

SOUTH GOSFORTH FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week one of our new school year!

We all hope you have managed to have a wonderful summer holiday.

We know that for many of you it has meant juggling jobs and family, which can be very tricky, but we hope this has been manageable and that your children have been able to return to school rested and enthusiastic about the new term.

Thank you

Everyone here would like to thank all of our parents for the gifts you sent us at the end of last term. We hope you will understand it when we say that whilst the gifts were very much appreciated, the cards and words of appreciation were the 'stars of the show'. When you tell us that you are happy with the work of the school - that means a great deal - thank you all!



Settling in to school

We have welcomed everyone into school this week including our new Reception children. For the first time we have invited our Reception parents to have lunch with their children so that they can be part of the routine that we see every day. It has been lovely to receive feedback from parents and to know that they really appreciate the insight into lunchtime service for their children and that this allows them to support them at home.

Uniform - Thank you for sending your children to school in school colours and representing our school with pride.

Please do make sure you put your children's name on each item of clothing - we throw such a lot of clothing out each half term and this can be avoided if we can return items to our families.

Bags - We asked you to avoid sending rucksacks into school in the light of the inspection of our school by the Fire Department. We do have a few large rucksacks in school and would ask parents to leave these at home in future.

PE Kit - All children from Year One to Year Four need to have a PE kit in school each week (see the website for details). We insist on having a PE

kit in school, as without this, the children are not dressed safely and appropriately for PE activities. Please make sure that your child does have a clearly labelled kit in school each week or they may be asked to sit out of the PE lesson if we do not have enough spares.

Reading Books - Thank you for supporting your child as they continue to learn to read. As an avid reader myself I can only emphasise the importance of reading as something that enriches our daily lives and also supports future career choices. We would love you to engage with your child to read and love books - whether they are the books we send home or the comics you love to buy or the books you find in your local library - just read and enjoy!



Time-keeping - Thank you to everyone who manages to get to school bang on time! We really appreciate the fact that your child is ready for the day and can engage with his or her learning from 9 o'clock onwards. By being on time you not only help your child but absolutely everyone in the class who have no disruption to their day. Well done.

Planning the Year

We update the school calendar on our website regularly. Please check this on a regular basis so that you can put important dates in your diary. Many parents ring the school to check arrangements rather than look on the website and whilst Mrs. Dixon would not dream of complaining, it would help her tremendously if parents could check the calendar first – Thank you.

Finally, as this is our very first newsletter, please feel free to contact school and let us know if you have any concerns or questions at all. Emails are our preferred means of contacting us as the phone cannot always be manned. The office email address is **admin@southgosforth.newcastle.sch.uk**.

Mrs. Dixon in the office is a marvel and will help you if she can, but if you need to see class teachers she can arrange contact with them to make sure that we all settle into school as smoothly as possible and that all questions are answered to the very best of our ability.

With best wishes

Mrs Elliott and everyone here at school.