

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear parents & carers,

Where did the first term of 2023 go? As usual, our South Enders settled at speed and continued with their learning.

Our value of 'courage' certainly had our South Enders thinking about how they demonstrate confidence, determination — and maybe even braveness — at home and school. Value stones have been awarded and an extra break earned. Our values ambassadors for 'courage' were all congratulated this morning in our assembly.

I am delighted to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to Lily and Jack who will take the reins after the half term break and until the end of the school year. I look forward to working with you both.



A huge thank you to Harold and Ellie (our outgoing head pupils) who have performed their role with pride and aspiration since September 2022. You were both a pleasure to work alongside.

The South End team wish all of our community a happy and safe half term break. Any safeguarding concerns should continue to be reported to me using gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

The new term starts on Monday 20th February at 8:40am.

See you at the gate!

G Kaur

Head teacher

Next term we launch the new value of 'independence'.

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, could we 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 too.

We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted to drive 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.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation.



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 top (such as a sweatshirt or hoodie).



We take great pride in all our South Enders looking smart every day. It is essential that every child comes to school in full school uniform every day. We have noticed a few children lacking a tie or black school shoes. Please ensure your child is fully compliant with our uniform standards and has their PE kit in school every day.



<https://southendjunior.com/parents/uniform>

Attendance & Punctuality

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who send their child to school every day and on time.

We have noticed a number of children arriving later than 8.40am. Please ensure your child arrives on time as morning learning tasks are being missed by several children. Late arrivals also distract the learning of other children in the class.

Attendance surgeries will continue in the next term for any families who may have barriers to attending school regularly. We also continue to report any unauthorised holiday requests to the Local Authority for them to issue fixed penalty notices.

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 contained.

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



Junior Leadership Team



The JLT, this term, has been looking at the different ways we could improve some of our school resources; discussing ideas to maximise use of The Retreat; and exploring which alternative rewards could be offered when people are awarded the VIP Golden Ticket. Suggestions ranged from being a TA for the afternoon, to extra playtime with equipment, or even an 'own clothes' day.

The JLT have also made connections with an international school in Japan and received letters from the children there. We are in the process of sending replies to these individuals to tell them all about life and culture in the UK. Roast dinners and football seem to be common themes!

Finally, with the school's push to be an antibullying alliance accredited school, the JLT have been discussing what they think we as a school need to do to promote anti-bullying and thinking about what they think we already do really well. This is going to be a key focus for JLT, and the rest of the school, in coming months.

Computing Committee



This year we have established a Computing Committee to help provide student voice on technology matters, assist during computing lessons and especially to promote online safety to their peers. Our Committee is made up of one student from each class and is supported by the Head Boy and Head Girl.

Our largest project this year has been participating in the Cluster Council of local schools; members of the Computing Committee have attended meetings at The Ferrers School to design and implement an online safety project for our school. The children decided to produce an online safety brochure to be made available to students and parents. They have been working hard to write the brochure, and we are hoping to have it finished very soon!

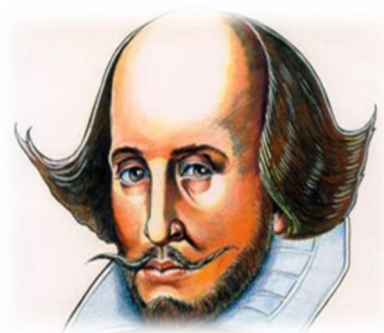
The Computing Committee has also been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day which took place this week. They wrote an online safety quiz for all to complete and launched a poster competition to mark the occasion. They also planned and helped deliver an assembly to promote Safer Internet Day and raise awareness across the school about online safety matters.

Shakespeare Week

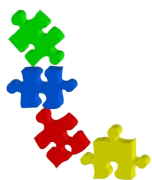
We started 2023 with an exciting whole school writing project where we travelled back in time to study Shakespeare. Each year group had a different play to focus on:

- Year 3: The Tempest
- Year 4: Macbeth
- Year 5: Rome & Juliet
- Year 6: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Each year group explored the play through stories, films and drama, and all of our learning was linked. All of our work led to a final piece of writing which varied from character descriptions, alternative endings and new adventure stories. Some fantastic art was produced including fairy self-portraits, masquerade masks and puppet theatres.



To end the writing project, we held a showcase in The Plaza where each year group had the opportunity to share their work and celebrate each others' successes.



Diary Dates- Term 4 *echo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20th February <u>School re-opens at 8:40am</u>	21st February Yr 5/6 Basketball Comp	22nd February	23rd February Yr 4 Swimming Skipbeatz event in school	24th February <i>FAB Friday</i> Skipbeatz event in school
27th February	28th February Y3 trip to Hamerton Zoo SATS info evening for Y6 parents/ carers at 5pm	1st March	2nd March Yr 4 Swimming World Book Day	3rd March <i>FAB Friday</i>
6th March Author visit to school	7th March	8th March Y6 maths booster tuition begins after school	9th March Yr 4 Swimming	10th March <i>FAB Friday</i>
13th March British Science Week '23	14th March Yr 5/6 Bee Netball	15th March	16th March Yr 3 Swimming	17th March <i>FAB Friday</i> VIP
20th March	21st March	22nd March	23rd March Yr 3 Swimming World Maths Day	24th March <i>FAB Friday</i>
27th March Parent-teacher meetings Y4	28th March Parent-teacher meetings Y3	29th March Parent-teacher meetings Y5	30th March Yr 3 Swimming Parent-teacher meetings Y6	31st March <u>School Closes at 3.00pm</u>

Easter Break

SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END

At South End, 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.