



**South Stanley Junior School**  
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## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely seeing everyone back in school and returning safely to some sort of 'normality'. Here are some updates and key dates for this half term.

### Changes to our Behaviour System

We constantly strive to ensure that the behaviour of pupils at our school is of the highest standard and the children have certainly excelled themselves with a great start to the school year in relation to this. We still have our 5 point behaviour system in school where the children start each day on 'earth' and can move upwards to 'sun' and 'stars' for good behaviour. Children are always given a warning if their behaviour is not acceptable/ they are breaking our school rules. If there is still no improvement, they will be moved down from earth to 'rain' and if necessary, 'thunder' which will result in 'time out' and possibly a phone call home.

The newest addition to our behaviour system is that each week the staff in year groups will be 'grading' the behaviour of children across the week which will be recorded as follows:

**Green:** Good behaviour all week

**Amber:** Acceptable behaviour but some warnings needed

**Red:** Unacceptable behaviour where a child has had to be sent out of class

Children with a 'green' for behaviour will be rewarded with 5 minutes towards a whole school reward at the end of the half term. There are 8 opportunities to earn a 'green' this half term so a child who only ever receives green could earn 40 minutes of this top secret reward! Children who receive amber or red gradings will not receive time towards the reward but will have a chance to earn this the following week if their behaviour improves. We feel this new system will be a good incentive for the children and will particularly reward those children who always behave impeccably.

It would be really helpful if you could regularly ask your child where they were on our behaviour chart each day and their weekly red/amber/ green rating. Staff are on hand at the end of each day (or via telephone), if you want to discuss your child's behaviour in school.

We would also like to ask parents/ carers of children who walk to school and back by themselves to speak with their children about behaviour in the local community. We reserve the right to refuse to allow children to walk by themselves if they are not behaving appropriately and showing respect to others.



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## **Breakfast Club and After School Provision**

Places are available at our after-school provision (which is run in conjunction with the infant school). From Monday 13th September, this will cost £4 per day until 5:30pm (regardless of how long children stay). Limited places are also available at breakfast club which is free and open from 8am. For places at either of these, please contact Mrs Barkess on 01207 232059 or [p2226.admin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:p2226.admin@durhamlearning.net).

## **Home Learning**

Children should now all have been issued with a reading book and reading log. These are to be returned to school every Monday and Thursday for changing. (Please note that we are still quarantining reading books between uses) Our aim is for all children to read to an adult at home at least 3 times each week and classes have individual rewards in place for children who do this. Being a fluent reader underpins so much of the work that children do at junior school and reading regularly with your child will help them progress in so many areas of the curriculum.

By the end of next week, all classes will begin to issue weekly homework and spellings. This will look different for each year group as it will be tailored to the needs of the children but may include digital tasks (such as 'Kahoots'), half-termly topic grids and paper-based activities. When it has been issued, homework can be accessed using the following link to our website: <https://www.southstanley-jun.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>

## **Home Time Collection**

We politely ask that you do not stand at the top of the drive at home time when collecting children. It is much easier for staff to dismiss children if parents/ carers walk down the stairs or drive (if able to) and come closer to them so that they know who is collecting each child. It will also speed up the amount of time it takes us to dismiss children. Thank you for your support with this.

## **After School Clubs**

This half term we will be running the following after school clubs:

Year 4 Yoga Thursday

Year 6 Yoga Tuesday

Children who have expressed an interest will bring letters home soon and places will be confirmed with parents/ carers by email. For other sports clubs across the year, please click the following link to take you to our website:

<https://www.southstanley-jun.durham.sch.uk/pupils/school-clubs/>

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a fundraising coffee morning with the children at school and cakes will be available to buy for 50p. Any donations of shop bought cakes from parents/ carers would be gratefully appreciated in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.



### Key Dates for this Half Term

Date	Event
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Boxed donations of cakes for Macmillan to be sent to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> October and w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 'Bikeability' sessions
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Donations for harvest festival to be brought into school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly with Rev. Steph
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Last day of half term Rewards assembly for parents/ carers (Facebook Live) Whole school behaviour reward
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM- school closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Teacher training day – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School reopens for children

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you want to discuss anything in this newsletter.

Kind Regards,

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Mrs Bell