

NEWSLETTER



11TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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www.southhillsschool.com

WELCOME BACK!

We would like to say a huge 'Welcome Back' to all pupils old and new. Despite the lack of sunshine we hope that you all had a good break over the Summer.

A big welcome too to all new parents! It is a daunting time when you leave your child at nursery for the first time and it is our job to make this as easy as possible for you. You are most welcome to speak to your class teacher at any time, and don't be afraid to give us a call during the day for re-assurance that your child has settled. Also, the office staff are always on hand to help you with any queries you may have.

Over the Summer we have had a bit of a change around and you will notice that Hilary's class (Barn 1) has moved from upstairs into the old Pre-Prep classroom, and Dairy 1 & Dairy 2 have swapped rooms. Do feel free to have a look!

UNIFORM

Uniform at South Hills is based around our 'trademark' stripy tops and whilst not compulsory we would like to see as many of our pupils as possible wearing them. We hold a supply of tops, along with other uniform items which can be purchased from the school office.

PARENT'S RECEPTION

On Thursday 24th September we will be holding an informal Parent's Reception from 7.30-8.30pm. This is an ideal chance for new and old parents alike to meet all the staff and other parents over a glass of wine and nibbles. We very much look forward to seeing you all there.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

All parents of children who turn school age next year need to apply for their choice of Primary School by 20th November. We have a supply of application forms in the main school entrance hall. You can also apply online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to Laurie Tibbenham who has joined the team of staff here at South Hills, and who will be assisting throughout the school.

THANK YOU!

It was lovely to receive from a parent this week a most delightful letter complimenting the school and in particular the Baby Unit and the excellent care their child has received from them. Well done to all concerned!

CLASS NEWS

With the start of a new term, below is a brief resume of each classes plans for the next few weeks:

BARN 1 – ‘All about me’ is our first topic of the term, followed up by ‘Fairytales’. This week the children have painted themselves, talked about who is in their family & what they like to eat, and have made their own lunchboxes.

BARN 2 – We are learning all about ‘Ourselves’ for the first part of the term, and have this week made our houses on the computer, drawn our family trees, a self-portrait and a picture of our families.

Barn 2 children will also be going swimming this term every Monday morning so don’t forget your swimming kit!

DAIRY 1 – For the first part of this term we will be learning about ‘Farms & Harvest’, and will be making numerous visits to our farm animals, along with lots of crafts & activities.

DAIRY 2 – ‘Animals & Insects’ is our topic of the term, and this week we have learnt all about Under the Sea, including Octopuses, Sharks & Starfish amongst other things. Next week we will be learning about ‘Underground’ which will involve digging so be prepared to get dirty!

PRE-CLASS – Up to half term we will be learning all about our favourite Fairytale, starting off with Jack & the Beanstalk.

PETER RABBIT – ‘I can sign’ is the topic for the term, where the children will be learning Makaton & including it in their singing.

SQUIRREL NUTKIN – We will be learning all about Shapes & Colours and doing lots of craft activities.

BENJAMIN BUNNY – The staff (with the aid of the babies!) will be constructing

a Sensory Tent which will include lots of visual things, including mirrors & CDs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th September –
Parents Reception 7.30-8.30pm

Tuesday 6th October –
Harvest Celebration 9.30am

Friday 16th October –
‘Hay Day’ – All children invited to wear fancy dress to school for the day, bring in £1 in aid of Riding for the Disabled.

Tuesday 3rd & Friday 6th November –
Individual School Photos

Tuesday 8th December –
Christmas Plays:
Nursery 10am & Barn Classes 11am

Thursday 17th December –
Father Christmas to visit school!

Friday 18th December –
End of term for those attending 39 weeks.

Fri 25th December-Fri 1st January –
School closed

Monday 4th January 2010 –
‘51 week’ children return to school

Monday 11th January 2010 –
Start of term for ‘39 week’ children.