



South Camberley Primary and Nursery School

Positivity • Urgency • Resilience • Equity

NEWSLETTER

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'A drive to raise standards and create a school of excellence where children are safe and want to learn.'

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year at South Camberley and we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are delighted to be welcoming new staff as well as new children and families that have joined our school and we look forward to working with you across our three sites.

We had a positive inset day for staff at the start of term where we shared our vision for the school and we revisited our new 'P.U.R.E' Principles – Positivity; Urgency; Resilience; Equity. We discussed our school priorities and we continue to drive standards in reading as our primary focus. We have a new approach to our maths teaching and we will be launching 'Maths No Problem' across KS1 and Year 3 as a practical approach to teaching maths concepts. We will be running a number of parent curriculum workshops over the term, so look out for dates.

Our work with the EEEA Trust adds hugely to our capacity for staff development which includes supporting new teachers, subject leadership, development & training and reviews of the curriculum. We have increased our specialist teachers and have teachers for PE, Music, African Drumming, Computing and French.

We hope many of you managed to 'Meet the Teacher' where learning expectations and content for the for the term ahead were shared. If you were unable to attend, presentations/resources will be uploaded on the website shortly. We appreciate the huge support of parents and carers in ensuring every child comes to school on time and ready to learn. We encourage you to speak to your child's teacher, or member of staff, if you are not sure about anything or have any concerns. Staff are available out on the playground at the end of the school day, and senior staff before and after school.

Our first Parents' evenings will take place on 23rd and 24th October and will run until 6:15pm (KS1) and 6:30pm (KS2). The online booking system will be opened shortly, so please ensure you make an appointment.

Nicky Wright, Executive Headteacher

Uniform

I am pleased to see how smartly the children have started this term in their school uniform. However, a small number of children are still in trainers or incorrect uniform.

Please can you remember:

- ◆ School shoes should be black with no patterns (trainers are not acceptable as an alternative)
- ◆ Jewellery is not allowed except for watches and small stud earrings (worn at the owner's own risk)
- ◆ Holiday nail polish and hair braids should be removed over the weekend
- ◆ Hijabs or turbans should be burgundy or black
- ◆ All items of your child's property should be clearly named

Please note that sports lessons begin next week and the children will need to have their correct P.E kit in school from Monday.

Buggies

Due to health and safety, please can we request that NO buggies are left on the school site during the day.

This is to ensure that escape routes are kept clear at all times.

New Approach to Spelling

As you will have seen, your children have brought home their new Spelling Logs this week! We are excited to have launched these through our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week and hope that they will become a key part of home learning for you. We have created these books to help us forge better communication between home and school, so that we are all working together to support your child in achieving their spelling goals and meeting the Government's standards for spelling.

Your child will receive 10 spellings per fortnight to practise at home and we encourage them to be creative in learning these! Some of the work we do in spelling lessons will be recorded in the logs so that you can benefit from using similar strategies at home. The logs must be in school every day, due to the fact they are used during lesson time. If you have any questions or feedback about the logs, please see your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Sports News

May I first thank all students and parents for their warm welcome to South Camberley. Since the beginning of term, I have frequently had positive interactions with students and admire how well they behave around school.

I am thoroughly looking forward to teaching students at South Camberley and hope with my prior six years working in education as a P.E teacher, I will be able to develop students' knowledge and ability within a range of mainstream and alternative sports. In addition, I am eager to develop and implement outdoor education within the timetable, as I feel this is essential for personal development.

My main focus across the first half term is regarding P.E kit. Please may I stress the importance for every child to have correct P.E kit (white top, maroon shorts, and plimsolls or trainers, which should be velcro'ed for Infants). This is for their own safety. Should your child not have a correct piece of kit they will be able to borrow items from the P.E Department. Similarly, please may I ask if you have kit that your child may have outgrown, we would appreciate your donation.

Finally, please may I draw your attention to the array of clubs and fixtures running at South Camberley. We appreciate you supporting your child within the clubs and fixtures, so please do continue to attend.

Mr Gilpin

Jeans for Genes Day—Fri 20th Sept

Thank you to everyone who donated to Jeans for Genes day today, which is a charity who raises money for children with genetic disorders.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23rd Sept Book Bus @ Jnrs

Tues 24th Sept Book Bus @ JR

Wed 25th Sept Book Bus @ FHD

Tues 1st Oct Spelling & Phonics Parent Workshop
KS1 - 9am KS2 - 2.45pm

Thur 3rd Oct Poetry Day

Fri 4 Oct Photographer in school—children's individual photos

Wed 16th & Thurs 17th Oct Open Day tours - 2020 Reception & Nursery (also 7th Nov)

Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th Oct Parents' Evenings

Fri 25 Oct Inset Day - school closed to pupils

Autumn Half Term Holiday 28 Oct - 1 Nov

Fri 20 Dec End of term, finishing at 1:20pm FHD, 1:30pm JR, 1:40pm Juniors

Christmas Holiday 23 Dec - 3 Jan 2020

Mon 6 Jan Inset Day - school closed to pupils

Tue 7 Jan Children return to school for the Spring Term

Spring Half Term Holiday 17 - 21 Feb

Fri 3 Apr End of term, finishing at 1:20pm FHD, 1:30pm JR, 1:40pm Juniors

Spring Holiday 6 - 17 Apr

Mon 20 Apr EEEA Trust Inset Day - school closed to pupils

Tue 21 Apr Children return to school for the Summer Term

Summer Half Term Holiday 25 - 29 May

Autumn term sports events calendar

Wednesday 25th September – Year 5 and 6 Football and Netball Fixture @ Crawley Ridge (Higher)

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 5 and 6 Football and Netball Fixture @ Holy Trinity (Aspire)

Wednesday 9th October – Year 3 and 4 Cross Country

Wednesday 16th October – Year 5 and 6 Football and Netball Fixture @ Cordwalles (Inspire)

Wednesday 23rd October – Year 5 and 6 Football and Netball Fixture @ Frimley CofE (Higher)

Wednesday 6th November – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Festival @ Frimley Lodge Park (Higher and Aspire)

Wednesday 13th November – Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Festival @ Frimley Lodge Park (Higher and Aspire)

Wednesday 20th November – Year 3 and 4 Boys Football Festival @ Frimley Lodge Park (Higher and Aspire)

Wednesday 27th November – Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala @ Aldershot Garrison

Wednesday 4th December – Year 5 and 6 X-country @ Crawley Ridge (Higher and Aspire)

Wednesday 11th December – Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Festival @ Frimley Lodge Park (Higher and Aspire)

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Head of Juniors—Mrs Brady

It has been a successful start to our new school year for our Junior pupils and I am thrilled to see them all showing such excitement to have returned to their learning. I have been particularly impressed with how enthusiastically our new Year 3 children have settled in - they have shown confidence in assemblies, are eager to learn in their classrooms and have enjoyed participating in playground games with older pupils at break and lunchtimes.



This week, we invited some VIPs to our assembly to help us introduce our new Year 6 House Captains. Each of the four school houses raised the roof to welcome and celebrate their new House Captain! I am delighted to share that the children selected as House Captain this year are:

Apollo - Max

Genesis - Harry

Orion - Robyn

Phoenix - Elisha

We are all looking forward to seeing them represent our school and lead their houses in competitions and teamwork.

Head of Infants—Mrs Kurzberg

What a great start to the new school year. Everyone has settled really quickly into school life. Our Nursery pupils look very smart in uniform and can clearly be identified as part of South Camberley school.

We are in the process of making environmental changes to both of our Infant sites. The large, old fashioned cupboards in our James Road classrooms have now been removed, opening up space and giving the rooms a bright and modern feel. What a big improvement it has made.

This term our focus in the Infants is English with a particular drive on phonics and reading. New staff have received training this week and we are continuing to purchase high quality focus texts for the children to use and enjoy. We are committed to ensuring the best possible outcome for all of our pupils with an aim that children reach at least the end of year expectations and for many to exceed.

The gardening club at James Road last term planted many seeds in the newly developed vegetable garden. The lettuce was harvested in the summer and enjoyed by many. We still have marrows, tomatoes and pumpkins growing. The school cook has used one of the marrows in her cooking this week to enhance some of the lunches.

Safety and Parking

A reminder that there is **NO** parking allowed on any of the school sites. Please help us to keep all of our children safe by not driving onto the school sites. We are currently revising our site security and will keep you up-to-date with our plans.

The start of term is also a good time to remind families that for safety and supervision reasons, children are not permitted to scooter or play in the adventure/nursery playgrounds before and after school.

Please also be sure to inform your child's class teacher or the office if there are different collection arrangements for your child - the teachers will not dismiss to someone unless they have been informed of the arrangement.

Music at South Camberley

The term has started very positively for the music department. We are thrilled that Bolomba Arts have continued to enrich our music curriculum by teaching Year 4 and Year 6 how to play African Djembe drums this year. We are looking forward to hearing their performances later in the year!

I am very excited that the choir will once again be going to London to sing at the Young Voices concert on 22nd January 2020. It's not too late to sign up and the choir is open to ALL junior year groups.

There are many spaces available for trumpet, guitar, piano, drumming and keyboard lessons, so please contact Rock n Pop or Surrey Arts if your child would like lessons. Rock n Pop are offering lessons to Year 2 pupils this year too, so please sign up if interested.

<https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol>

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children>

Mrs Abi Summers

Communication

At South Camberley we are working hard to improve our communication, which often is a challenge across three sites. We will be 'Tweeting' weekly to provide updates about children's learning and we will be using it as a reminder. Please follow us on @SouthCamPrimary and find the link to your child's year group. We also will continue to send out text messages and reminders as well as the usual correspondence via email.

Newsletters are sent out monthly and we will be updating the calendar on the school website. We will add the dates for school events as and when we know them. We welcome parental feedback, and if you have any thoughts of further ideas to improve, we would love to hear them. This term we will be sending out a parental questionnaire to seek your views.

We will continue to run parent forums and curriculum workshops to share our approaches to teaching and learning and to seek feedback. If you have any concerns, in the first instance please speak to your child's class teacher. If further support is needed, this is then passed to the Assistant Headteacher, before Heads of School then Executive Head teacher.

Executive Head teacher – Nicky Wright
Head of Juniors – Julie Brady
Head of Infants - Maxine Kurzberg
Assistant Head teacher Year 5 & 6 – Computing /E safety Lead – Liam Buggs
Assistant Head teacher Year 2 3 & 4 – English – Natalie Robinson
Assistant Head teacher Early Years and Year 1— Kim Berry
Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion/ SENCO – Jonny Franks
Maths Lead – Seb Munns

P.U.R.E—Resilience

'To be resilient is to take passion and determination anywhere you go and South Camberley promise you, you'll go far.'

Do you have a child due to start Reception or Nursery in September 2020?

We are holding Open Days on the following dates, when we will be happy to show you around our infant campuses (France Hill Drive and James Road):

Wed 16th Oct - 9.15am
Thur 17th Oct - 2.30pm
Thurs 7th Nov - 9.15am

Please complete the online form on our website if you wish to attend.
Find it under News/Events—Permission Forms

Attendance at South Camberley

Welcome back to a new year at South Camberley School. I am Mr Franks, the new Inclusion Assistant Head teacher and today I am writing to launch our new attendance initiatives. I cannot overstate how important attendance is for a child's development and academic progress. To reward our children for their excellent attendance, we will be celebrating in a variety of ways.

Each week, the class with the highest attendance, on each campus, will be awarded the 'Attendance Cup' which they will be able to keep and display with pride for the following week. Moreover, all children who end a term with 100% attendance will receive a special badge which they can wear every day on their school jumpers. Alongside the badge they will receive a raffle ticket that grants them entry into the end of year 'Attendance Raffle' with a very special prize up for grabs. Remember, 3 terms equals the possibility to win 3 badges and 3 raffle tickets.

I am available on the phone, email or school gate any day to help you with any concerns or advice you need to help with attendance. The most important thing is that your children are in school and I am here to help your child on their journey to 100%.

Attendance Statistics - 5th Sept to date

Infants
Year Group Winners—Yr2 (98.4%)
Class Winners FHD —Tomlinson (99.5%)
Class Winners JR — Fine (98.6%)



Juniors
Year Group Winners—Yr4 (98.2%)
Class Winners —McArthur (99.1%)