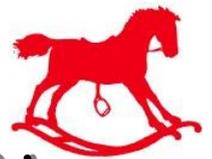




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CALENDAR DATES & INFORMATION

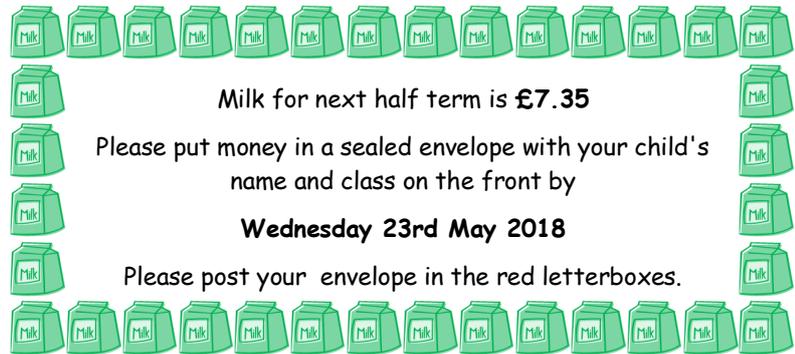
May 2018

It's hard to believe we are five months into 2018 already and the summer holidays are fast approaching. Life at Surrey Street Primary shows no signs of slowing down with the school calendar still being very much full! This month's newsletter continues to showcase the busy and varied activities that happen throughout the school term. This month we focus on the great work the Family Room do.



Surrey Street help change the world!

The Surrey Street children took part in a hugely successful science week back in March. All key stages loved exploring the great seas and learnt lots of facts about our different oceans, the creatures that live within them and the damages that plastic and other harmful waste can cause. The children also had the opportunity for their parents to come to work alongside them. A big thank you to all those parents that joined in with the science week activities. One of the science week tasks was for selected year groups to write a letter to local businesses asking them to consider reducing their plastic use and give convincing reasons why. The children have been excited to see in the news recently that changes are already starting to be made! We wonder if it was because of our persuasive letter writing? In fact the Year 6 children actually had a reply from Starbucks! They want to come into school and meet with the Year 6 children to discuss their ideas further. Wow! Surrey Street is helping to change the world!



Milk for next half term is **£7.35**

Please put money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front by

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Please post your envelope in the red letterboxes.

What a **sock**sess!!

To help raise awareness of Autism, on Friday 30th March, the last day of term, Surrey Street raised a fantastic **£177.00** for the charity 'Autism Bedfordshire' by wearing bright, colourful silly socks and non-school uniform. Well done everyone!



The Wellbeing Team rewards EGGcellent behaviour...

The fun continued on the last day of term with our annual Easter egg raffle. The raffle is linked to positive behaviour and good choices. If the children do not receive any yellow cards during the school day, then they are entered into the draw daily. All of the 77 delicious chocolate Easter eggs were kindly donated by the Surrey Street staff. Sadly there were no eggs left over! Well done to all the pupils in the draw. Keep up the good work.



Universal Free School Meals Workshop for Year 2 Families

Now that your son/daughter is moving up to Year 3, your entitlement to Universal Free School Meals will stop and you will need to pay £2.05 per day for a school dinner. However, some families *may still be eligible* for free school meals. We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals so the Family Room will be holding a 'Free School Meals' workshop especially for Year 2 families. Support and advice will be on hand to help guide you through the application process and to check your eligibility. All you need to attend the workshop is a **working email address**. Come to join us in the **Family Room between 9-11am on Friday 4th May 2018**.

School Dinners



THE STAR- The Pupils' Paper

The Surrey Street house captains decided it was time for the pupils voices to be heard! Over the last few weeks the house captains have been busy publishing their very own newsletter just for the pupils. If you would like to see what the pupils of Surrey Street have to say then check your child's email account as a copy of the newsletter will be mailed to every child in the school or read the class copy in school.



Surrey Street \$wap \$hop

Thursday 3rd May at 3pm sees the launch of our exciting new swap shop in the family room. We are looking for donations of children's clothing, bedding and other useful household items. Please bring in any items that are new or in good

used condition and swap them for items you need. If you have nothing to swap you can still purchase items for a donation of 20p for used items or 50p per item for brand new goods. If you wish to donate any items beforehand, please drop them to the family room. We currently have in stock new children's trainers and outfits, used good condition bedding, children's clothing in various sizes and a used good condition Moses basket. We **will not** be taking electrical items or bric-a-brac such as ornaments. Any items donated must be useful. We look forward to swapping with you soon!

Year 6 SATS Survival Guide



These tests are taken by children at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6). At present, the Year 6 children sit a reading paper, two tests related to grammar, punctuation and spelling and three maths papers. The Year 6 test results are then reported back to schools (and then to parents) by the end of the summer term.

Your children have been well prepared in school. They have experienced past test papers and revised key curriculum areas to give them confidence. Help your child to put the assessment week into perspective. Whilst we all want them to do well, we want them to be reassured that life goes on as normal after the assessments. Here are a few tips on how to help your child:

Spend short bursts over the remaining days (20 minutes maximum) revising. Your child should have logon details for Rapid Readers, Purple Mash & Athletics.

Encourage your child to continue eating healthily. Don't let them skip meals. 



Help your child to get sufficient rest. Make the hour before bedtime as relaxing as possible - no revision and no really late nights.

On the day of an assessment the children will be given a healthy breakfast at school. Please give your child plenty of reassurance. Remind them how well they are doing, how proud you are and how you will be happy to know they have done their best. 

Consider a few simple, relaxing treats during the week - perhaps a trip to the park after school, a hot chocolate in a café or something else to help maintain momentum throughout the assessment period. 

Try to avoid 'grand gesture' promises e.g. if you score high in each paper I will give you lots of money to spend on holiday. These kinds of promises often add to the stress. Keep any extra-special treats as a nice surprise for the summer holidays!

Family Room Foodbank



The Family Room are setting up a food bank. Items donated will be distributed to families in need. Please donate any non-perishable items such as biscuits, squash, tins and sauces to the family room or maybe add extra items to donate to your next shop. If you have fresh food, please call the Family Room on 01582 748817 to check we can store the food safely before you bring your fresh items in. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

First Half Summer Term

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 25th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June

Back to School

Monday 4th June

Tuesday 1st May

Garnet Coffee Morning 9-10am Family Room

Thursday 3rd May

Swap Shop 3-4pm Family Room

Friday 4th May

Cherry Class Assembly

Year 2 only- Free School Meal Workshop

9-11am Family Room

Tuesday 8th May

Reception- Trip to Whipsnade Zoo (£10)

Carmine Coffee Morning 9-10am Family Room

Friday 11th May

Learner of the Month Assembly

Thursday 17th May

Celebratory 'Royal Wedding' themed lunch (£2.05)

Monday 14th May - Thursday 17th May

Year 6 SAT's week with 8am Breakfast

Tuesday 15th May

Rose Coffee Morning 9-10am Family Room

Tuesday 22nd May

Year 3- Trip to Verulamium (£8)

Tulip Coffee Morning 9-10am Family Room

Friday 25th May

Rose Class Assembly

Non School Uniform Day £1 per child

Fruit for KS2

During the last week of term, Monday 21st-Friday 25th May, WBT will be selling fresh fruit to KS2 at break times. Only 20p a piece! The money raised will be put into school funds.

