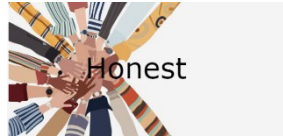




SBPS This Week's News



21st July 2023

Price: FREE!

Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs. Atkinson
Acting Head Teacher



Mrs Dryden
Assistant Head
Teacher



Miss Reid
Assistant Head
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi
Class Teacher
KS1



Mr Goldsborough
Class Teacher
KS2

If you have a concern about the safety of a child in our school, please contact one of our trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact First Contact on 0300026797 or the police.

Wrap Around Care

From September, our wrap around care offer is extending. Breakfast Club will continue to run from 8am in both buildings and costs £3. Stay and Play Club will start in both buildings on Tuesday 5th September and also costs £3 (pick up 4.30). You can book your child into clubs for the whole year but we do ask that you cancel a session if you decide not to use it so that other children can take the place. Bookings are made using the Arbor app.



Speaking Spanish!

Kim Davis (who runs our after school clubs) has produced a 25 page Spanish activity book for young learners, to help them practise over the summer break. There are even support notes for grown ups! It is provided in PDF format so you can save the file to your computer and print activities multiple times. If this is of interest, please request the booklet via the resource page of Kim's Casa Lingua website using the QR code below. The cost is £3.50.



Colour Run

On Friday 8th September, children from Y1–Y6 are invited to take part in our very first Colour Run! We are hoping to raise lots of money for our chosen charity? Please see the separate Colour Run letter containing all the details to help you prepare for the day.



Friends of SBPS

For several years staff at SBPS have worked hard to raise money for school funds with the support of a small group of parents. We are thrilled with the number of things school fund has provided for the children. This year alone the money has been used to buy ice-cream treats, Shotley Fest, an outdoor speaker, playground equipment, a 'walk a mile' path (to be installed over the summer holidays), two large murals showing off our school values, Playground Leader training and all the resources we need for our Colour Run in September. We couldn't have done this without your support and contributions and would like to say a huge thank you!

We would love for more parents and carers to be involved in what we do and invite you all to join us. If you are interested, please contact school or come to our Friends of SBPS meeting on Monday 11th September at 3.30pm



Playground Leaders

This term our Y5 children have been training to become our 2023–2024 Playground Leaders. They have worked hard to gain this qualification and we are excited to see what they have in store for the rest of our children when we return in September!

Goodbye and Good luck to our Superstars!

We are so incredibly proud of how hard all our children have worked this year, but we would like to take this opportunity to tell Y6 how amazing we think they are and to wish them the very best of luck in their next chapter. They have grown to be a wonderful bunch of characters and we know that they have many exciting times ahead of them. We would also like to wish other children, who are leaving us this summer, the very best of luck too. We wish every single one of you all the happiness and success you deserve... please don't be strangers, we would love to hear how you're getting on!



Goodbye and Good Luck!

After 10 years as Headteacher at SBPS, Mr Bell has chosen to embrace early retirement. We would like to thank him for the many years of hard work and wish him the very best for the future.

This summer we also say goodbye to, Mrs Bell, Mr Craggs, Miss Jarvis and Mrs Armstrong. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them the very best of luck as they move onto pastures new.

Miss Smith will spend the next year enjoying her maternity leave. We are excited to meet her little one sometime soon!



Welcome!

It's been a busy time interviewing candidates for our new roles. The standard was extremely high and decisions weren't always easy to make. We are excited to welcome six new members of staff and we know you will all make them feel very welcome.

Mrs Fernandes - class teacher in Y5

Miss Williams - Higher Level Teaching Assistant Reception and KS1

Miss Story - Higher Level Teaching Assistant KS2

Mrs Clarke - Teaching Assistant KS1

Miss Veich - Teaching Assistant KS1

Miss Milburn - Teaching Assistant KS2 (who has successfully become a permanent member of staff)



Congratulations



Miss Beveridge and Miss Jackson were successful at their SCITT interviews. They will begin work with us as class teachers this September as they work through their teacher training programme.

Miss Farthing has at last given birth to her beautiful baby girl and we wish her and her family lots of happiness... we can't wait to meet little one!

New School Start and Finish Times

Soft start for all - gates open at 8.40am

R/KS1 Start - 8.50am

R/KS1 Finish - 3.20pm

KS2 Start - 8.55am

KS2 Finish - 3.25pm

We realise that messages on Facebook and in Whats App groups can be extremely useful, but sometimes this leads to parents/carers being misinformed. As always, we encourage you to speak to school to ensure your questions are answered correctly. When telephoning/emailing, please tell office staff who you need.

- ◆ Mrs Coombe, Mrs Parker and Miss Holmes (office staff) can quickly answer a range of questions.
- ◆ Teaching Assistants can also quickly answer questions and are on the yard at the start of the day.
- ◆ Teachers can help with issues in class, friendships etc.
- ◆ The Pupil Well-being Lead (Mrs Lee) can help with a range of issues - anxiety etc in school/at home
- ◆ Assistant Head Teachers (Mrs Dryden and Miss Reid) can help when issues are difficult to resolve.
- ◆ Please contact our Acting Head Teacher (Mrs Atkinson) when you have tried all other avenues.

Teachers are preparing for lessons at the beginning of the day so please make an appointment if you wish to speak to them about something at length.

We can only help if we are aware of the problem/issue/question.

Piano Lessons

Tapiola Piano School provides SBPS with piano lessons (Rated 5-stars on Google!) The 1-1 lessons are 30 minutes in duration and take place during the school day. All students are encouraged to participate in concerts, music examinations and festivals, whilst also benefiting from creative tutorials on their exciting YouTube channel. Their annual Christmas concert is hosted at the prestigious Bowes Museum, just around the corner from their new music studio in Barnard Castle. For further information, please visit www.tapiolapianoschool.com or contact Rudi Eastwood on 07972 151346/ Email: rudi.tapiola@gmail.com Rudi is looking forward to welcoming new students!



Autumn Term Dates

We are giving you these dates in advance to help you plan ahead. In the event that they change due to circumstances beyond our control, we will give you as much notice as possible. More dates will be added as we move through the year.

September

- Monday 4th - INSET day (school open to staff only)
- Tuesday 5th - School opens to all children
- Friday 8th - Colour Run (drop of as usual, please see Colour Run letter)
- Monday 11th - Friends of SBPS meeting (3.30pm junior building)
- Thursday 14th - Y4 Roman Wall Residential (return 15th, pick up at usual time)
- Friday 22nd - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Monday 25th - Y6 go to Moor House (return 27th, pick up at usual time)

October

- Monday 2nd - Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 2nd - Y2 Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)
- Monday 9th - Y1 Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)
- Tuesday 17th - Parents Evening 1 (3.30 - 6pm)
- Wednesday 18th - Parents Evening 2 (3.30 - 6pm)
- Friday 20th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15pm - 3.15pm junior building)
- Monday 23rd - Y3 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Thursday 26th - Halloween Disco
- Friday 27th - Careers Fair
- Friday 27th - Break up for half term



November

- Monday 6th - Return to school
- Monday 6th - Y4 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Monday 13th - Y5 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 17th - Children in Need
- Monday 20th - Y6 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 24th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Monday 27th - Reception Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)



December

- Friday 1st - Non uniform day (in exchange for Christmas raffle prizes)
- Monday 4th - Phototronics in school (look your best)
- Tuesday 5th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 1 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Tuesday 5th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 2 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Tuesday 12th - Reception Nativity/Sing Along (infant building 2.30pm)
- Wednesday 13th - Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 13th - Shotley Bridge Christmas Market
- Thursday 14th - R, Y1, Y3, Y4 Christmas Parties
- Friday 15th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Friday 15th - Y2, Y5, Y6 Christmas Parties
- Tuesday 19th - Break up for Christmas

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter, please ask at the office!

Thank you all for the support you have shown us this year... we are so lucky to have wonderful parents and carers. Have an amazing summer and we will see you all back at school on the 5th September.

Term Time Dates 2023 - 2024

Holiday	Last Day of School	Reopening Date
Summer 2023	Friday 21st July 2023	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19th December 2023	Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2024	Friday 29th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July	Thursday 5th September 2024
Teacher Training Days (School closed to pupils) 1. Monday 4th September 2. Wednesday 3rd January 3. Friday 28th June 4. Monday 22nd July 5. Tuesday 23rd July		

Please keep these dates to hand - we can't always send out reminders.

Paper copies are available from our school office if you would like a printed copy to stick on the fridge/inside of a cupboard!