



Sundon Park Junior School Weekly Newsletter

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Absence and Term-Time Leave

It is extremely important that children attend school every day. We have worked very hard to put systems in place to both monitor attendance and support families and the good news is that this is working. Over the last three years our attendance has increased and is now above both the national average and the average for Luton. At the same time, the number of children persistently absent from school has come down so it is now almost half the national average and well below the average for Luton. There are some members of staff who work hard to achieve this, not least Ms Taylor, but it is also a reflection of your commitment to the education of your children so you have all played your part too.

We have had to change to our Term Time Leave Policy. As you will know, the Headteacher can only give consent for a child to miss days from school in exceptional circumstances. There was a court case earlier this year which hit the headlines because a man in the Isle of Wight took the Local Authority to court to appeal the fine they had imposed. It took a long time but eventually the fine was upheld. As a consequence there has been a tightening of the law which we have to reflect in our policy. If a child is taken out of school for five days when this has not been authorised then a fine will be imposed. If this happens a second time in the academic year then court action will be taken which could lead to a criminal conviction. In addition to the change in the policy, we have also updated the application form. The revised policy is available on our website along with this updated form. Please be aware that no money from fines comes into school, our only interest is ensuring children attend school every day.

We look forward to sharing good news about even better attendance and even lower persistent absence at the end of the year.



E. R. Reilly Author Visit

On Wednesday afternoon we were lucky enough to get a visit from children's author E. R. Reilly. His aim is to inspire children to read and discover for themselves the infinite worlds they can explore through literature. As well as reading a selection of his own stories, he also explained to children the ways each and every one of them can discover

their own creativity and urged them to put pen to paper. He then returned to SPJS on Friday morning to personally sign books for children. Unsigned books will remain on sale from the school office until October 3rd. Mr Reilly stated that he thought our pupil's behaviour was exemplary.





Weekly Awards

Super Heroes (14/09/2018)

Chosen by class teachers for great improvement and ongoing commitment in class.

Year 3

Azaan
Michael

Year 4

Alicia A
Ella Q
Chelsea

Year 5

Sophie B
Rhea W

Year 6

Reece C
Jocelyn
Georgi

Class Leaders (14/09/2018)

This title is awarded to pupils who act as an example to the rest of their class.

Year 3

Riley H
Dominykas

Year 4

Veronika
Layah
Kyle M

Year 5

Lilly W
Suhana

Year 6

Elena
Charlie
Jack W



PE Awards

Holly-Mai

Taylor T

Sugewin

McKenzie

Diary and Dates

September 21st – 22nd	Year 6 Overnight Camp
September 28th	School Nurse Drop-In Session - 1:45pm
October 3rd	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-5:30pm
October 4th	Parents' Evening - 5pm-7pm
October 19th	Friends of SPJS School Disco
w/c October 22nd	Half term
October 29th	Teacher Training Day

Lunch Menu



Monday

Meatballs
Veggie Balls V
Jacket Potato
Sweetcorn and Cauliflower
Fruit Bun

Tuesday

Sweet Chilli Chicken
Veg Lasagne V
Quorn Burger V
Carrots and Green Beans
Iced Sponge

Wednesday

Chicken Katsu curry
Veg Chilli V
Jacket Potato
Corn on the Cob
Smoothie

Thursday

Roast Beef
Cheese Flan V
Fajita Wrap
Carrots and Cabbage
Lemon Love Cake

Friday

Fish and Chips
Cheese & Tomato Pizza V
Jacket Potato
Peas and Beans
Bakewell Tart

Please note that changes to the menu may take place due to unforeseen circumstances such as late deliveries.

Next Week in English

Year 3

In English next week, we will be writing our own stories using the structure of 'The Papaya that Spoke' but using our imaginations to create new characters and maybe change the ending. We are still focusing on using dialogue correctly in our stories.

Year 4

Next week in Year 4, we will be continuing to innovate our story of 'Oliver Twist'. We will be focusing on how to write an effective setting description and how to edit and improve our work.

Year 5

Next week in Year 5, we will be continuing to look at the different skills needed to write a suspense story. Towards the end of the week we will get a chance to use our skills to write a suspense story.

Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be learning a story called 'Spooked'. We will be learning a new story map and creating actions to go with the different parts of the story. We will also be looking at the language features and use of punctuation for effect.

Next Week in Maths

Year 3

In maths next week we will be beginning a new unit on estimation and rounding 3 digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Year 4

Next week in year 5's maths we will be focusing on mental strategies of addition and subtraction within a range of contexts.

Year 5

Next week, we will be multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 6

Next week Year 6 will use their knowledge to carry out different operations. This includes applying and combining mental strategies to solve problems and carry out mental calculations.