

| Friday 31 January 2020, forthcoming events for the week commencing 3 February | | | |
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| Monday | 3.2.2020 | 8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm | Breakfast Club After School Club |
| Tuesday | 4.2.2020 | 8am-9am Midday 3.30pm-6pm | Breakfast Club Guitar and Cello lessons After school club |
| Wednesday | 5.2.2020 | 8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm 4pm-8pm | Breakfast Club After school club Karate in the sports hall |
| Thursday | 6.2.2020 | 8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm | Breakfast Club After school club |
| Friday | 7.2.2020 | 8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm | Breakfast Club After school club |

New school website

I am pleased to be able to share the new school website with you. It will take over from the old site as of today; however, we are experiencing some technical difficulties trying to get the old site to redirect to the new one, so if you 'google search' Southfield Primary School, the old site will still be at the top of the search. My IT support team are working on this as we speak. I am very grateful to Richard Holmes of Ampersand Studio for his hard work in building the site for us.

The new site can be found at www.southfieldprimaryschool.org.uk. I would suggest book marking this site as a way of making sure you don't accidentally revert back to the old one. I hope you find it informative and useful. We will be regularly updating the site and over the next few weeks will be adding some new pages. Any feedback is gratefully received.

Changes to sports team selection

I am changing the way that sports teams are selected for competitions to make it fairer for those children who attend after school. Essentially, we will not be using first come first served as a selection method anymore and we will be sticking to a new timetable when it comes to sports competitions, which is briefly outlined below

5 weeks before the planned date of the tournament – an initial interest letter will be sent to children and parents, this will make clear the date by which reply slips need to be back in school

4 weeks before the planned date of the tournament – the team is randomly selected or selected based on ability in the sports – the method of selection will be made clear in the initial interest letter

3 weeks before the tournament – parents and children find out if they have been selected and any 'waiting list' is collated

We believe this is a fairer method and gives you as parents more notice that your children are either interested in or taking part in a sporting tournament.

Smart Watches and FitBits

I am a big fan of Smart Watches and Fit Bits and other pedometers, but it has been brought to my attention this week that some Smart Watches have a telephone and photography facility, and that some children in school are

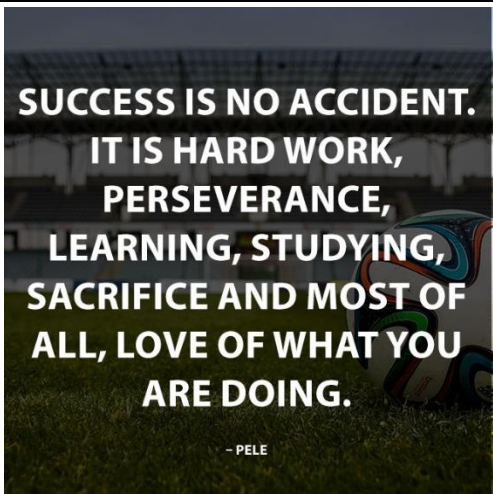
wearing those kinds of watches. I know that some children use their smartwatches to call parents to let them know they are on their way home, so while I am banning smart watches from the classroom, I won't be banning them from school altogether. Instead, we will operate the same policy we have for mobile phones. As they arrive at school, the children need to take their Smartwatches to office at the start of the day and then collect them again at the end of the day. FitBits and other pedometers that do not have either the telephone or photography facility can continue to be worn in the classrooms by the children.

Pringles Tubes

While I actively encourage healthy eating, I will make an exception this week because Year 4 are in need of Pringles Tubes. They are learning about Ancient Egypt, specifically, the mummification process. As part of their learning they are going to be creating Canopic Jars and need Pringle Tubes as a start. Please send any tubes to Year 4! Thank you!

FOSS Disco

A polite reminder that FOSS are hosting their next school disco on Friday 14 February in the hall. Key Stage 1 will start at 5.30pm and finish at 6.30pm, and Key Stage 2 will start at 6.56pm and finish at 7.45pm. We hope to see lots of the children there.

| Upcoming diary dates | Thought for the day... |
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| <p>14.2.20 – Term 3 ends 24.2.20 – Term 4 begins 6.3.20 – Reception Multi Skills Sports festival 12.3.20 – Year 5 trip to the Steam Museum WC 30.3.20 – Year 3 and 4 bikeability training 2.4.20 – FOSS Easter event 3.4.20 – Term 4 ends 20.4.20 – Term 5 begins</p> |  <p style="text-align: center;">– PELE</p> |
| SPS Achievements this week | |
| <p>Work of the Week</p> <p>Nursery - Jessica worked really hard following a repeating pattern when she made her tribal necklace</p> <p>Reception – Jennifer B – for her really good listening and following instructions well, setting a great example to the other children in the class.</p> <p>Year 1 – Jacob T – for his amazing sentences in phonics this morning</p> <p>Year 2 – Jessica – for working co-operatively in PE. She was a good partner and really helped her partner improve their balancing skills</p> <p>Year 3 – Sayara for improving the quality of her handwriting and presentation this week</p> <p>Year 4 – Paige for working so hard and taking great care when editing her paragraphs on the stages of mummification and Alfie – for his beautifully presented piece of work about the landscapes of Ancient Egypt</p> | |

Year 5 – Katelyn and Bianca for their amazing writing today!

Year 6 – Jasmine – for working really hard in maths this week, well done!

Sports News

Huge congratulations to both our Year 5 and 6 dodgeball team and our Year 3 and 4 football team who have taken part in cluster competitions recently. Everyone who took part was a credit to our school and should rightly be proud of their performance!

Well played, everyone!

With best wishes,

Matt Green
Head Teacher