



## Share A Morning and Parent & Child Together Sessions

In your child's book bag today is an invitation to join your child in school during the week of 15th - 19th October.

- Year 1 - Year 6 classes will be having a Share a Morning session with fun maths and English activities which will help you to support your child's learning. Please note that Share a Morning is a real lesson, and therefore **we will not be able to have younger siblings in the classrooms.**
- Acorns - Reception will be having Parent & Child Together sessions where you will be able to spend time with your child and support them to complete some fun topic activities. Younger siblings are welcome to attend these sections, but they must be under your supervision at all times.

We hope you can join us!



### SIMS In Touch - Our New email and Texting Service

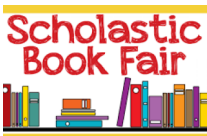
We are in the process of moving to a new email and texting service. Instead of using Teachers2Parents, we are starting to use SIMS In Touch, which will work alongside the SIMS Parent App and SIMS Agora.



Like all schools, Throckley Primary is having to make savings due to a reduction in our funding. Text messages and paper letters are an expensive method of communicating with you, so we will be using email and Parent App notifications for everyday messages. Texts will only be used when we need to contact you urgently. SIMS In Touch, SIMS Parent App and SIMS Agora will all be used to communicate with you in different ways:

- Parent App (for achievements, reminders, attendance, clubs),
- Agora (for payments, trip information, permissions)
- email (for school letters and other documents).

If you have any questions, please speak to the School Office.



### Scholastic Book Fair, Monday- Friday (8th - 12th October)

We are pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school from 8th - 12th October and will be open in the mornings before school and after school. Each purchase that you make will earn the school credits which can be used to buy new books for the classrooms and library. You have a letter in your book bags today with the details of the opening hours and how to pay. There are some lovely books and some excellent bargains, so it is a great place to do some early Christmas shopping. We thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising event.

## Attendance Report

**Our target for the year is 97%.**

### Classes With Attendance Above The Target For This Week:

Miss Sewell's Class	99.0%	Miss Richardson's Class	100%
Miss Forster's Class	98.1%	Miss Williamson's Class	100%
Ms Metcalf's Class	100%	Mr Brown's Class	99.4%
Mrs Walton's Class	99%	Miss Dockey's Class	100%
Miss Stein's Class	100%		

**Well done to all of these classes!**



## Years 4 & 6 Dodgeball PE Lessons



Ducking, diving and throwing have been on full display during our Years 4 and 6 PE sessions so far this year. Agility and accuracy have been key focuses and we have been using targets to practise aiming the ball at different heights and throwing the ball at different speeds. The children have then put their new accuracy to the test in amazing, competitive games of dodgeball. We will be competing in dodgeball tournaments this term, and we can't wait to use these new skills to bring home some more trophies for the cabinet at the front of school!

## Year 6 Visit to Safety Works



As part of the Junior Wardens partnership, our Y6 classes went to visit Safety Works in order to improve their knowledge of antisocial behaviour, intimidation, first aid and fire safety. Throughout the afternoon, they were introduced to members of the police, St John's Ambulance and the fire service. Safety Works is set up like a mini Newcastle with shops, roads and even the Metro! Each crew member walked the children through a different scenario which helped them to improve their awareness and understanding of safety. It was a fantastic experience and the children already feel more confident.

## Dates For Your Diary

4th Oct (Thu)	American Menu Day
8th - 11th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair (buy your Christmas presents early!)
10th Oct (Wed)	Individual Photographs
10th Oct (Wed)	Family Photograph Session After School
15th & 16th Oct (Mon & Wed)	Y1 - Y6 Share A Morning (letter to follow)
17th Oct (Wed)	Acorns Parent & Child Together Session (morning)
18th Oct (Thu)	Nursery Parents & Child Together Session (morning)
19th Oct (Fri)	Reception Parents & Child Together Session (morning)
29th Oct - 2nd Nov	Half Term Week
5th Nov (Mon)	Children Return to school. 8.50am line up, 8.55am go in school.
30th April - 11th May	Year 2 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school
14th May - 18th May	Year 6 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school
4th & 5th June (Mon & Tue)	Training Days attached to the May Half Term Holiday to help families with the cost of holidays
11th June - 15th June	Year 1 Nat'l Statutory Phonics Assessment - pupils must be in school