



Welcome back to SBPS!



1st September 2023

Issue 1

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Senior Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Atkinson
Acting Head
Teacher



Mrs Dryden
Assistant Head
Teacher



Miss Reid
Assistant Head
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi
Class Teacher



Mr Goldsborough
Class Teacher



Miss Newbould
Class Teacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

If you have a concern about the safety of a child in our school, please contact one of our trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact First Contact on 0300026797 or the police.

Welcome to the new school year!

We hope that you have all had a restful summer and are ready for the start of a new school year! We are looking forward to welcoming all of our lovely families, new and returning, to school on **Tuesday 5th September**. Please find below some useful information regarding the coming school term and some helpful reminders about routines and school platforms, including wrap around care, Arbor and our new birthday heroes.

Arbor

We now use the Arbor platform for most of our communication. Arbor have updated their app and you can now sign in with a finger print. The parent portal can also be accessed via a web browser. At SBPS we use Arbor to: book and pay for clubs, wrap around care, trips and school dinners (KS2); to make parents evening appointments; and to send messages directly to guardians. We will let you know about any new features as they are added. Please email school if you experience any difficulties and a member of staff will assist you.



School Day – New Timings

Soft start for all - gates open at 8.40am

R/KS1 (Benfieldside Road)

Start - 8.50am & Finish - 3.20pm (EYFS 3pm until 14.11)

KS2 (Snows Green Road)

Start - 8.55am KS2 Finish - 3.25pm

Staff will remain on the yard until all children are collected, to allow adults collecting at both buildings to travel between our sites.

PE Days

EYFS—Children will take part in physical activities in their uniform until further notice. They will soon be provided with a school PE bag.

KS1/KS2—Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days each week. Parents will be notified of any changes.

Year 1	Monday & Thursday	Year 4	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday & Friday	Year 5	Monday (Swimming) & Tuesday
Year 3	Monday & Wednesday	Year 6	Monday & Thursday

On PE days children should wear:

- Red t-shirt (logo or plain) with no fastenings
- Plain black shorts, leggings or joggers
- Red hoodie, jumper or cardigan (usual uniform)
- Trainers suitable for physical activities
- Weather appropriate coat/jacket/hat etc.

Please do not send children with items containing branded logos.

Clubs

We are glad to see that many of you have signed up for some of our Autumn Term clubs, there are still some places available, see Arbor to book. Please note club spaces are only secured, once payment has been made. Clubs begin in the **first week back**, please see your booking for dates and times. When using a browser, clubs can also be seen on the calendar in Arbor.

Pupil premium funding: If you need support to pay for clubs please contact the school office.

Uniform

- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts (no leggings)
- White polo shirt (plain or logo)
- Bright red sweatshirt/cardigan/hooded sweatshirt (plain or logo)
- White, red, black or grey socks/tights
- A red and white gingham dress may be worn in warmer weather
- Plain black school shoes/boots or trainers. These should be suitable for outdoor play and rainy days. Trainers must be fully black.
- No jewellery (excluding a watch), earrings should be removed before school.
- Long hair should be tied back, simple hair accessories (e.g. hair bands without ears or large bows)

If your child requires any adaptations for individual needs, please contact school. Cases will be discussed on a case by case basis.

Wrap Around Care - Breakfast Club & Stay and Play

We are happy to share that we can now offer Breakfast Club each morning before school, in both buildings.

- Breakfast club opens at **8am** in each building and is £3 per day. Children must be booked in 24 hours in advance.
- Stay and Play runs from the end of the school day, until 4.30pm in each building and is £3 per day. Children will have access to games, crafts and outdoor play.

Both can be booked via the Arbor app, for individual days, weeks or terms. Please note wrap around care payment requires you to top up funds on your account before booking.



Contacting Staff

As always, we encourage you to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or wish to raise an issue. This way we can move forward quickly and efficiently. We can only help if we are aware of the problem. Please leave a message for the correct person when telephoning. When emailing, please add FAO and then the name in the subject box.



- Questions/problems in class (friendships, worries etc) - you need the class teacher or Mrs Lee.
- Questions/problems that the class teacher is unable to help with- you need Miss Reid (R/KS1) or Mrs Dryden (KS2). Miss Reid and Mrs Dryden are our Assistant Head Teachers.
- Questions/problems that the AHTs are unable to help with:- you need Mrs Atkinson (Acting Head Teacher)

There is always a member of staff on the yard on a morning/after school for any quick questions/messages.

Attendance

We know that all children will at times be unable to attend school due to illness, however we also know that missed school means missed opportunities for our children. Therefore, we regularly talk to them about the importance of coming to school when they are able to. Each week, the children who have been in school Monday—Friday receive a token to put in our attendance raffle box. At the end of each half term we pick out some raffle tickets and reward the children with vouchers to spend at home.

As a class the children work together each week to win a visit from our attendance bears. C1—C6 can win a visit from Berry Bear while C7-C13 can win a visit from Custard Cream.



Celebration Assemblies

Each week children in each building come together to celebrate. In September both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 assemblies will take place at **9am on a Friday**. If your child is receiving an award you will be sent an invite through Arbor, families are welcome to join us if they can. Due to limited space in our halls, attendance is invite only.

Awards from home: If your child has celebrated success in any area outside of school (this can be sports, arts, other clubs or achievements) they are welcome to bring along something to show during assembly on a **Monday morning**.



Guardians of siblings will not be invited on the same day.

Birthday Heroes



Everyone deserves to feel special on their birthday, therefore, we would like to invite our birthday heroes to come to school wearing whatever they like, break the rules, go wild or dress it down! Everyone will know it is their special day and make sure they feel special for it.

We are starting from **1st September 2023**

- 1st-5th September children are welcome to start the term in non-uniform (or 6th if you want those first day uniform photographs).
- Weekend / holiday birthdays: start the following week celebrating
- Late July/August 2024 birthdays: celebrate on the last day of term

Due to dietary needs and the added cost, we ask that you save any sweet treats for home. At SBPS we will make sure your child's birthday is celebrated.

Consett Weather

As the summer draws to a close, we would like to remind you that the weather quickly changes locally and children are encouraged to be outdoors whenever it is safe to do so. Therefore please regularly check the forecast and pack your child's bag accordingly.



- As per school policy, on days where it is likely to be sunny, sunscreen must be applied before school and children will be reminded to apply later in the day as needed (cream must be provided by guardians). We recommend a high factor, long lasting cream and a sun hat.
- Even on warmer days, we would recommend sending a waterproof coat and ensuring shoes are suitable for wetter weather.
- As the cooler days approach please ensure all items brought to school are clearly labelled (including both gloves) so they can be returned if misplaced.

Homework/Reading

Each week our younger children are sent home with reading books and library books. The reading books are matched to their phonic ability and should be read to an adult at home, **at least 3 times each week**. Their library book is to enjoy as a family and can be read to them.

Older children who are free readers, choose their own reading book from the library.

All children should use their reading diary to record when they have read to someone at home. When 3 entries are written in a week, children receive a token to go in our reading raffle boxes. Each week a token is drawn and the winner can choose a book to take home and keep.



EYFS/Y1: Children will bring home phonics books when they have been taught new phonemes/graphemes. Please practise these as much as possible.

Y2-Y6: Children will have weekly spelling rules to learn, using spelling shed. (Y2 will have a bridge

All children will receive a homework menu each half term, this will contain a number of activities linked to the topics the children will be learning about in school. All login details can be found in your child's reading diary. Additional activities are optional for families who wish to complete them.

Communication

All diary dates are shared on our newsletters which are sent monthly. We recommend keeping this list handy, new dates will be added in red so please check each month. We use our Facebook to share events in school, where parents are not directly involved, this may not be listed on our diary dates. Staff will communicate with parents, mainly via the Arbor app, telephone or face to face, where an attachment (such as the newsletter) is needed, an email will be sent. If you have any questions regarding information shared please do not hesitate to get in touch with staff, we are happy to help and appreciate we cannot always communicate with all parents in their preferred way, due to our large community.

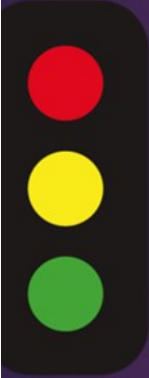
Thank you!

From all of the staff at SBPS we would like to offer a warm token of our gratitude for all of the kind messages, cards, gifts and smiles shared at the end of the summer term. The time taken to send an email, stop to talk to staff at the end of a busy term and offer messages of support for all of the hard work the team put in, was greatly appreciated.

Attendance for 2022/23



Attendance



Red – Danger Zone
Below 90%

Amber – At Risk Zone
Below 91% - 96%

Green – Safety Zone
Below 97% - 100%

Reception and KS1		Key Stage 2	
Class 1	96.34%	Class 7	95.89%
Class 2	96.82%	Class 8	95.93%
Class 3	95.13%	Class 9	96.63%
Class 4	94.87%	Class 10	95.02%
Class 5	96.05%	Y5	94.39%
Class 6	95.23%		

Autumn Term Dates (also shared in the summer)

We are giving you these dates in advance to help you plan ahead. In the event that they change due to circumstances beyond our control, we will give you as much notice as possible. More dates will be added as we move through the year.



September

Monday 4th - INSET day (school open to staff only)

Tuesday 5th - School opens to all children

Friday 8th - Y1-Y6 Colour Run (drop off as usual, please see Colour Run letter sent in the summer term)


Monday 11th - Friends of SBPS meeting, all welcome (3.30pm junior building)

Thursday 14th - Y4 Roman Wall Residential (return 15th, pick up at usual time)

Monday 18th—Y2 Washington Wetlands Trip (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd - SEND Cuppa and Talk, all welcome (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)

Monday 25th - Y6 go to Moor House (return 27th, pick up at usual time)



October

Monday 2nd - Flu Vaccinations

Monday 2nd - Y2 Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)

Monday 9th - Y1 Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)

Tuesday 17th - Parents Evening 1 (3.30 - 6pm) Details to follow with date appointments go live.

Wednesday 18th - Parents Evening 2 (3.30 - 6pm)

Friday 20th - SEND Cuppa and Talk, all welcome (2.15pm - 3.15pm junior building)

Monday 23rd - Y3 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)

Thursday 26th - Halloween Disco (both sites) Details to follow

Friday 27th - Careers Fair

Friday 27th - Break up for half term



November

- Monday 6th - Return to school
- Monday 6th - Y4 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Monday 13th - Y5 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 17th - Children in Need
- Monday 20th - Y6 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 24th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Monday 27th - Reception Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)

Pantomime - date and information to follow

December

- Friday 1st - Non uniform day (in exchange for Christmas raffle prizes)
- Monday 4th - Phototronics in school (look your best)
- Tuesday 5th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 1 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Tuesday 5th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 2 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Tuesday 12th - Reception Nativity/Sing Along (infant building 2.30pm)
- Wednesday 13th - Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 13th - Shotley Bridge Christmas Market
- Thursday 14th - R, Y1, Y3, Y4 Christmas Parties
- Friday 15th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Friday 15th - Y2, Y5, Y6 Christmas Parties
- Tuesday 19th - Break up for Christmas

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter, please ask at the office!