

Friday 12th February 2016

South Rise Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,
Unbelievably we have reached the end of this half term already! The children have worked incredibly hard over the past six weeks and are making fantastic progress in their learning. Year 4 have been to Greenwich this week to re-enact scenarios from Tudor history; they had a fantastic time and it was a lovely way to end their unit of learning. As part of their learning about Plumstead, Reception classes have been on a trip to the local fire station. They found it really interesting and were very well behaved.

This week GS Plus, our catering staff, made some changes to the presentation of the children's lunch. This was very well received by the children and provoked lots of conversation at lunchtime.

I hope everyone has a relaxing half term.

Hazel Brown
Head of School



Sophie Powell
Executive Head Teacher

Multi Academy Trust Status

Thank you to those of you that attended our consultation meeting this morning, it was great to see so many of you! We hope that your questions were answered. If you were unable to attend there will be another session at 5:30 pm. today, please do come along, we would like to hear your comments and questions about our proposals.

How will it affect the school?

Would we have a new uniform? **No**
Would trips cost more? **No**
Would the children get more home-work? **No**
Would we lose our teachers and TAs? **No**
Would the school day change? **No**
Would our admissions policy change? **No**
Would we lose our children with SEN? **No**
Would the behaviour policy change? **No**
Would there be shareholders? **No**
Would the religious character of our school change? **No**

Discover Me

A new 'Discover Me' course will be running at the Clock house Community Centre in Woolwich from Friday 26th February at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. There are still a few places left on these informative sessions exploring Mindfulness and Wellbeing. Please speak to Jenny McKerrell if you are interested in attending.

Dinner Money Increase

You will be aware that the current price of lunchtime meals has remained at £7.00 per week for the past ten years. We have been informed by GS Plus, our school caterers, that from April 2016 this price will increase to £8.00.

Please note that all universal free school meals will be unaffected however all Key Stage 2 children will be charged at the new rate when we return to school after the Easter holidays on Monday 11th April.

It is expected that the price will continue to rise by £1.00 each year until the weekly cost reaches £12.00.

Dates for your diary

Points of Interest

MATS Parent Information Meetings

Friday 12th February at 9:00 - 10:00 am. and 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Year 6 School Journey to Wales

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February

Year 6 Non-school Journey Children

'Evacuee' experience

Weds 24th Feb

Chislehurst Caves

Thurs 25th Feb

Term Dates

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February 2016

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 25th March until Friday 8th April 2016

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd May 2016

POLLING DAY School closed

Thursday 5th May 2016

HALF TERM

Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June 2016

INSET DAY

Monday 6th June 2016

LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 20th July 2016

The children of South Rise have been busy this week ...

...Celebrating the Chinese New Year!

Nursery had a great time finding out about the celebration of Lunar New Year. We made our own dragons and in the morning we paraded them around the playground. In the afternoon, owing to high winds, we sang our dragon dance song and wandered and weaved our dragon around the classroom. We have read lots of stories, found out about the great race, and tasted jasmine tea and fortune cookies. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with these activities.



...Exploring the Local area.

On Wednesday and Thursday the nursery children went out, clipboards in hand, to explore the local area as part of the Heritage project. We had a list of pictures of places and objects to find and the children were extremely keen and motivated to find each and every object. All the children were well supported by their parents and carers who joined us for our first trip out! Many thanks to everyone who came on the walk with us.



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Attendance

Very well done to 4FM who achieved 100% attendance in the week ending 5th February! Whole school attendance to 5th February was 96.5%. Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.

