



Head's *update*

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Dear parents/carers

Welcome back after the October half term break. I hope you all had some quality time to catch up with family and friends. Thankfully, the weather was incredibly kind and allowed us to get outdoors!

Our INSET day on Monday was spent preparing for a very exciting launch in January 2020. As well as a new year we will be introducing our new curriculum. We have been teaching topics through our 'Doorways & Pathways' curriculum for the last five years. (Like everything, five years is a long time and it is time for a change!) We have been exploring what the learning journey for a South Ender would look like from receiving their tie in year three, to graduating in year six. Staff spent the day exploring new topics and thinking ahead on how best to motivate and engage the children, as well as continuing to revitalise awe and wonder back into the curriculum. We have been liaising closely with the Cornerstones Curriculum Maestro Team. A cornerstones curriculum will help SEJ to design a broad and balanced curriculum with just the right mix of skills, knowledge and creativity, using a range of online tools and resources. We are excited about the forthcoming curriculum improvements and how these will impact positively on the quality of teaching and learning. Watch this space!

The children have all returned this morning raring to go! Today I launched our new value of 'Independence'. This is our second value of the year and one which we encourage our children to demonstrate daily. This week we will also be remembering all the veterans who sacrificed their lives fighting as soldiers on the frontline. Head boy & head girl will also accompany me to lay a wreath on Wednesday at Rushden's memorial garden.

Parents' evening appointments will be open to book shortly. Please do book a time to come and share your child's successes and areas of development with your child's teacher. It is also an excellent opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. Please note each appointment is ten minutes long and staff cannot see you for any longer than that on the evening.

We are holding our Open Morning on Thursday 21st November at 9am for any prospective new parents joining us in September 2020. There will be a short introduction to SEJ and then parents are free to look around all classrooms until 10.30am. You do not need to book to attend this session; just turn up!

It's year 5's turn to take to the South End stage in December. They will be entertaining us with a medley of songs about Christmas through the ages. This term will also see the usual festivities including the Christmas catwalk, Christmas disco, Christmas lunch, Christmas sing-a-long and staff nativity readings. A busy term ahead and one, which I know, will fly by!

Thank you for your continued support.

See you at the gate.

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Head Teacher

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