



Kiwi Flyer

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another busy week at school, I am reflecting on the positive events of the past two weeks. Our McMillan coffee morning was a great success and we raised £231 for this worthwhile cause. It was lovely to meet some of you and be able to start to put faces to names. I really look forward to meeting with lots more of you over the coming weeks. We are very keen as a staff team to promote parental engagement in school and will be planning lots of opportunities for parents to come into school to see what we are doing and in some cases hopefully join in!

On that note, if, as a parent, there are any skills you have which you think you could offer up to support our school, please do get in touch. We will shortly be recruiting some more parent governors and I would very much like to look into the possibility of starting a PTA to help fund-raise for some of the exciting projects we have planned.

I look forward to working in partnership with you to support our children at Kiwi Primary School.

Mrs L Eatherington

*At **KIWI** we are soaring...*
Striving for success
Owning our actions
Ambitious
Respectful, reflective, resilient



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Reading Update

As a school we are working hard on improving a number of areas across the school. We have had a particular focus on improving the teaching and enjoyment of reading this term across Kiwi. Teachers have been busy spending their evenings completing training on the latest research and best ways to teach reading. We have introduced a new Phonics scheme. We have held a parents workshop for Phonics. *(If you missed the parents workshop details are on the school website)*. The library has had a face lift and we have introduced Reading Ambassadors and Book Club! The aim of all this is to give children the best possible opportunities and best teaching available so that they become enthusiastic and competent readers. This is an area we will be continuing to develop. If you would like to get involved in helping us improve reading provision for our children we would love your help. We are looking for volunteers with a love of reading, who could spare us some time on a weekly basis to sort and organise library books. This person would have to undergo a DBS check .

Reading Ambassadors

Our Resource Base and EYFS children were delighted to welcome Reading Ambassadors into their classes this week. Some of our reading role models in Year 6 were selected to share their enjoyment and expertise as readers with some of our younger children. Being a Reading Ambassador is a great way for children to develop leadership and skills and helps promote our love of reading across the school. Both the younger and older children involved really enjoyed the experience. It was a great opportunity for enrichment in the reading curriculum.



School Photos

School Photos will take place on Monday 9th of October. Please ensure children are in their full school uniform with their school jumper.

Parking

A polite reminder to parents to please not park in the RMP laybys or across the hatchings in Hubert Hamilton Road. There are plenty of car parks nearby so please park a little further away and walk. The RMP have been doing patrols this week to ensure access is clear.

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Parent Communication Applications

You may be aware that for some time we as a school have been using different ways of communicating certain things with you, in a variety of apps such as Tapestry and Seesaw. With different year groups and classes using different ways to communicate with you it became confusing to parents. After review and looking at how much these platforms were costing the school we have decided to switch to a consistent approach across the school. We are currently in the process of setting up Class Dojo. The Class Dojo app can be downloaded by parents for free. The transition from old systems to Class Dojo will take us a few weeks. More information will follow about this shortly.

Harvest Collection

During Harvest week we will be collecting food for Salisbury and Amesbury Foodbank. We know with the cost of living crisis people are relying on food banks more than ever. We are asking, if you can spare it, that children bring in some tinned or packets. At the moment the most wanted items for the food bank are

- Long life fruit juice
- UHT milk

- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tins of Ham or Spam
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mash
- Rice Pudding/ Custard
- Bars of Chocolate
- Sponge Puddings

If there are any parents that are available to help staff drop the food to Salisbury on Thursday 12th or Friday 13th of October we would really appreciate your support.

Harvest Festival KS2 & Fiji Day

On Tuesday 10th of October The Revd Catherine Gillham CF will be coming into school to deliver a Harvest and Fiji Day assembly to our Key Stage 2 children. We do not have space in the hall to invite parents in for this celebration but Key Stage 2 children can bring in their items for the Harvest foodbank collection.

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Harvest Festival Lower School

Reception classes alongside Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 we will be celebrating Harvest on the afternoon of **Wednesday 11th October** at St Georges Church at **2.30pm**. We warmly welcome parents to attend this service.

We would be grateful for any parents who are able to walk down to the church. If you are able to, please sign up via School Gateway (**Go onto Gateway, Payments, Harvest Festival Walk, consent and add a comment stating you are able to come with us to the church**) and meet us in the school entrance at 1.45pm.

The Service will finish in time for the end of the school day, with a little extra time for parents of Key Stage 2 children to make it back in time to collect them. We ask that all Key Stage 1 children are collected from the **Church by 3:00 if they are going home straight from the service.**

Any children booked into the Wrap Around After School Club on this day will walk back to school with teachers. In the event a child has not been collected by 3:00 we will also take them back to school. However, this is an emergency measure as from 3:00 our staffing ratios will only definitely cover the After School club children.

Please do your best to support us with this and pick up in a timely manner. Should you need someone else to collect your children, please clearly identify them by name on Gateway.

We are very privileged to have The Revd Catherine Gillham CF who will be helping us host this service.

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Promoting Positive Behaviour

Well done to the children in **Okataina** and **Coromandel** for filling up their pots.

Okataina have decided to wear their own clothes to school and had movie treat. **Coromandel** decorated some biscuits, ate crisps and made party hats while watching cartoons. Mrs Oliver was so busy enjoying time with her class they forgot to take photographs but the children had a great time!



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Geography Field Trip

Year 5 and 6 went for a local geography field trip and spent the morning being cartographers, marking land use on maps of the local area.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of October.

Schoolcloud, our online booking system, is set up for parents to sign up for parents evenings. A step by step guide on how to use Schoolcloud will be sent home with this newsletter.

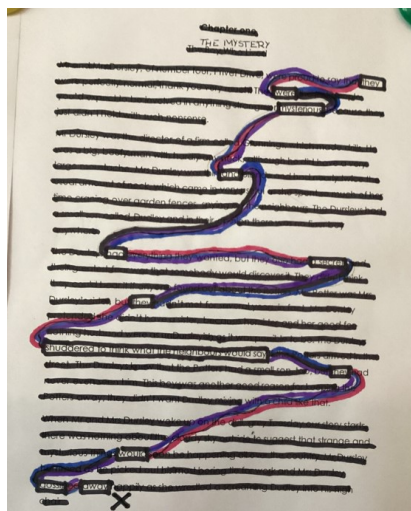
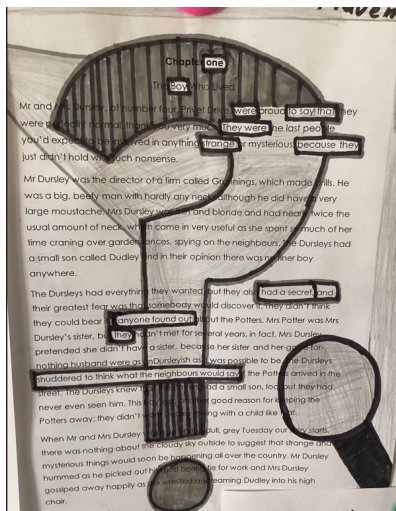
The link for schoolcloud can be found on our school website in the parents section.

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National Poetry Day

On National Poetry day Year 6 created some amazing black out poetry



Parents 'Stay and Do'

We are really looking forward to inviting parents and carers to our first 'Stay and Do'. On Friday 3rd of November we would like to invite our families into school at 2.15pm. The first 10-15 minutes will be a presentation in the hall by the Senior Team. After this you will be welcome to visit your children in their classes to work with them on some engaging Bonfire night activities.

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Diary Dates

October

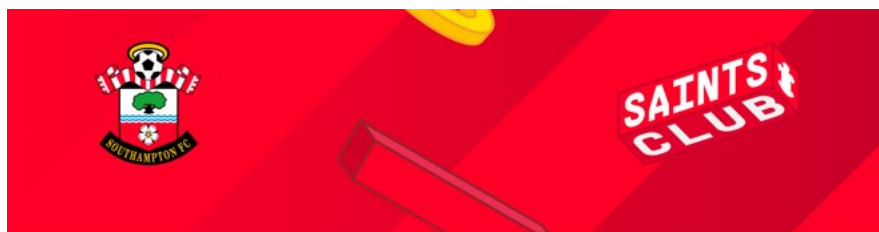
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| Monday 9th of October | Individual Photographs |
| Tuesday 10th of October | Fiji Day |
| Tuesday 10th of October | KS2 Harvest Festival in school |
| Wednesday 11th of October | Year R, 1, 2 & 3 Harvest festival at St Georges Church. Parents to meet at 1:45pm at school to walk down and service will start at 2:30pm (Parents Welcome) |
| Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of October | Parents Evenings |

November

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| Friday 3rd November | Parents Welcome to 'Stay and do' bon-fire night afternoon. |
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PRIMARY & JUNIOR SCHOOL COMPETITION

Sign your child up to our free Saints Club today to claim their gift and give your school a chance to win prizes.



FREE WELCOME GIFT



£1 JUNIOR TICKETS FOR SPECIFIC FIXTURES*.
*selected game will be communicated.



EXCLUSIVE EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

SIGN UP HERE








Saints Club is the perfect way for your child to feel part of Southampton FC.

When your child joins Saints Club (and it's free to do so), they'll get:

- A welcome gift.
- £1 junior tickets for specific Saints fixtures*.
- Access to money can't buy Saints events/competitions.

Not to mention your child's school could be in with a chance of winning exclusive Saints prizes too, all based on how many Saints Club sign-ups their school gets.

School prizes include a player appearance, signed shirts and tickets to a Saints Women's game.

Sign up here to enter the competition: <https://www.southamptonfc.com/en/saints-club-school-competition>

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