

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

As you are aware, we have followed the directive from the Italian government to close the school. I would like to pay tribute to all my colleagues for their support, collaborative working and expertise in this unprecedented situation. I am particularly indebted to Mrs Luana Penzo, Mr Richard Hough (ICT Coordinator) and Mr Maurizio De Paolis (IT Technician/Expert) for their unfailing good humour and advice in the light of a demanding situation. It has been a rewarding experience to be part of a large team who are committed to helping our students.

I would also like to thank parents and students who have embraced our online platform so well. The positive messages that we have received are most welcome. We will be keeping you up to date as the situation develops.

CAS Students working with Sant'Egidio

On Wednesday evening, our Year 12 CAS students chose to volunteer and support Comunita Sant'Egidio in Fiumicino by providing food and conversation to those less fortunate.

From the start of our CAS experience, we had always hoped that an opportunity such as this would arise and those who were involved can be very proud of their efforts.

Along with our School Secretary, Mrs Luana Penzo, the students brought food and sat with a number of people, some of whom are house bound due to illness, others homeless and some in need of a simple chat and a smiling face.

We look forward to working more with this wonderful charity and after talking to the students, it is clear that they are eager to return.

Richard Hough, CAS Coordinator





Online Classroom Teaching

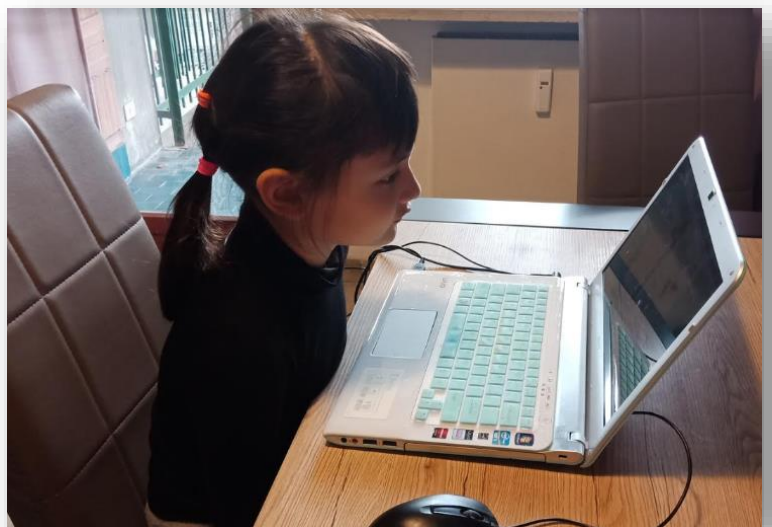
A classroom is a sad place without children! Mr Hough can be seen in splendid isolation! However, he is communicating with his Year 6 class. Members of Mrs Pierfederici's class can be seen in remote learning action.



Emma Year 2P



Zoe Year 2P



Year 1 Carnival

Both the Woodpeckers and the Goats joined in the fun enthusiastically! They made carnival masks and had great fun using the spray bottles to paint them. The pupils chose their own decorations. I think you will agree they look amazing. On the day, the children looked very colourful in their Superhero and Princess costumes.





Welcome to the Eco News!

It is wonderful to watch Southlands bloom as we 'go green'. Throughout the school there has been an increase in awareness and the whole community is making an effort to be more responsible and environmentally friendly. Well done for using the bins in the playground and the classrooms to separate waste. This shows an appreciation of reducing the impact we are all having on the environment.

News clearly travels fast. We had a very special visitor for Carnevale. I am not sure who saw Greta Thunberg around the school. I hope you offered her a warm welcome.

There has been a wonderful new planting bed built in the Reception Garden. A huge thank you goes to the maintenance team as ever! Keep an eye out for new life as the children plant and tend to this in the spring. Planting increases biodiversity and affects the food webs. I wonder whether we will also find some new guests for the 'Bug Hotel' in there?

Remember - we are all a part of the solution so you can continue reducing, reusing and recycling while you are away from school this week. I would love to see what you have been up to so if you create anything, send me your 'Eco Updates' via email: info@southlands.it

Upcoming Football Tournaments for 2020

Kindly be informed that the forthcoming football tournament due to be held on Saturday 7th March has been postponed.

We will let you know of the new arrangements in due course.

Mr Richard Hough



When and How to Wash Your Hands

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Learn when and how you should wash your hands to stay healthy.

Wash Your Hands Often to Stay Healthy

You can help yourself and your loved ones to stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- **Before, during, and after** preparing food
- **Before** eating food
- **Before and after** caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- **Before and after** treating a cut or wound
- **After** using the toilet
- **After** [changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet](#)
- **After** blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- **After** touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- **After** handling pet food or pet treats
- **After** touching garbage

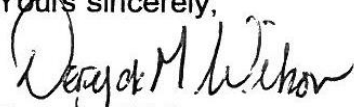
Follow these five steps every time.

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air-dry them.

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deryck M. Wilson".

Deryck M Wilson

Principal