

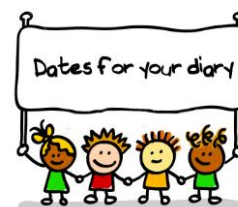


SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

January Newsletter

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Dream, Believe and Achieve!

Welcome Back

Happy New Year Everyone! It has been lovely to see the children coming back to school after Christmas so enthusiastic about their learning. We have talked a lot about New Year Resolutions, behaviour expectations and setting goals for themselves. Progress report cards will be shared on 21.1.19



21.01.19 – Progress Report Cards
23.01.19 – Nursery Parent Workshop
05.02.19 – Safer Internet day
05.02.19 – Year 3 Class Assembly
07.02.19 – Year 4 /6 Health survey
14.02.19 Year 4 Class Assembly
15.2.19 – Training day School closed
18.02.19 – HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
25.02.19 – Back to school
05.02.19 – Year 5 Class Assembly
07.03.19 – World Book Day
12.03.19 – Year 1 Class Assembly
15.03.19 – Comic Relief – non uniform
19.03.19 – Year 1/2 Class Assembly
26.03.19 – Parent and pupil Meetings
27.03.19 – Parent and pupil Meetings
03.04.19 – Easter egg competition
08.04.19 – EASTER HOLIDAYS
23.04.19 – Return to school

Thank you to all of you who completed our online survey at the end of last term.

In response to the things we do well some of the things you mentioned were:

What do we do well?

- ✓ Support for the children and parents
- ✓ Making children feel valued and happy in school
- ✓ Welcoming
- ✓ Making learning fun
- ✓ Educating and progress made

What could we do to improve even more?

In response to what could we do to improve even more over the few years some of the things you mentioned:

- Improve the school building – *We are working hard on this and should be able to share news with you all very soon about the progress of the proposed new school building.*
- Improve communication between home and school – *We really want to get this right as communication is vital to ensure that your children enjoy and achieve at school! Currently we have newsletters, text messaging service, class dojo for class information, the school website, class blogs and staff on the yard at the start and end of the day. Not all parents are on twitter or class dojo and we really need to get everyone involved! Please can you all sign up?*
- Review policies regarding bullying – *We are constantly looking at ways to improve and support children in this area. We will share updated policies and procedures this term. Please continue to talk to class teachers if you have any concerns.*
- Stop people smoking outside the school – *We do mention this to parents and we totally agree that this has to stop.*

Important Dates

13.5.19 – Year 6 SAT'S week. Please make sure your child is in school every day on time.

10.6.19 – Year 1 Phonics Test Week

Mobile Phones

Please make sure the school office has your up to date mobile phone number. There are still occasions where we are unable to contact parents due to numbers no longer being valid. Children who need to bring their mobile phones to school, must leave them at the Office. We are unable to accept responsibility for any mobile phones that are damaged or stolen at school.

Dinner Money

We are still owed a staggering amount of dinner money. Despite repeated reminders to key families to clear the debt, we still continue to have this problem. **Reminder** – All debt must be paid fully and cleared before children can return to school dinners. A packed lunch needs to be provided until all debt is paid. Thank you to all the parents who pay on time each Monday morning.

Use your head!

We need to encourage all children to be wear a helmet when riding a bike. We are witnessing too many children riding quite dangerously without a helmet and the consequences of this could be deadly. All bikes and scooters must be wheeled in the yard and not ridden.



<https://twitter.com/Simonsidep>

Please join up! A hamper prize will be given to a random name drawn from all the parents who have signed up by 1st February.

PE Kits

There are a number of children coming to school without their PE Kits. Please ensure your child brings in a green T-Shirt, black shorts/joggers and has suitable footwear. PE is an important part of the curriculum but we can't allow children to participate who do not have appropriate clothing.

Attendance

Our overall attendance is still not as high as it should be and we are concerned that some children are missing too much learning, even coming in late impacts on their learning potential.

Attendance at the end of Autumn term per year group:

Reception - 93.7%

Year 1 - 95.1%

Year 1/2 - 94.1%

Year 2 - 95.3%

Year 3 - 94.3%

Year 4 - 94.3%

Year 5 - 93.1%

Year 6T - 96.8%

Year 6H - 95.3%

We need to be at least 96%!

Dogs on School Premises

May we please remind parents that dogs are **not** allowed anywhere on the school premises or near the school gates. There have been occasions where we have seen parents carrying dogs into school or keeping them just outside the gates onto the yard. Parents have complained about this in the recent parent feedback.

