



# Sunnyfields Primary School

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## Welcome to the new academic year!

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### Dates for your diary

- \* 18th September Leopards and Jaguars Trip
- \* 19th September Giraffes, Kangaroos, Puma, Panther, Tiger and Lions Trip
- \* 22nd September Photograph Day
- \* 24th October Parent's Evening
- \* 27th October School closes Half Term Holiday
- \* 6th November School Opens

Welcome to the new academic year at Sunnyfields.

I hope you have had a lovely summer and your children are ready for an exciting year ahead.

Thank you for helping your children make an excellent start to the academic year by ensuring that they have arrived in school looking fantastic in their new uniform and school shoes.

The school is focused on providing the very best education possible. We try and share as much of this as possible with you through newsletters,

Twitter, the school website and open days.

The school works really hard to develop partnerships with parents and carers. Later in this newsletter you will find more information about sharing how well things are going and what to do if you have concerns.

I pride myself on being a hands on head teacher. This means I spend a lot of time in the classrooms and on the playground with children and some time teaching.

I also pride myself on being accessible to parents, carers and children. Therefore, if

you need to check something, have a query or concern, my door is always open. Please call by the main school office to check my availability or email me directly.

Mr. David Richardson  
Head Teacher

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## Vandalism on site

Unfortunately over the holiday period we had some damage to the outdoor shelters where planks of wood were kicked off. Over the weekend of the 9th and 10th September we had outdoor equipment broken outside Miss Cheesmond's classroom and a basketball net from the playground stolen. We have reported the damage and loss to the police. We would like to encourage members of the community to be aware of this and report any suspicious activity to the police and school.

## Work over the holidays!

If you walk up the long corridor you will notice that we have had to remove some trees from the Foundation Stage outdoor area as they were causing damage to the school roof. This has resulted in a space that is now much lighter and brighter. Inside the school

we have had Giraffe Class decorated and the corridor outside the upper key stage 2 classrooms decorated. Mr. Headlam and his team of cleaning staff have done a wonderful job in ensuring that the school was ready for the children returning.

## Come and join us in school.

### Assemblies

Please come and join us on a Friday morning from 9:00-9:30 for our Mentions Assembly. In this assembly we celebrate children's achievements in school and out of school. If your child has received a special award out of school please pass this onto the class teacher who will share this in assembly. Please remember that you must sign in and out at the school office.

We also have presentation assemblies at the end of each term with a visit to the Church at Christmas.

### Come and join us in school

Throughout the year we have lots of open days for you to come and experience what a day in school is like for your child. We are also always looking for volunteers to support reading or share a new skill. If you have a few hours spare and

want to share a skill please get in touch!

## School Clubs

School clubs start on Monday 11th September and will run through to Friday 20th October. They always start in the second week of a half term and run to the penultimate week. To ensure that our children arrive home safe, ALL children must be collected from after school clubs.

## Meet the Governors

The governors are a board of individuals who are responsible for working alongside the staff to support the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction. The board is made up with a range of individuals who have been appointed to the governing body by the local education authority, parents, staff and the school itself. The governing

body represents all stakeholders in the school. The governing body meets formally three times per year. Minutes of these meetings can be accessed on the school website. Individual committees of governors

meet more regularly to ensure that the school is progressing as it should be. Governors also spend a lot of time working alongside the leadership team to monitor the school against the school improvement plan. The Governors are also another link between home and school, many of whom can be found in the playground collecting their own children.

**"The governing body represents all stakeholders in the school."**



**Martin Hobbs**  
Chair of Governors



**Ben Sheppard**  
Vice Chair of Governors



**Julie Hides**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Emma Wain**  
Parent Governor



**Jamie MacConnachie**  
Staff Governor



**Gaynor Bellamy**  
Parent Governor



**Claire Strawbridge**  
Parent Governor



**Ruth Martin**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Lorraine Flint**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Maureen Walker**  
Co-Opted Governor

## School Meals

The vast majority of our children now have a school lunch – these are cooked on the premises and are delicious. However, if your child does bring sandwiches please remember we are a healthy school.

**Packed lunches should not** contain sweets of any kind – one small snack type biscuit is acceptable along with sandwiches and fruit; fizzy drinks are **not** allowed at lunchtime.

Children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school lunch. Their class teacher will have

asked whether your child would like a hot meal or sandwich option. The school cook orders ingredients for school dinners 3 weeks in advance.

Except in extenuating circumstances, (which we can usually cope with) in order for school lunches to run smoothly we ask that you decide whether your child will be on dinners or sandwiches and give half a terms notice of a change. This is especially important as we have an electronic dinner book system and we would

hate to overcharge people for their lunches!

### School trips and days out

Pupils who normally have a school dinner will also do so on these days when the school cook will provide a tasty meal suitable to be eaten off the premises; the children will be able to pre order their choice of sandwiches.

## Keeping in touch with school?

We work really hard at Sunnyfields to ensure that your child is safe, secure, makes progress and has fun. It is really nice to hear when you are happy with things at school as this is shared with the staff and governors. If you would like to share a compliment you can do this by writing a letter to the school, speaking to the staff in person,

commenting on the school's Twitter feed or emailing Mr. Richardson.

You can also leave feedback anonymously on Parentview which the school reviews weekly. [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

If you are not happy with the way things are going, it is important that we know. The first step is to speak

to your child's class teacher. If this does not help, speak to the relevant phase leader. Again if your concern is not addressed speak to one of the senior leadership team or email the school office who will forward on your email.

Remember that we want the same things as you do for your child!

## The School Office

Mr. Ainsley (School Business Manager), Mrs. Gateley (School Office Manager) and Mrs. Hides (Parent Support) are on hand to help you with any query or concern that you may have. Whether it is paying for dinner money online, discussing the price of school visits, collecting children for appointments or discussing concerns about your child they are there to help.

The office is staffed from 8:30 in a

morning until 4:00pm. If your child is going to be late or absent please contact the school office on 01302 780386 by 9:00am.

Mrs. Gateley also looks after the administration of after school clubs. They will start on 11th September. **ALL** children who attend clubs will need to be collected from school. Children **ARE NOT** allowed to walk home by themselves. If you require any information on clubs please

contact Mrs. Gateley.

### Leave of Absence in School Time

If you wish to take your child out of school for more than half a day you will need to make this request in writing by collecting a request form from the school office. The advice to Head Teachers from the Department of Education is that a leave of absence should only be granted in exceptional circumstances. **Family holidays are not deemed to be an exceptional circumstances.**

## Who do I need to speak to?



**Mr. Richardson**  
Head Teacher



**Mr. Crosby**  
Deputy Head



**Mrs. Gatt**  
Assistant Head



**Miss Walden**  
SENCo



**Mr. Ainsley**  
Business Manager



**Mrs. Hammond**  
EYFS Phase Leader



**Mrs. Milner**  
KS1 Phase Leader



**Miss. Smith**  
KS2 Phase Leader



**Mr. MacConnachie**  
Meerkats



**Miss. Brownson**  
Zebras



**Miss. Cheesmond**  
Giraffes



**Miss. Raynor**  
Pumas



**Miss. Lumley**  
Leopards



**Miss. Best**



**Mrs. Gateley**  
Office Manager



**Mrs. Hides**  
Parent Support

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## Friends of Sunnyfields

Friends of Sunnyfields is a group of parents and staff that work throughout the year to raise funds for our children. FoS hold a number of events throughout the year including fashion shows, children's discos, Christmas Fayre, and Summer Fayre.

They fundraise for resources and equipment that is not normally supported by the school budget.

Over the years, FoS have raised funds for picnic benches on the playgrounds, new play equipment, playsuits for Foundation children, stages and disco lights.

Friends of Sunnyfields would like to invite new volunteers to join. This is a great opportunity to get to know people if you are new to the school.

It is also a fantastic opportunity to help raise funds for the special items that help make the school such a nice place to be. FoS welcomes support from parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

**Our first meeting of the new term is on Friday 15th September at 9:30am in the Technology Room straight after assembly. Come and join us for a coffee as we plan the year's events!**

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

**SAVE THE DATE...Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September 2017.** More information to follow shortly!!

## Important Dates

INSET days (In Service Training Days) are days set aside by the Department for Education that are additional to the 190 days of pupils education. The five additional days are for ongoing training of teaching staff. We have taken one INSET day already this year on the 4th September.

The remaining INSET days where we will be closed to children are on:

- 19th February 2018
- 25th May 2018
- 4th June 2018

The Y6 SATs week is on **14th May-17th May 2018** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **11th June 2018**. Absence should be avoided during this time.

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