



SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week beginning 6th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I type, the old school kitchen, dining hall, main hall and reception area of the old building have been razed to the ground. It is fascinating and enthralling to watch the highly skilled demolition team at work. I did consider charging interested parties as part of our fundraising campaign as we do draw quite an audience at drop off and pick up!

The work is progressing at quite a pace and the builders are on schedule to complete the demolition and the landscaping by the end of March.

This does mean that Phase 1 will be required to continue using the pathway around the old building during the process. On a positive note, the exercise is contributing to their mile walk each day! I appreciate it is not ideal but we must remind ourselves that this is just a temporary arrangement. Upon completion, Phase 1 will be connected to the new building via a covered walkway.

To limit the movement to and from the various building, Phase 1 currently use the playground nearest to the new building at lunchtimes, and the main hall in the event of wet play.



NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Friday 10th

Flu nasal vaccinations for Foundation Stage to Year 4 pupils. Parental permission required in advance.

SPSA Own Clothes Day. FS & KS1 bottle/ KS2 chocolates or £2.00

Monday 13th

2:45pm Uniform Shop open

Tuesday 14th

2B, 2C, 6B, 6C swimming

3:30pm Handball at Knole Academy. Selected KS2 pupils

Wednesday 15th

Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 16th

Year 6 Bikeability

Years 1&2 Creative Education Workshop in Main Hall

Allianz Inclusive PE Event at Knole Academy

Friday 17th

Children in Need Pyjama/Onesie Day. Details to follow...

Year 6 Bikeability

6:30pm onwards SPSA Film Night. Despicable Me 3.

Advance tickets only

Saturday 18th

Kent Schools Cross Country event at Detline Showground

Monday 20th

Years 1-5 Parent Consultations

Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 21st

2B, 2C, 5A, 5B swimming

Years 1-5 Parent Consultations

Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 22nd

Years 1-5 Parent Consultations (late night session)

Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 23rd

Years 1-5 Parent Consultations

Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 24th

Year 3 trip to Horton Kirby

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Redevelopment of the site

Once the old building has been demolished, the area will be professionally landscaped, mainly to grass. However, over time (fundraising permitting) we will look at introducing an allotment area, sensory garden and an extension to both the Foundation Stage outside area and the Key Stage 1 playground.



The picture above provides a rough guide as to what we intend the area to look like. There are a number of omissions but hopefully it gives you a general idea of our plans. The allotment/sensory area will be situated near to the old kitchen/dining Hall.

Health & Safety during the demolition process

Ensuring the health and safety of the children and all other site users is of paramount importance during the demolition, and the process is carefully managed and monitored by Bowmer & Kirkland. Any work undertaken close to the areas occupied by the children will be completed at the end of the school day or during the weekends. We work in close liaison with the contractors and they provide a regular update on progress. Wayne Catterell (Site Manager) attended the recent Year 1 coffee morning and will be attending the next Parent Council meeting to answer any concerns that may have been raised.

Wayne has also kindly agreed to attend further school assemblies to keep the children up to date on what is happening to the old building and the development of the area once the demolition process is complete. The children will also learn about what can be recycled from the previous building.

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Commendation from Kent County Council

We recently received a letter congratulating the school on our achievement outcomes in 2017. The letter from Patrick Leeson – Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, stated that *'it was very positive to see that the school has attained well above average results at Key Stage 2, with 76.7% of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined. It is also good to see strong value added scores in reading, writing and mathematics.*

I am pleased with the proportion of pupils reaching the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 1 was above the emerging national average across all subjects. Pupils also achieved well in the Year 1 Phonics check 84.4% and at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage 80.7%.

We appreciate that these improvements are due to strong leadership and a sustained effort to remain focused on school improvement. Well done to your staff and your children'.

We are delighted with this recognition. The last year has been undoubtedly very challenging but the children and staff have achieved so much together despite various obstacles along the way.

Alan Duffy

Playground 2 drop-off arrangements

Now that we are comfortably into Term 2, most children should feel confident enough to say goodbye to parents/carers at the gate.

If, however, you do wish to continue to accompany your child beyond the gate, please could you vacate the playground once the whistle blows, to allow a clear passage for the children to enter the school building.

Friday 10th November - SPSA Own Clothes Day

The Own Clothes Day is to raise money and items for stalls at the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 25th November.

The 'fine' for participation this Friday is for Foundation Stage and Key Stage one pupils (FS - Year 2) to please bring a bottle of wine of similar (for the bottle tombola), and for KS2 children (years 3-6) to bring a chocolate gift or a £2.00 donation.

Please note that all donations are strictly voluntary and all children are welcome to participate, regardless of whether they bring an item in or not.

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Admission to Primary School – September 2018/19

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and, therefore, due to start in September 2017, you will be able to apply for your child's place in primary school from 6th November 2017. The application period will close on 15th January 2018. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to come into school to complete your application, please contact Mrs Doleman, our Admissions Officer, in the school office to arrange an appointment.

CALLING ALL SIBLINGS

If the child you are applying for has a sibling currently at Sevenoaks Primary School, please use the following link to submit your child's details:

[Calling all Siblings](#)

Christmas Lunch letters

You will have received a copy of the Christmas Lunch letter yesterday by email, and your child will be bringing home a hard copy (look out for the red letter!) this week.

Please could you ensure that they are completed and returned to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Uniform Shop opening dates

The uniform shop will be open on the following dates:
13th and 27th November
11th December

It is located in the Studio, and access is through the exit door to the building.

Baby news

We are delighted to announce the safe delivery of Eliza Bromwich to Mr and Mrs Bromwich, born on Tuesday 24th October, weighing in at 10lb 4oz.

All is well with both mother and daughter, and we are sure you will join us in congratulating the family.

Welcome to the world, Eliza!

Non-attendance at clubs

Should your child no longer wish to attend an in-school club, please could you remind them to inform the club leader in the first instance.

You will then be removed from the email list and no longer receive communications regarding the club.

Thank you

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Informing the school office of absences

Please could we ask that you inform the school office as early as possible if your child needs to leave the school for any appointment. Any paperwork which shows the appointment details will also be gratefully received.

With this information, the office can then ensure that your child is called upon your arrival to collect.

Sevenoaks Sports magazine article

We are delighted that the school has been included in the latest version of Sevenoaks Sports magazine, in recognition of our Gold Sports mark award for the second year running.

Please click below to view the article:

[Sevenoaks Sports magazine article](#)

In aid of SPSA – registered charity no,283688

HOSTED BY SPSA
AND CLASS 1B

SPSA FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

DESPICABLE ME3

£5 per child

SPS children only
Advance tickets only



Doors open 6.30pm
Film starts 6.45pm

Tuck shop
Soft drinks
Adult bar

Foundation and KS1 children need to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the film. KS2 children do not need an adult present for the evening.
Fancy dress welcome!





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The Banana Leaf has extended an offer to promote community collaboration & donating to SPS on a regular basis. All you must do -

- ❖ Enjoy a meal at the Banana Leaf in a group (min 2 ppl)
- ❖ Advise staff you are with Sevenoaks Primary School and write "SPS" on your bill
- ❖ YOU get 10% off your bill
- ❖ 5% of your remaining bill will be donated to the SPSA

This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion and excludes gratuity. You may gift the full 15% discount to SPS.

We welcome the new owners of Banana Leaf and look forward to their new seasonal menus. The community thanks you for sourcing locally and continuing the well-loved tribute nights.

Thank you to Chef Chandar Poddar, co-owner of Banana Leaf and parent of SPS

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