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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Good morning, I hope that everyone had a good weekend. As always all of the children were really busy in school last week with their learning and the start of the Spring term In Harmony sessions. Year 6 had a great time visiting Wagamama last week where they got to learn about how the food is made, try some spices and juices, weigh out their lunch and then all sit together to eat their stir fry. Thank you to the Y6 team for organising the trip as the pupils all had a great time. We are looking forward to welcoming some of you into school this afternoon for our session being run by the Linden centre on 'behaviour is communication'. All the staff in school have also

taken part in this training and it has been really useful in allowing us to think about behaviour in a different way and support pupils with managing their emotions and understanding how they are communicating with us. A reminder that we are celebrating Chinese new year in school on Wednesday 29th January with a special lunch time menu. I hope that everyone has a lovely week.

THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

In Harmony: Week 2

Monday 27th January: Behaviour is communication parent session 2pm - 3pm.
Wednesday 29th January: Chinese New Year lunch

Sports competitions: Not all pupils involved
Tuesday 28th January: Y5 and Y6 Dodgeball

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

A reminder that the whole school attendance target for each week is 96%.
The classes that met/exceeded the target for the week beginning 20th January 2025 were
1G, 1H, 2B, 2K, 3/4P, 3F, 4C, 4W, 5EF and 6W.

A special well done to **2K** who had the highest attendance across the school last week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you!

REMINDERS

Uniform: Please remember that children can wear black shoes or trainers for school and should only wear coloured trainers on their allocated PE day. On PE days they should wear a red or white t shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and have their school jumper/fleece.

Punctuality: A reminder that the doors to the classrooms open at 8:40am each day and the register for the morning session takes place at 8:55am. All pupils must be in class by this time else they will be marked as late (L code). Anyone that arrives after 9:30am is give a U code which means even though they are in school their attendance will not count for the morning session.

Unauthorised absence: If your child is not going to be in school due to illness or a medical appointment please ensure that you let the main office know so that we can code the absence in the correct way. If we do not hear from a parent or carer for the reason for an absence it means that the absence goes down as being unauthorised. Many thanks for your support with this.

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SPRING 1 DATES

Monday 27th January: Parent workshop 'behaviour is communication (2:00-3:15pm) Information about this event has been sent via ParentPay.
Wednesday 29th January: Chinese new year lunch
Friday 14th February: Last day of the half term
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February: Half term holiday

TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

Monday 6th January 25	**Spring term 1 begins**
17th - 21st February 25	**Half term holiday**
Monday 24th February 25	**Spring term 2 begins**
14th April - 25th April 2025	**Easter holidays**
Monday 28th April 2025	**Summer term 1 begins**
Monday 5th May 2025	**May bank holiday**
26th May - 30th May 25	**Half term holiday**
Monday 2nd June 25	**Staff PD day (children not in school)**
Tuesday 3rd June 25	**Summer term 2 begins**
Friday 18th July 25	**Last day of the academic year**

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VALUES

Belonging

1. I am proud to be part of the Old Park family.
2. I am a special and important part of our school.
3. I feel happy and valued.
4. I feel safe in school.
5. I help others through my support and friendship.

Respect

1. I treat everyone the same.
2. 'Everyone is awesome'.
3. We are all allowed different views and opinions.
4. I do not disturb the learning of others, and I help others to learn the best they can.
5. I care for myself, the school, the community and the wider world.

Responsibility

1. I always try my best with my learning.
2. I make good choices.
3. I am honest.
4. I know that my actions will have consequences.
5. I am a good role model to others.

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BEHAVIOUR RULES

1. Follow instructions

2. To have kind words, kind hands and kind feet.

3. To show respect for everyone within the school community.

As part of our new lunchtime scheme OPAL, we are looking to collect as many of the items above ready for after half term. If you have anything shown above that you could donate please drop them off at the main office. Many thanks in advance for any donations that you might be able to provide us with.

What are
LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Upcycled Loose Parts

Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks

Opal

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FAMILY HUBS

SOUTHWATER DROP IN

**Every Wednesday 9.30am -12:30pm
Southwater Library – children's section**

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family hubs information

Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support

Our early help offer

Please see the early help section of our school website to see the things that we may be able to offer you in school if you need any support.

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