

Friday 11 October 2019, forthcoming events for the week commencing 14 October 2019			
Monday	14.10.17	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast Club After School Club
Tuesday	15.10.17	8am-9am 8am Midday 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast Club Year 6 leave for their residential trip to Devon Guitar and Cello lessons Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	16.10.17	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm 4pm-8pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club Karate in the sports hall
Thursday	17.10.17	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Friday	18.10.17	8am-9am Lunchtime 1pm 3.30pm-6pm 6pm	Breakfast Club Hotshots basketball in the gym Violin and guitar lesson Hang Out after school club Year 6 return from their residential

Trustee vacancies

I am writing to inform you that we have vacancies for trustees on the school's trust board. Trustees play a crucial role in supporting and challenging the school's leaders and teachers to ensure the success of all the children. The role is very similar to that of a member of a governing body. As you will be aware, we are facing a number of challenges and very much need help from our local community if we are to transform our school.

The term of office for a trustee is 4 years. To find out about the roles and responsibilities of a trustee please follow the link below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/MATs/Trustee-role-description-and-person-specification.aspx>

If you would like to be considered please contact the school office for an application form. This needs to be returned to the School Office by **3.45pm** on Monday 21st October 2019. Please mark the envelope for the attention of Dr Kay.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone appointed to a trustees to undergo a pre-appointment check which may include a criminal background check. This is to ensure the safety of the pupils.

If you have any questions about being a trustee, please contact Mr Green or myself.

Dr Kay

Changes to classes and rooms

You will be aware of a number of changes which have already taken place in school and there are more coming soon. I am pleased to say that from Monday 4th November, we are switching back to single age group classes and moving a number of classes around to better use the space available to us in school. The children found out about these changes in assembly this afternoon. Details are below-

Our nursery class is moving into Epping to be closer to our reception children and to ensure that our staff team are closer together and working more effectively together by sharing their expertise without the need to move between different buildings. The staff who currently work in these two classes will remain as they are.

Year 1 and 2 will stay in the rooms they are currently and be taught by their current teachers. Mrs Abdulla will become a full time member of this team and work with Miss Onions and Mrs Simpson will join Miss Jarvis to support Year 2. Mrs Bonney is moving to year 5 to support Mr Elliot and his group.

Year 3 and 4 will stay in their current building but Year 4 will move into Wykham while Year 3 will use Gisburn. Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Dunkley. Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Hanhan and Mrs Jordan. These classes will be support by Mrs Balloch and Mrs Dunckly as they currently are. Miss Stott will continue to work in this team as she currently does.

Year 5 will be taught by Mr Elliot and support by Mrs Bonney. They are moving to Fleet.

Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Thompson and Mrs Williams and support by Miss Hetherington. This class are moving to Gosford. This will allow us to effectively shut off the classrooms at the top floor of the school and enable Year 6 to have their own 'wing' of the school.

We are also moving the staffroom to Stowe as this is more central for all staff, and is brighter and bigger. The old staffroom is going to become a room we can use for intervention teaching or breakout space.

As we grow the school again, we can begin to use some of the rooms we have shut down, but for now, having everyone close to a 'central hub' will be helpful.

Changes to the school curriculum

We have developed a curriculum working party who are meeting on Tuesday 15th October to work on the new whole school curriculum. We will have all the plans in place and be ready to launch this from January; Year 5 and Year 6 are trialling a model topic next term and we will learn lots from how that goes. The new curriculum will be published on the website along with the topic maps for each class for the year. At the heart of the new curriculum will be the whole class teaching of reading, writing and vocabulary. Each topic will be driven by high quality children's literature and linked to a broader topic such as The Ancient Egyptians, The Shang Dynasty of ancient China and The Great Rainforest, to give a few examples. There will be a completely new curriculum policy and a host of school trips mapped across the year for the children to look forward to. This is a big job and we are working as quickly as we can; we know that your children only get one shot at school but I want to ensure that they get the best curriculum we can give them and by spending a few extra weeks making sure it is properly planned, mapped out and that skills, knowledge and vocabulary are carefully planned to ensure they are progressive, we will make sure your children get the best to life they can get. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Social Media

As of today Southfield Primary School has an official Facebook page. You can find it by searching for 'Southfield Primary School, Brackely' on Facebook. The page will be used to post updates of things that are happening in school as well as celebrating success from students. We will not post any photos of children's faces or use any of their names in our posts. If you have told us you do not want your children to be used in photos, then they will not be included in any. The page is not a forum for formal communication with parents although you will be able to comment on posts and message the page. We need to keep lines of communication open and ask that if you need speak to any of us at school to use the usual channels; it is worth noting that no form of electronic communication is better than a face to face discussion.

Year 6 admissions to secondary school – a message from NCC

Parents / carers of pupils in year 6 who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020 are reminded that the closing date for applications is 5pm on 31st October 2019. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received before the closing date. A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

School places are not automatically allocated to any child even if there is an older brother or sister attending a secondary school or you live in an area linked to a particular school.

Closing date: For secondary school applications – 31st October 2019 at 5pm

How to apply: By using the Northamptonshire Citizen Portal at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find all information needed when applying for a secondary school place.

Or request a paper form from the Admissions Team at admissions@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk or telephone 0300 126 1000. Please allow adequate time for postage.

Attendance	Thought for the day...
Today – 97% This week – 97% This term – 96% The year so far – 96%	<p>If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress. - Barack Obama</p>
Upcoming diary dates	
15-18.10.19 – year 6 residential trip 25.10.19 – term 1 ends 31.10.19 – closing date for secondary school admission 4.11.19 – term 2 begins 10.11.19 – Remembrance Sunday 15.11.19 – Children in Need day WC 11.11.19 – Parents Evening week	
SPA Achievements this week	
Work of the Week Delamere Class – everyone, again! - On Monday nursery made apple pies. The children handled their knives well and showed some excellent cutting skills. They listened beautifully to instructions and were able to roll their pastry and cut out their circle shapes! All in all a wonderful session and I think all the children deserve a mention for their hard work and effort! Epping Class – Daisy-May - for fantastic labelling of an apple. Daisy tried really hard to form her letters correctly and make her writing smaller. Ashdown Class - Annabella - for her exceptional writing this week. We have been looking at the story of The Bog Baby and Annabella re wrote it beautifully. Marston Vale Class - Maisie - for her enthusiasm towards learning. She has participated positively in all class discussions and for the first time had the confidence to stand and share her writing. Well done Fleet Class - Finlay - for his beautifully presented play script which included all the correct features of script writing. Gisburn Class – Rio - for awesome work in maths this week Carrick Class - Holly - for always being a fantastic friend, she is always the one with handing out a tissue or helping the children who are upset. She also has an excellent work ethic. Newborough Class - Guisette – for joining in class discussions with great enthusiasm and making valuable contributions	

Sports News

There is no sports news this week, but please keep an eye open for the upcoming fixtures that we will be taking part in.

With very best wishes,

Matt Green
Headteacher