

Sunny Bank Primary School



Newsletter Term 2 December 2017

Head of School's Message

This term has provided the school with opportunities for a rich array of seasonal and community events. Thank you to all families who have attended these events, including Nativities, the Christmas Fair, Stay and Play sessions and a Christingle Service.

The current funds raised for the school total over £1200, all of which will be spent wisely developing and enriching children's school experience.

The children have worked incredibly hard during our recent assessment week and all parents/carers will have received attendance and attainment reports.

We welcome all feedback, please complete the parent questionnaires that are available on either site, at all school events and distributed to pupils. Parents and carers are also very welcome to book appts with teaching staff, phase leaders or SLT to discuss further.

Recent Governor visits across the school have praised the significant improvements in behaviour, progress and school ethos since September 2017. Staff and children are rightly very proud of these comments in recognition of the hard work that the whole school community have invested in Sunny Bank Primary. Keep an eye on the website and in the KM paper for further information!

Have a wonderful Christmas with family, fun and laughter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrap-Stanley,
Acting Head of School.



Staff

This term we say goodbye to some valued members of staff - Miss Kleebaum, Mrs Miller, and Mrs Azzopardi. We wish them all the very best for the future and a huge thank you for all you have done for the school.

In January we welcome Mr Miles into Shakespeare, Mr Russell into Stephenson Class, and Mrs Jones into the School Business Manager position.

After many years of loyal and hardworking service, we say goodbye to Mr Rouse who has been the Caretaker at the Sunny Bank site for 23 years. We will be sorry to see him go, but hope he enjoys a happy and well deserved retirement!

Attendance & Lateness

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please telephone the school office before 9:00am to advise accordingly.

School starts promptly in the morning and lateness has an adverse effect on a pupil's learning, please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. If your child is late, please accompany them into school as the reason for the lateness needs to be recorded in the register and your child needs to be signed in by a parent. After half term this process will also be in place at the Sunny Bank Site. After 9:20am lateness is recorded as unauthorised absence for the morning and 10 unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice. Please may I remind parents/carers that the gate closes at 8.50am.

School Dinners & Dinner Money

If your child wishes to have school dinners this will be for the whole week, no mix and match days, sorry. However, if after a week's trial they wish to change to pack lunch please ask your child to inform their class teacher.

ALL dinner money must be paid on a Monday morning for the week.

The charge for school dinners is £11.50 per week. The school is responsible for any debt and therefore we are unable to allow debts to accumulate, if you have not paid on Monday morning when Principal's Cash Collector checks the registers you will be contacted by the school

office and asked to bring in a packed lunch for the whole week.

Starting at Primary school

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you need to apply for their place at Primary School.

Applying online is quick, simple and convenient.

Apply before 15th January 2018:

Kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Diary Dates

January

Thursday 4th - Start of Term 3 children return

Monday 15th - Applications close Reception places

February

Friday 9th - End of Term 3

Monday 19th - Start of Term 4 - children return

March

Thursday 29th - End of Term 4

April

Tuesday 16th - Start of Term 5 - children return

May

Friday 25th - End of Term 5

June

Monday 4th - Start of Term 6- children return

July

Tuesday 24th - End of Term 6

Further staff development dates to be confirmed

Do you have, or know of any children who would benefit from joining our fantastic Nursery? We can offer 15hrs per week for 3 to 4 year olds for which there is no charge. If your family is in receipt of certain benefits you may qualify for Free for 2 funding. Contact either the school office or Nursery staff for more information.

