularly noticeable that fewer children have been absent this week than usual, so we can see that parents are not taking early holiday. No-one understands better than teachers the frustration of the higher costs of travel in the school holidays, but we also share the high priority you place on your child's education and appreciate your support.

Punctuality has been poorer over the past few weeks so we would ask parents to leave that little bit earlier to ensure their child doesn't miss any part of their schooling. Arriving late is disruptive for your child and their class. The lighter mornings should help us all spring out of bed more easily!

Clubs

The sign-up form for clubs for next term is available on Parentmail. Please sign up as soon as possible as all clubs are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. James and Tracey will create a personalised payment for you once your club selection is finalised. Payments are due by 3rd May.

Please note that, as usual, extra-curricular clubs do not run in the first and last week of each long term and you will not be charged for either week. Play club runs every day of term except for the last day, 19th July 2018, when school finishes at 1.30pm for everyone.

Fundraising success!



We are pleased to announce that the Hamelin D'Abell fitness class raised **£135.00** last weekend. Thank you to Julia Lundsten (Ralf's mother) for arranging this and to Hamelin, who has given his time for free for a second time. The class was once again well-attended and we hope to see even more parents at the next event.

Autism Awareness Week

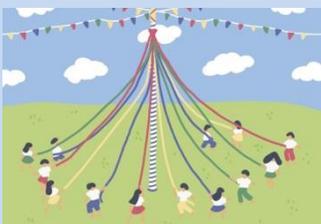
Mayowa led a lovely assembly this week celebrating our differences and similarities. It was lovely to hear the children talking with a partner about how they were alike and different, yet could always find common ground. They watched a film to help improve their awareness of people with autism and how they experience life. We are pleased to announce that the school council have raised over £100 already to sponsor Ameer Khan, a child with autism at a charity school in India, via the Helping Hands charity.



Grass and Easter Eggs!



Friend of the school and ex-pupil John Ong very kindly donated the new high quality artificial grass for our upper deck in the playground. He also fitted it himself with his friend Jeremy from Easigrass. As if that wasn't enough, he also donated a number of chocolate eggs for the children! Even our strict Healthy Eating policy allows for the occasional treat, so we will hand these out on Thursday at the end of the day. We will only give these to parents or carers, so please do collect one for your child(ren) on the way out if you wish. Children who walk home unaccompanied may also take one. Vegan alternatives will be available for children registered with us as vegan.



May Day Celebration

Please do save the date – Tuesday 1st May – for a special May Day celebration. More information to follow...



March

29th March 2018

Easter Lunch Special

29th March 2018

School closes for Easter Break 1.30p.m. finish

April

16th April 2018

Return to school

May

1st May 2018

May Day Celebration 12noon-3pm *Details to follow*

4th May 2018

Yr 1 Cake Sale

9th-11th May 2018

Yr 4 Dalesdown Residential Trip

WB 14th May 2018

End of Key Stage Assessments week Y6 ('SATs')

17th May 2018

Talent Show- Details to follow

18th May 2018

Reception Cake Sale

WB 21st May 2018

Enterprise Week

25th May 2018

School closes for half term break

June

5th June 2018

Return to school

9th-10th June 2018

SOHO FOOD FEAST

12th June 2018

Official class photographs

27th June 2018

Parent-Teacher Meetings

29th June 2018

Yr 6 Cake Sale

July

5th July 2018

International Evening

9th-13th July 2018

Active week (Sports day on the 10th)

18th July 2018

Meet your new teacher

19th July 2018

Last day of school year – 1.30 finish.

Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.