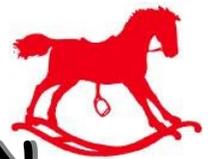




Surrey Street Primary School



CALENDAR DATES & INFORMATION

April 2017

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged their child to 'Rise & Shine' during the past 6 weeks. The office has seen an increase in the attendance figures since the initiative started- keep up the good work! The Family Voice group continues to provide us with some great ideas to action and we are looking forward to more so please check the calendar so you can join us on the next one. The summer term will see us continuing to focus on attendance but also on young people's mental health. Sadly there is still a huge amount of stigma over mental health and Surrey Street aim to help change that! Keep on the look out for more information. All that is left to do now is to enjoy our Easter break and lots of yummy Easter eggs!

Keeping minds healthy at Surrey Street Primary

We have been focusing on our new mental health initiative at school and everyone took part in an assembly where the children were given five tools to keep a healthy mind. We will continue to promote good mental health in the up-coming weeks.



What is mental health?

“ Mental Health affects all aspects of a child's development including their cognitive abilities, their social skills as well their emotional wellbeing. Building emotional resilience is key and we believe with good mental health, children and young people do better in every way. They enjoy their childhoods, are able to deal with stress and difficult times, are able to learn better, do better at school, and enjoy friendships and new experiences. The childhood and teenage years are when mental health is developed and patterns are set for the future. So a child with good mental health is much more likely to have good mental health as an adult and to be able to take on adult responsibilities and fulfil their potential. ”

To find out more log onto www.youngminds.org.uk to find out more and what you can do to help support your child.

Rise and shine Update



Rise and shine has been an epic success!

We are proud to report that nearly three hundred children have been present and on time for school during the past six weeks. These children will be presented with a certificate, a bowling voucher and a notebook.

A class from key stage one and two will also receive a individual class prize and a further two children from each year group will be selected to win an extra special prize.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Let's make sure that the children continue to rise and shine and be on time.



Contact Details

Could we get hold of you in an emergency?

Do we hold the most up to date mobile number on file for you?

Who is authorised to collect your child in an emergency?

Have you moved recently?

Please make sure you keep us updated with any changes. Just pop into the office and let us know!



Reminder- Medicine Drop Offs

In order for Mrs Thompson, our Medical officer, to be available to assist with the welfare of the children each morning, medicines can only be dropped off to the medical room between **8:45 - 9:15 am**. Thank you for your support.

Afterschool Club Payments

Remember all afterschool club payments can **only** be taken either online or at afterschool club. Thank you.



Netball Success

The Surrey Street Netball team won their previous league to get into the premier league and after displaying great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, they have managed to finish 3rd in the premier league out of the thirty-five teams in Luton that entered the league. As a result, they are the most successful sports team Surrey Street has ever had. Well done!



New Sports Clubs

Years 3 & 4 only Fiitball
Every Friday after school for the first half term.

Years 3 - 6 Rounders
Every Friday before school at 7:50am until December.

The clubs will start from Friday 21st April.
Letters are available from the office.



Welly Wednesdays in Early Years

Every Wednesday, the Early Years children take all their lessons outside. The children spend the day choosing from various activities whilst wearing special waterproof clothing to keep them warm and dry. The children say Welly Wednesdays are the best thing ever!

Why do we encourage outdoor learning?

- Gives children contact with the natural world and offers them experiences that are unique to outdoors, such as direct contact with the weather and the seasons.
- Helps children to understand and respect nature, the environment and the interdependence of humans, animals, plants, and lifecycles.
- Supports children's problem-solving skills and nurtures their creativity, as well as providing rich opportunities for their developing imagination, inventiveness and resourcefulness.
- An outdoor environment provides children with space, both upwards and outwards, and places to explore, experiment, discover, be active and healthy, and develop their physical capabilities.
- The outdoor environment offers space and therefore is particularly important to those children who learn best through active movement. Very young children learn predominately through their sensory and physical experiences which supports brain development.
- For many children, playing outdoors at their early years setting may be the only opportunity they have to play safely and freely while they learn to assess risk and develop the skills to manage new situations.



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term

Wednesday 19th April - Friday 26th May

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Training Day

Tuesday 18th April

Back to School

Wednesday 19th April

Learner of the Month Assembly

Friday 21st April

Class Photographs

Monday 24th April

Year 1 Baxter Bear Workshop (No cost)

Tuesday 25th April

Tulip Assembly

Friday 28th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Red Nose Day Fundraising



On the Friday 24th March, a bake sale was held to raise money for comic relief. Children were invited into the Family Room to purchase a scrummy Red Nose Day cake. The cake sale was a massive success raising just over **£310** and was only made possible using parent volunteers. Our year 6 students kindly helped out with the cake sale during break and lunch and we had a team of bakers who donated their time to help to bake nearly 700 cakes. Although very tiring, we all had lots of fun. A huge thank you goes to Kelly Bridgestock, Laura Lismanis, Thilaxsana Thillainathan, Amy Silvester and Eszter Kallai. What a fabulous team we made!
On top of our cake sale, we held a non-school uniform day and sold red noses and mothers day gifts. As a school, we managed to raise a phenomenal **£1,300!!!** Well done everyone!

Summer Trip Payments

Following on from feedback from the last Family Voice meeting, parents advised that it can be costly paying for all the trips booked during the summer term, especially when they have more than one child in the school and requested a way to help spread the cost. We are pleased to be able to offer parents a way to budget for this.



On 1st April in Scopay, a generic trip for each year group called "Year X Summer Trip" will be created. An initial minimum credit of £5 will need to be added to your child's trip account in order to activate it. Once the actual trip cost and details have been confirmed, if the trip cost exceeds £5 you will have the option to top up the payments either weekly, monthly or credit the account with a one-off payment.