



February Newsletter

Attendance

Well done for a super start to the school year. Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. A huge thank you for getting your child to school on time each day, this gives the best positive start to their school learning. You will be informed each half term of your child's attendance and children with 100% attendance will receive a certificate. George the Bear has spent time over several classes this half term, Turtle, Shrimp, Starfish and twice with Shark who also had a whopping 100% attendance in week 4.

Safeguarding



PANTS

You may recall in the last newsletter that we discussed informing our children of PANTS. We would like to re affirm the PANTS rules with you;

- P**rivates are Private
- A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- N**o means No
- T**alk about secrets that upset you,
- S**peak up, someone can help!

Conversations about staying safe should not be a one-off, it's much better to have conversations little and often. This will help you reinforce the key points, and adapt the message as your child gets older. Once you're ready to talk, you might find your child isn't. That's OK. The most important thing is not to force the issue. The last thing you want is for your child to feel it's a big deal. Make sure you choose a time when your child is relaxed and there are no other distractions. As a school we have also reinforced it is unacceptable for anyone to take photographs of private areas.

Perhaps, you look through devices such as phones, ipads etc and see if you both can spot anything that should not be on there, and whether something is found discuss the PANTS rules as above and/or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>. At Suffield Park Infant School we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Stewart, Mrs Borthwick or Lynne Mezzetti. You may receive a telephone call from any one of our Safeguarding team to discuss any matters arising.

Staffing

We will be saying farewell to two members of our team this half term. Jenny Reed from the Benjamin Foundation will be starting her maternity leave and we wish her all the best on her new adventure. Also, Teaching Assistant Kim Clarke who will be leaving us after 4 years. We wish you both happy times ahead in your new chapters.

China Week

We had a fantastic week last week celebrating China. We saw children dressed up in great costumes, enjoying a Chinese lunch, plus lots of activities and learning in the classes during the week. Thank you to Mrs He for cooking up a Chinese feast for children and adults to try on the Friday and Georgie for the very colourful display of Chinese Dragon dancing.

Thank-You's

Suffield Park Infant and Nursery would like to say a massive thank you to all parents, children and members of the public that have donated and assisted in Nurture and providing the school with extra toys and books that children no longer want at



home. Everything is greatly appreciated and will be well used within our school. Thank you!

Sickness policy

All children must have 48 hours off after the last time they are sick or have diarrhoea.

CONTACTS

It is essential we have your correct mobile phone numbers in order to contact you. If you have not been receiving regular texts from school, please check your number with our secretary in the office.

REMINDERS

Please can we make you aware that there is no access to the school building before 8.55am. Office staff are available before this time should you have any questions. The only children on site slightly earlier are from the Childrens Centre and bus drop-offs and are escorted by a member of staff.

If you have any concerns about your child or anything else within school, please make an appointment with your child's teacher either before or after school.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school. In the case of wearing studded earrings these will be taped during PE and other activities that pose a risk to Health & Safety.

School Vacancies

We have two job vacancies at our school. Midday Supervisor and a Lunch time Play Lead. Both positions are temporary until 24th July 2019. Please visit the school website or see Lynne/Crystal in the school office for more details or an application form.

Parent Helpers

We would welcome some additional parent helpers into the classroom. If you are interested in supporting reading, craft, PE or supporting with classroom organisation we would love to hear from you. Please see Lynne or Crystal in the office.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 23rd January - Seahorse Maths Café

Thursday 24th January - Seal Maths Café

Monday 28th January - Y2 Florence Nightingale Day

Wednesday 13th February - Shark Maths Café

Thursday 14^h February - Turtle Maths Café

Friday 15th February - RockSteady Concert
2.30pm School hall

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Day

Wednesday 20th March - Starfish Maths Café

Thursday 21st March - Crab Maths Café

Tuesday 26th March - Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 28th March - Shrimps Maths Café

Thursday 28th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 4th July - Transition day

Friday 5th July - Transition day

Wednesday 24th July - Last day of school

Sports Day -

Round Robin - 10th July am

Races - 11th July am

Back up - 12th July

SCHOOL OFFICE

You can email the school office directly at:-

office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk

If your child is absent please call the office on the first day of the absence on 01263 513296.

Have a lovely Half term and we will see you all on Monday 25th February 2019.