



## New School Year

Welcome back everyone and welcome to Southwark Park School to the new staff and pupils. The term has begun very happily. It was great to see so many parents at the Meet and Greets over the last week.

You will have seen some new faces on the staff. We welcome Ms Thomas (Bluebell class) and Ms Grant (Magpie).

Also, there has been a change in the Leadership team, due to family circumstances Ms Steiert is changing her role to Assistant Headteacher in charge of Inclusion. We congratulate Mr Kelly on being appointed Deputy Head.



## Language of the month: Arabic

Southwark Park School is lucky to have a diverse community. During the first few weeks of this school year, every class looked at how everyone within it is different and similar. Classes focused on where they were born, where their family originate from, the religion they follow and the languages they speak.

Every month, Ms Conradi will be introducing the school community to a language that is spoken within our Y6. During September children throughout the school will be learning a few phrases in Arabic.

**Nursery admissions – if your child is born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 they are eligible for 15 hours in Nursery from January 2017. Have you applied?**

## Cakes Needed!

Southwark Park Parent Association are holding a Coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for the charity MacMillan Cancer Support.

If you are able to donate cakes please speak to Sharon, Mrs Foreman, Kirsty or any member of the PA.



## Dates for the diary

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Maths Puzzle Company in working with Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of school for half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – INSET DAY: School closed for children



## For Your Information.....

- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises, either on leads or being held. This is for the safety of everyone.
- Staff are not permitted to accept children or parents on social media. This includes ex-pupils. This is for safeguarding reasons.
- We understand that there are difficulties obtaining school uniform from the Tesco website. We apologise for this and we are looking for alternative suppliers.
- Water bottles are allowed in school, but we ask that they contain plain water, not juice or flavoured water.



## School Council and Eco Council

During the second week, classes in Year 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 voted a member of their class to represent their views on the School Council. In Year 6 the candidates prepared a manifesto to persuade the voters to vote for them. Eco club have been busy labelling up the recycling bins, so that the correct items get placed in the correct bin. School Council have been thinking about the playground and how to make it fun for all as well as continuing to be safe.

***A quick reminder to please label your child's jumpers, cardigans and coats as with the changeable weather children often take them off and leave them around.***

## Book Amnesty

We are holding a book amnesty on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the library.

If you have any Southwark Park reading books at home, please bring them in and put them in the boxes in the library.



## Attendance & Punctuality

Southwark Park School achieved 94.94% for compulsory school age attendance last year. We are aiming for over 95% this academic year.

School begins at 8.55. Children need to be in their classroom ready for learning. Please ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of the day.  
Nursery – 3.20pm  
Rec, Y1, Y2 – 3.25pm  
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 – 3.30pm

Holiday dates are available of the school website.