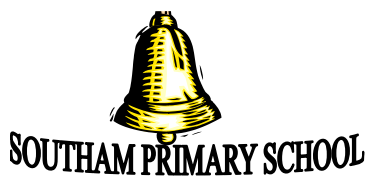


Friday 9th October 2020



Where Getting Better Never Stops

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Friends of Southam Primary School (FOSPS)

Our wonderful FOSPS team held their AGM last night– thank you to everyone who attended.

At the meeting the following members took up these committee roles:

Chair– Kay Byrne
Vice Chair– Louise Crafts
Treasurer– Tina Jones
Secretary– Lisa Heywood

The FOSPS team are looking forward to hosting a number of fund raising events this year, the first will be a Christmas raffle. Details of this will be sent out after half term.

Can You Help?

We are looking to replenish some of the resources that are younger children use as part of their learning.

If you have any of these items at home and would like to donate them to school we would be VERY grateful:

Wellies, spades, rakes, buckets, small wheel barrows, ribbons, pompoms, carpet tiles, rope, pop up tents, pegs, crates, scoops, sieves, baking items, wooden blocks, plastic animals, plastic sea creatures, plastic dinosaurs, blankets, puppets, rolls of paper, sand timers, magnifying glasses, cots, spoons, drain pipes, watering cans, water butt, funnels, tyres, push chairs, dolls house, small logs/ sleepers, balance bikes and/ water trays, plants for the outdoor area, toy cars, diggers, duplo including people, lego, train sets and tracks, jigsaws (100 pieces or less), snakes and ladders games

Thank you!

Bikes in School

Due to the dangerous nature of the roads around the school along with the dangerous parking and narrow pavements we have not encouraged cycling to school. We also do not have anywhere to store the children's bikes.

I am aware that a bike has been locked against the fence on the key stage 2 playground. Our fencing always needs to remain clear of all obstructions. If you choose to allow your child to cycle to school, please could you make arrangements to take the bike home with you in the morning when you your child has arrived at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FOSPS Christmas Cards

The children have been busy designing Christmas cards over the last few weeks. If they haven't already, the children will be bringing their design home along with the following letter:

Your child has brought home with them the amazing design they have created. IQ Cards will print this design onto high quality Greeting Cards, Postcards, Gift Wrap and Sticky Gift Labels. Also, fun and affordable gifts: Fridge Magnets & Coasters (See the Leaflet that has also been sent home for visuals / product info.)

Your child's name will be printed onto all the products for that personal touch!

On the reverse of their design please can you fill in the order form - **check your child's name is spelt correctly and is exactly how you would like it printed onto the products & clearly fill in the quantity of each product that you would like to order.**

Payment must be handed in with the order forms as per the instructions on the sheet. Payment can be either cash or cheque made payable to **Friends of Southam Primary School** and NOT FOSPS. All cash must be in a sealed envelope with the amount and child's name on the front.

All order forms with payment must be returned by **Friday 16th October 2020**. We will be unable to process late orders due to timeframes so please get them in by this date.

School Photographs

The children's photographs were sent home last week.

Details on how to place your order can be found on the pack that was sent home along with the deadline date for orders.

Covid Risk Assessment Updates

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation in wearing face coverings during drop off and collection times.

Your thoughtfulness has meant that a large number of our children's parents felt a lot safer dropping off and collecting their children.

Due to the tight space at the side of the school, please could you not wait for your child in the area between the reception outdoor area and the cloakroom area near Heron classroom, please use the playgrounds instead. This will ensure that families can move safely around the school when dropping off/ collecting their children.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

October Half Term Play Scheme

The booking form for the before and after school the October half term play scheme are available from Class Dojo and our school website.

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/letter>

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Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

Thank you to everyone who returned the forms for this course. We have now booked this safer cycling course for December. The children will be in groups of 6 for this training to ensure social distancing. I will confirm the days that your child will be taking part in this training next half term.

Reception Information Meetings

The reception team will be holding information meetings for families on:

14th October at 6pm- general information meeting

10th November at 6pm- Reading and writing focus

18th January at 6pm—Maths information focus

All these meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams.

A link to the first meeting has been emailed to all families last week. If you have not received the link please let me know.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We are looking to hold our parent teacher meetings after the half term break. Due to Covid restrictions these will not be able to take place face to face, instead these will take place via Microsoft Teams. I will be sending out information about booking appointments over the next few weeks.

If you think you will have difficulty accessing Microsoft Teams please could you let me know as soon as possible so that I can make alternative arrangements.

Emma.Longworth@stowevalley.com

Flu Immunisations

We have been given the provisional date of Thursday 3rd December for the children to have their flu immunisations in school. I will of course keep you updated should there be a change in this date.

School Uniform

I have a number of really good pieces of uniform in a variety of sizes that have been donated to the school. If you would like to take advantage and pick up some of these items, please let me know.

School Lunches The price of a child's school lunch is £2.30. Payment can be made via ParentPay or by cash or cheque – which should be made payable to Southam Primary School (WCC). Costs for this term/ year are:

Per lunch £2:30, per week: £11.50, year: £437

Autumn Half term 1 £85.10, Half term 2 £78.20, Autumn Term £163.30

Spring Half term 1 £66.70, Half term 2 £66.70, Spring Term £133.40

Summer Half term 1 £66.70, Half term 2 £73.60, Summer Term £140.30

As the children are having their lunches in the classroom, we are able to offer children a hot or cold deli bag option for lunch. The lunch menus can be found on our school website. <https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/lunch-menu>

I am currently reviewing the lunch choices being provided by Educaterers for after half term. I will notify you of any changes before the half term break.

2020- 2021 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2020

1st September - Staff training day

2nd September - Children return to school

14th October- 6pm Reception class general information meeting

23rd October- Staff training day, children not in school

26th- 30th October- Half Term

2nd November- Staff training day, children not in school

3rd November - Children return to school

5th November- Parent teacher meetings via Microsoft Teams

9th Parent teacher meetings via Microsoft Teams

3rd December Flu immunisations

10th November at 6pm- Reception information meeting Reading and writing focus via Microsoft Teams

18th December- Last day of term

Spring Term 2021

4th January- staff training day, children not in school

5th January- Children return to school

18th January at 6pm—Reception information meeting Maths information focus via Microsoft Teams

15th - 19th February- Half Term

1st April - Last day of term

Summer term 2021

19th April- Children return to school

4th May - Bank Holiday

31st May- 4th June- Half Term

7th June - staff training day, children not in school

8th June Children return to school

21st July- Last day of term

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/term-dates>

Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Longworth

