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This week we were sent a 'screenshot' of a posting on a Brackley Facebook page which praised the good manners and cheerfulness of our families at the zebra crossing outside school - how lovely to be recognised in the local community in this positive light!

This Week we are Celebrating: 'Effort & Excellence in PE'	
Epping	Orlah B
Wentwood	Marek P
Ashdown	Thomas S
Grizedale	Matthew D P
Marston Vale	Annabel E
Fleet	Mikaela C Joseph F
Gisburn	Jessica S
Wykeham	Jasmin T
Carrick	Anya JP
Gosford	Ciara R
Newborough	Eleanor L

HEALTHY SOUTHFIELD

Next Monday sees the start of 'Walk to School Week' at Southfield. We are encouraging families to walk to school if possible or to 'Park & Stride' (park a little distance away from school and walk the final part) or, if your car is really needed to get to school, to go for an evening stroll. We are already an impressively healthy school – with our mile a day, sporting activities and healthy eating. In fact, at a recent meeting of Headteachers, it really stood out how well Southfield has embraced our healthy eating policy. Just a quick reminder: only water to drink and no chocolate, cakes, biscuits or sweets for break or lunch. We are not disagreeing that 'a little of what you fancy does you good' but we are modelling healthy eating during the daytime so that families can decide when to have the occasional 'treat' when pupils are not in school.

Who won the Attendance Cup? We aim for +97% (National Average 96%)	
Epping	98%
Wentwood	95.5%
Ashdown	94.3%
Grizedale	96.1%
Marston Vale	84.2%
Fleet	95.2%
Gisburn	99%
Wykeham	98.7%
Carrick	95.5%
Gosford	90%
Newborough	100%

Monday 2 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole School Assembly 2.55 – Parents & Carers welcome - 'Walter Tull' - Swimming LKS2
Tuesday 3 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Day for prospective parents – please spread the word! Headteacher talk at 9.30am and 2.00pm followed by school tours.
Wednesday 4 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9.15 – 10.15 - Tea & Coffee Hour with Sue Green (weekly drop-in) all Parents, Carers & siblings welcome – Rockingham - EYFS Curriculum Evening 6-7pm
Thursday 5 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9.15 – 10.30 - Sue Green's Art Club for Parents & Carers (pre-school children welcome) – Arden (Art Studio)
Friday 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole School Celebration Assembly 2.55 – Parents & Carers welcome - 'Excellence & Effort in Knowledge & Understanding of the World'

NOTICES

CONKER CHALLENGE

On Monday 2nd October, during assembly, Ms Cartlidge will be announcing the winner of the Conker Challenge. You have **3 days** to find the **HEAVIEST** conker you can – hand it into the office by Monday lunchtime in a sealed envelope which has your name and class written on the front. Please note that only ‘natural’ conkers can compete – so now doctoring allowed!

LOOKING AHEAD (please check the most recent newsletter or the website calendar for any additions or changes).

Monday 9 th October	- Whole School Assembly 2.55 – Parents & Carers welcome – ‘Dealing with Feelings’
Friday 13 th October	- Harvest Celebration Assembly 2.45 (including Food Bank donations)

w/c Monday 16 th October	- Year 6 residential to River Dart Monday to Thursday
Monday 16 th October	- Whole School Assembly 2.55 – Parents & Carers welcome – ‘Pride’
Friday 20 th October	- Open Afternoon 1.45 – 2.45 - Theme Celebration Assembly – 2.55pm - Parents & Carers welcome - End of Term 1

TERM 2 – some dates for your diary

Monday 30 th October	- School re-opens to pupils
Friday 10 th November	- Remembrance Assembly 2.55
w/c 13 th November	- Friendship Week – ‘All Different, All Equal’
Wednesday 15 th November	- Meeting of the Resources Committee of the Governing Body
Friday 17 th November	- Children in Need Day – fundraising activities

Thursday 7 th December	- Pantomime ‘Aladdin’ (am) – visit by a theatre group of 5 actors.
Monday 11 th December	- EYFS Christmas Production 10 am - KS1 Christmas Production 2 pm
Tuesday 12 th December	- KS1 Christmas Production 10 am - EYFS Christmas Production 2 pm
Thursday 14 th December	- School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	- School Christmas Lunch - Autumn Snapshot Reports sent home.
Monday 18 th December	- Christmas Assembly / Carol Concert am - Superstars’ Tea pm
Tuesday 19 th December	- Open afternoon & Celebration Assembly pm
Wednesday 20 th December	- Christmas Mufti Day - Class Parties - Last Day of Term 2

SHOUT OUT

- A lovely parent has provided 4 spare swimming kits (2 boys, 2 girls) for pupils who forget and, what is more, each bag (containing a towel, a swimsuit and a hat) has been beautifully embroidered with our logo – as have the towel and costume! Thank you so much for this brilliant donation from MJMakes (www.mjmakes.co.uk www.facebook.com/MJMakes).
- George Jones has become a member of the UKS2 144 club as has Alfie V in Gisburn – Well Done to them.
- Well Done to Mrs Weir for running a marathon last weekend (in under 4 hours!) what a great role model!

STANDING NOTICES

FAMILY FORUM contact e-mail reminder – familyforum@southfieldprimary.info for ANY general questions, comments or suggestions about school. Please remember that we also have a suggestion box (for pupils and families) placed in the front entrance. Please state if the suggestion or comment has a specific audience (e.g. School Council, FOSS, School Governors, Mrs Reed, Ms Cartlidge etc.) This box is checked weekly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING – if you need to order uniform please ensure you visit the School Trends website <http://www.schooltrendsthecage.co.uk/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=SchoolIT/noticeboard.htm?contactnumber=%229594%22> by the 5th of each month. Orders will then be collated and delivered within 14 working days.

**** Please remember that we are a nut free school, so no packed lunches should contain nuts, thank you for your understanding. ****

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY - REMINDER

The School Admissions process for South Northamptonshire opens on Monday 11th September.

Primary applications must be in by 15th January 2018.

For both, apply online www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Please note that you must apply for a place in Reception through this route – even if you have other children in our school and your child already attends (or will attend) our Nursery.

If you know of anyone looking for a school place either in Reception September 2018, or in any year other than Reception (as we do have spaces), please encourage them to visit our open day and telephone the office for further information.

Families who cannot make the open day are also welcome to arrange a separate visit on another occasion.

We will be holding the open day for prospective parents on Tuesday 3rd October – Headteacher Greeting at 9.30 am and 2.00 pm followed by tours.

Primary School Admission Process

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

Secondary School Admission Process

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

Please note also that Chenderit will be holding an Open Evening from 7-9pm on Thursday 5th October 2017 for families with pupils who are currently in year 6.

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Clubs: Circus Skills has now ended – there are no other changes.

Harvest Festival: a list is being sent with this newsletter of items that the food bank would particularly welcome as a donation.

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Book Fair: Each phase has a competition to complete over the weekend for the chance to win a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair next week. Entries are to be returned to school on Monday 2nd. Nursery have a colouring competition, EYFS have a drawing competition, KS1 have to think about what the ladybird heard next, LKS2 will be coming up with alliterative characters and UKS2 will be writing a story opening.

Reading Challenge: A couple of children have asked when we will be sharing their reading challenge certificates. We will be celebrating reading during the first assembly of Term 2 (3rd November) so please bring in your certificates for then (if you haven't already done so). After winning the Brackley Area Reading Challenge for the last two years, this year we were pipped to the post by Helmdon and came a very close second so congratulations to them.

Photograph Day - Wednesday Oct 11th - any family where all children are in school full time will be done together as a sibling group, families with younger/older siblings will need to book an appointment at the office prior to the 11th.

Year 1 now have new My Math logins. These have been stuck for in the front of home learning books or put in book bags.

Friday's singing club is no longer running however Mrs Smilie will be starting a Reading Plus club on a Thursday lunchtimes. This is for children who are unable to access the program at home but keen readers are welcome too.

FOSS NEWS

Fundraising update- Thanks to those that have already sent in their opinions for what our next fundraising target should be. We will be making a final decision at our next meeting which is on the 9th October. Please send any comments to the FOSS email friendsofsouthfieldschool@gmail.com.

It was raised at the family forum that people would like a bit more information on the benefits of the two options. This is a quick summary:

The OUTDOOR CLASSROOM would primarily benefit the children by giving them more access to outdoors throughout the year, it is not yet clear where the best spot would be but a company is having a look next week which should give us a clearer idea. It would be timetabled for the teachers use throughout the year. The classroom could also be used for other outdoors events where applicable.

The LIBRARY RENOVATION would see a face-lift which would make it more appealing and would be better suited to the children's size and needs. This would include shelving and furniture suited to them and would be a better learning environment.

Book Fair- Please come and visit the book fair next week. All book sales go towards new books for our school. There will also be a competition for different year groups to win book vouchers, this should be in book bags today. Please note this slight change of time for Wednesday morning.

Wednesday 4th October 8.45-9.15am, 3-4pm and for the EYFS open evening.

Thursday 5th October 3-4pm

Friday 6th October 3-4pm

Glow in the dark disco- Save the date for our first disco of the year on Friday 13th October. See the attached poster for more details.

Fireworks stall- FOSS will be having a stall at the Brackley fireworks on Saturday 4th November. Please come along and visit. We will also be asking for prize donations closer to the time.

Next FOSS meeting- Our next FOSS meeting is on Monday 9th October at 7.15pm at the Red Lion Evenley.

Family Forum – 27th September 2017

Attendees: Mrs Cartlidge, Mrs Weir, Mrs Bonney, Parents: 5

FOSS spending

- FOSS spending was discussed. The last big FOSS spend was on the early years playground. The next big FOSS spend will either be on an outside classroom or a revamp of the library. The Pros and cons of each of these ideas were discussed.
- Outcome of the discussion is that FOSS will display on noticeboard/newsletter the 'positives' of each idea to help parents make an informed decision.
- It was also discussed that it would be a good idea for FOSS to display a fundraising thermometer so that families can see how much FOSS has raised and what it has been spent on.

Parent View

- It was discussed that the parent view online survey can be completed every academic year. Parents are encouraged to complete this.

Lunch clubs

- As the lunch clubs are now not bookable, are the children reminded at school when each club is on?
- It was decided that it would be a good idea if notices/signs of the different clubs on each day were displayed in the lunch hall and classrooms.
- Ms Cartlidge will discuss this at the next staff meeting.

Lunchtimes

- It was clarified that for yr1-yr6 the lunch sittings will be rotated. Each term every class will change to a new lunchtime.
- Ms Cartlidge stated that the new lunchtime system has made lunchtimes calmer and the dinner hall quieter.

Behaviour

- It was noted that some older children, before the start of the school day, have been in the school playground throwing conkers/misbehaving.
- Mrs Weir will talk to the KS2 children about this in their phase assembly.

Pen license

- Pen licenses for year 3 and year 4 were discussed.

Last assembly of term

- The last presentation assembly of each term can get very busy with many parents attending.
- It was discussed that to free up more room in the hall for parents to watch, some of the older children could sit on the stage.

Toilet facilities for KS2

- The toilet facilities in KS2 need refurbishing.
- Ms Cartlidge explained that as an academy school, the school can put in two bids a year for funding to get maintenance work carried out on the school. The toilets being refurbished have been bid for twice previously and been refused twice.
- A third bid is going in this year before Christmas and if successful it will provide funds to change all the KS2 toilets and re-decorate the toilet area.

School uniform

- It was discussed that the uniform supplier School Trends are very delayed in delivering the school uniform.
- The school are going to ring School Trends to voice these concerns.

Date of next meeting- Tuesday 7th November at 9.15 am.

*I hope you have a lovely weekend,
Ms Cartlidge*