

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear parents & carers,

Another successful year at South End Junior is almost upon us. It's hard to believe 2022 is almost over!

Once again, our South Enders have demonstrated such resilience and pride in their work this term. They have made us all feel proud.

Our value of 'Aspiration' has been demonstrated daily and the values jar is full! An additional playtime has been both earned and enjoyed! We have shared additional aspiration examples in so many different areas of the curriculum. A huge well done to our values ambassadors this term—very well deserved!



Unfortunately a few Value Ambassadors were absent.

It was wonderful to be able to take Year 3 to St Mary's Church for their Christingle service. Thank you to all adults who joined us at this ceremony and thank you to Reverend King for allowing us to use the church. Year 4 children took to the stage to entertain us with their carols from around the world. Thank you to all adults who attended and made this festive event memorable.

Our Christmas activities have brought us all some festive cheer which was much needed! The 'Winter

Catwalk' saw spectacular costumes make their way down the red carpet! Christmas parties, the Christmas dinner, a sing-along and festive cards were all on the agenda. The term ended with children listening to the nativity story and reflecting upon the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas time has always been the season for friends and family; for spending quality time with loved ones; and for showing them that you care. We are undergoing our own challenges, however those who are homeless and hungry are always on our minds. A huge well done to Year 6 for leading their food bank campaign. This food will no doubt have helped feed many vulnerable adults in our local community.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed our annual survey. Your opinions do matter to us and enable us to reflect on our policies and procedures. Please see the survey results at the end of this newsletter.

This term we say goodbye to Miss Wong who is returning to Canada to be nearer to her family. We wish her all the best in her teaching career back home. We welcome Mrs Pixton who will be joining the South End Junior team in January.

The new term begins for children on Wednesday 4th January 2023 when we will be launching both our new value of Courage and our whole school writing project based upon Shakespeare.

All staff at South End Junior wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas, and a happy new year! Any safeguarding concerns can be emailed to gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk.

Alternatively, you can call the MASH safeguarding hub on 0300 126 7000.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

See you all at the gate in 2023.

G Kaur

Head Teacher



Parking

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, we must ask you please to consider whether you are driving and parking safely.

Please let's try and keep everyone safe. Not just our children but cyclists,  local residents and other members of our community.

We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted on site to drop children off in the morning unless they have been given permission from the school. Also, when clubs are on after school, the barrier will not be lifted for you to collect your children. You will need to park off site and walk in.

We have had a very busy half term!

JLT jumped straight into it by fundraising for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A huge thank you to everyone who bought something; we know the slap bands were particularly popular! In total we raised an amazing £426.35!

The following week, everyone dressed up in school colours, or in Pudsey attire, to raise money for Children In Need. Again, in these difficult times, an incredible £267.13 was still raised. Thank you again to everyone who was able to make a donation to these very worthwhile causes.

In our meetings, JLT have discussed some ideas for how to revamp The Retreat as well as the charity the school will be supporting this year. The classes, led by their JLT representatives, have decided the charity this year will be Cancer Research UK, so look out for some fun sponsored activities coming up in the new year.

Finally, members of JLT have had the opportunity to ask and answer questions from children in a school in Japan, we will be carrying this on into the new year and we are hoping to be able to give the children the opportunity to learn more about how schools work in other countries and learn about a different culture too.

JLT would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back in 2023.



Due to the fact that we have a number of children in school with a nut allergy, may we remind you (and advise any new parents/carers) that we request you do not send your children into school with nuts or a product that has pieces of nut in it. This will include peanut butter and Nutella.

This does not mean you cannot send your child with products that have been manufactured in a place where nuts have previously been present.

We thank you for your understanding and appreciate your co-operation in helping to reduce risks and keep everyone safe.

Warm clothing

Throughout the school year the children will have PE lessons both inside and out. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the continuing winter months. This includes long tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved sweatshirt or hoodie — ideally plain black with no logos other than the school logo please.





Diary Dates- Term 3 echo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Christmas Break				
2nd January Bank Holiday	3rd January Training Day	4th January School re-opens Whole school Shakespeare project	5th January Yr 5 swimming	6th January FAB Friday
9th January	10th January	11th January	12th January Yr 5 swimming	13th January FAB Friday
16th January Yr 4 Egyptian Day— dress up and details to follow	17th January	18th January	19th January Yr 4 swimming Yr 3/4 Gymnastics event Yr 5/6 Gymnastics event Yr 6 Height and weight screening	20th January FAB Friday VIP
23rd January Yr 6 Mock SATs Week Chinese New Year celebrations week	24th January KS2 Boccia event	25th January	26th January Yr 4 swimming	27th January FAB Friday
30th January	31st January	1st February	2nd February Yr 4 swimming	3rd February FAB Friday
6th February Mental Health Awareness Week	7th February Safer Internet Day 22 Yr 4 Hazard Alley Trip Yr 5/6 Futsal event	8th February Yr 4 Hazard Alley Trip	9th February Yr 4 swimming	10th February FAB Friday VIP
February Half Term				

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END

At South End Junior, safeguarding all children remains our priority. If you have any worries or concerns, please see one of the following members of staff:

Miss Kaur- Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Izycky- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.