

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has certainly been a tricky week, along with all the amazing events that have taken place in our school this week, we have been continuing to deal the escalating concerns regarding Covid-19.

Every day I receive emails from both the Department of Education and Public Health, and I am ensuring that all guidance and advice given is being adhered to in school. I do have plans in place should the Government close all schools. Staff will upload work on their Class Dojo page and children will be able to upload their work on to their portfolio on Class Dojo for their teachers to see. Further information about these arrangements will be shared with you if we find that we have to close, which hopefully we won't.

If you have not got a Class Dojo account, please email me and I will send you the link to your child's account.

I am trying to maintain business as usual and keep disruption to a minimum. However, the health and safety of our children, staff and the wider community is my priority and I must play a part in preventing the spread of this virus.

I am aware that some members of our school community were not happy with the decision that I made to postpone our school discos on Friday. Decisions to cancel events, close the school etc are never taken lightly, as I am fully aware how disruptive decisions like this are, I never want to let anyone down. Following discussion with the FOSPS team I made the decision to postpone the discos for several reasons. The children would have significantly more contact with each other in a hot, sweaty environment. Events like this can only go ahead with volunteers; however, this would have meant that a large number of adults and children, who would not normally have had contact, would have had contact with each other. It can also be tricky to monitor the children's hygiene habits during events like this. I apologise for the inconvenience that this decision caused, however it was made with your children's safety at the heart of it.

I am reviewing the events that we will be participating in on a week by week basis. Some events have already postponed, and I have already contacted the parents that this affects via Class Dojo.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this time.

### **After School dance Club**

Following a risk assessment, unfortunately parents will not be able to come into school on Tuesday to watch their children perform. Hopefully we will be able to rearrange this opportunity for later this year.

### **Music Performance**

The children were treated to a musical performance this week by Ensemble 360.



### **Balance Bike Project**

The children in Sparrow Class had the opportunity to take part in the Balance Bike project this week. Balance bikes do not have pedals, so that children can focus on balance over movement. The children in Puffin class will have the opportunity to take part in this project next week. If you have not already returned the permission slips for your child, please could you ensure that these are sent back to school by Tuesday.



### **Decorated Easter Egg Competition**

We will be holding our annual decorated egg competition on Wednesday 1st April. Children and parents will need to bring in their decorated boiled egg on Wednesday 1st April ready for judging and leave in the school hall on their year group table. The children's eggs will be judged in year group categories and we will also be having a parent's category. Start getting creative!

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### Parking at the Graham Adams Centre

As you will be aware the Graham Adams Centre committee have very kindly allowed parents/ carers of children at Southam Primary School to use their car park.

Like our staff car park, the car park at the Graham Adams Centre is very small and has limited spaces. As well as the nursery and pre school on site, the centre hosts a number of events and activities, for which the centre needs to provide parking for. Parking needs to be prioritised to these groups. Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of occasions when some Southam Primary parents/ carers have parked in the disabled spaces, which are needed. They have also parked across the entrance to the car park, blocking all access and been verbally abusive to Graham Adams Centre staff.

As a result of this situation, the Graham Adams Centre can no longer allow parents/ carers to park in their car park.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Website

Apologies if you have been unable to access our school website over the last few days. I have updated our school website and currently waiting for our domain name to move across to the new site. I have been advised that this could take up to 5 days. The move started on Thursday.

I would welcome any feedback about the website, once you can access it!

### Coming to School on Time

Please could you ensure that your child is on site ready to come into school at 8.45am. We have had some children arriving late, and this makes it difficult for their teacher as they have already started teaching their class and can also be unsettling for your child. Many thanks.

Children should not arrive on site before 8.35am unless they are attending the before school club.

### Reporting Absences

If your child is not in school please could you ensure that you either call the school office on 01926 812520 or email [southamprimary@stowevalley.com](mailto:southamprimary@stowevalley.com) before 9am.

Please do not send a message via Class Dojo to your child's teacher, as they are teaching and will not be able to pick up these messages until later on in the day.

Many thanks.

### Friends Of Southam Primary School

#### Dates 2020

20<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Sale

20<sup>th</sup> May- Cake Sale

20<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fair

**School Lunches** The price of a child's school lunch is **£2.30**. Payment can be made by Parentpay, cash or cheque – which should be made payable to Southam Primary School (WCC).

Costs for this term are:

Per lunch £2:30, per week: £11.50, year: £439.30

Spring Half term 1 £66.70, Half term 2 £69, Spring Term £135.70

Summer Half term 1 £57.50, Half term 2 £75.90, Summer Term £133.40

The menu for next week is:

**Monday:** Pork sausages/ Chinese style quorn/ jacket potato/ tuna mayonnaise sandwich. Strawberry swirl mousse/ cheese, crackers and apple/ yogurt/ fresh fruit

**Tuesday:** Chicken fillet wrap with BBQ sauce/ omelette/ jacket potato/ cheese bap. Iced mandarin sponge / yogurt/ fresh fruit

**Wednesday:** Roast pork/ veggie toad in the hole/ jacket potato/ turkey bap. Fruit crumble/ ice cream tub / yogurt/ fresh fruit

**Thursday:** Beef bolognese pasta bake/ rustic cheese and tomato pizza/ jacket potato/ ham sandwich. Creamy whip with fruit in juice/ ginger cookie / yogurt/ fresh fruit

**Friday:** Fish cake/ vegetable burrito/ jacket potato/ cheese bap. Mini doughnut / yogurt/ fresh fruit

### Dates for your diary

#### **March**

17<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Balance bike day

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 and 6- Southam's Got talent at Southam College

25<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6- Easter experience at St James Church

26<sup>th</sup> Year 2 visit to Coventry Cathedral

31<sup>st</sup> Easter service at St James Church – 10am

W/B 30<sup>th</sup> Book fair in school

#### **April**

3<sup>rd</sup> What's My Line assembly- local volunteers will be in school taking to the children about their job

3<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term

20<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### Key Contact Details

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Keep safe.

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