



# Sneyd Green Primary School Newsletter

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“Together we make a difference”

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely Summer and your child has settled in well in their new class. So far Year 3 have enjoyed dressing up as people from the Stone Age and Year 2 have amazed us with some of the Roald Dahl characters. Thank you for the effort you put into the costumes, the children and staff looked absolutely amazing.

As you may be aware the dining room has been updated in the summer holidays and we now have a hot and cold counter for the children to choose from. There is a new noticeboard attached to the end of Miss McKinney's classroom on the new KS1 block as you walk around to the reception classes. The noticeboard will display the weekly menu and is a perfect opportunity for you to discuss choices with your child and for the older children to read and look forward to the fabulous food at lunchtimes. If the children know what they want in advance, it will make lunchtime far more streamlined.

Reception and Nursery parents—please be aware that we have a one way system which operates around the new block. Please follow this system by walking around the block in an anti-clockwise direction after you have dropped off your child. This will reduce the risk of accidents and injuries to young children and will ease congestion in what can be a very crowded area. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.

## **MODESHIFT STARS GOLD AWARD**

We are delighted to have been awarded the Modeshift STARS Gold Award with regards to Safe and Sustainable Travel and have been invited to Regional celebration event later in the Autumn Term where we will have the opportunity to share our ideas and celebrate our achievements.

Thanks to our old STARS Sophie, Erin, Mason and Archie for their commitment to the team and welcome to our new STARS from Year 5 led by Amelia Campbell who will continue the good work



### **Dougie Mac Fundraising**

We are holding a coffee afternoon on Friday, 30th September from 2.00pm to 3.00pm to raise funds for this worthwhile charity.

Please come along to the sports hall and have a brew and a cake with us.



### **Sneydie Stay and Play**

Sneydie Stay and Play has started for the new term on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30am in the sports hall. It is a playgroup for children under 5 years where they can have lots of fun playing, learning and interacting with other children. There is a £1.00 per session charge and everyone is welcome.





### ATTENDANCE

The whole school target for attendance this year is **96%**.

Our whole school attendance is currently;

# 97.0%

It is extremely important that children attend school everyday. Any absence does affect the children's learning.

Did you know;

**If your child has 96% attendance it equates to 10 days off during the year**

**If your child has 90% attendance it equates to 19 days off during the year.**

**If your child has 80% attendance it equates to 38 days off during the year.**

If a child's attendance is at 90% throughout their primary school life this equates to **133 days** or **4 months** off school. Please support you child and encourage daily attendance.



### ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

We still have a number of pupils who are arriving late for school. We continue to monitor the lateness of families and continue to be concerned about the number of late arrivals. Please help your children to achieve their best by ensuring that they are in school for the start of their lessons. It is vital that children arrive at school on time, every day ready to learn. Please be reminded that the school doors open at 8.45am. Thank you for your continued support.

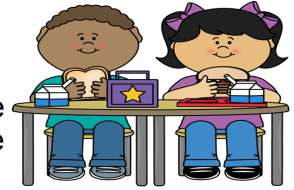


### HEADLICE

We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please check your child regularly so that we can eliminate these unwelcome visitors. It is best to fine tooth comb your child's hair with conditioner so that the eggs can be removed as well. Doing this just once is not effective and needs to be repeated daily until you are sure they have gone. Thank you for your support.

### DINNER MONEY

As you are aware, it is very important that children's dinner money accounts are kept in credit. However, there are currently a small amount of accounts which have a negative balance.



It does not matter how small the arrears may be, the school have to pay for any unpaid meals out of the school budget each month.

Regardless of how much your arrears are, we will continue to send messages, make phone calls and send letters until the arrears are paid as this is the procedure in school.

### SPORTS

All of our clubs are now up and running and it is good to see so many children enjoying different types of sport.

Year 6 are carrying out rowing trials and once chosen the team will represent our school at a launch event at the Kings Hall, Stoke some time during November.

Dance club will start on Monday, 19th September and last year the dance club had a very successful time with their performances. Again this year the children will be preparing to perform in the Artscool Project for the third year in a row.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- Wednesday, 21 September 2016 ~ Parent Forum at 6.00pm
- Thursday, 22 September 2016 ~ Parent Forum at 9.00am
- Friday, 23 September 2016 ~ Inset Day
- Friday, 30 September 2016 ~ Dougie Mac Coffee Afternoon from 2.00pm to 3.00pm
- Tuesday, 4 October 2016 ~ Open door for parents 3.15pm to 4.15pm

