



Sneyd Green Primary School Newsletter

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“Together we make a difference”

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a busy two weeks it has been, this half term seems to have gone by so quickly and we will soon be breaking for a week's holiday.

We would like to thank all parents who have attended the years one, two and six national test meetings, that we have held in school, the feedback we have received after these meetings has been very good and we hope that you have found the information very useful.

On Monday, 17 October as well as being able to wear a funny hat/wig/headgear for a 50p donation, all Year One to Year Six children will be able to buy a cake in their classroom for 50p each, this too will be going to the Little Princess Trust.

We are holding our Harvest assemblies next week and all children have taken home an envelope to decorate and we would be grateful if you could put a donation in this and return to school. All monies received will be donated to Oxfam.

Across the school our children look very smart in their uniforms and we intend to keep to the high standards which are currently being set. Can I remind you that nail varnish and hair styles with lines and patterns shaved in are unsuitable for school and against our uniform policy.



MODESHIFT STARS

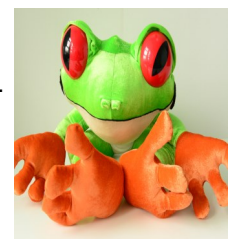
Congratulations to our Modeshift Stars team who got a Gold Award for work on Sustainable Travel, the Award was received in school from Sarah Grattage the School Travel and Road Safety Officer at the Local Authority on Monday, 10th October 2016.

Alisha Madeley in Year five is having all her hair cut off for the children's charity Little Princess Trust during school assembly on 17th October. To help Alisha raise much needed funds we are holding a fundraising event, where all children can wear a funny hat/wig/headgear with their school uniform on this day for a 50p donation. We hope you will all support this wonderful event.



Sneydie Stay and Play

Sneydie Stay and Play has started for the new term on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Sports Hall. It is a playgroup for children under 5 years where they can have lots of fun playing, learning and interacting with other children. There is a £1.00 per session charge and everyone is welcome.





ATTENDANCE

The whole school target for attendance this year is **96%**.

Our whole school attendance is currently;

95.9%

It is extremely important that children attend school everyday. Any absence does affect the children's learning.

Did you know;

If your child has 96% attendance it equates to 10 days off during the year

If your child has 90% attendance it equates to 19 days off during the year.

If your child has 80% attendance it equates to 38 days off during the year.

If a child's attendance is at 90% throughout their primary school life this equates to **133 days** or **4 months** off school. Please support you child and encourage daily attendance.



ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

We still have a number of pupils who are arriving late for school. We continue to monitor the lateness of families and continue to be concerned about the number of late arrivals. Please help your children to achieve their best by ensuring that they are in school for the start of their lessons. It is vital that children arrive at school on time, every day ready to learn. Please be reminded that the school doors open at 8.45am. Thank you for your continued support.



HEADLICE

We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please check your child regularly so that we can eliminate these unwelcome visitors. It is best to fine tooth comb your child's hair with conditioner so that the eggs can be removed as well. Doing this just once is not effective and needs to be repeated daily until you are sure they have gone. Thank you for your support.

DINNER MONEY

As you are aware, it is very important that children's dinner money accounts are kept in credit. However, there are currently a small amount of accounts which have a negative balance.



It does not matter how small the arrears may be, the school have to pay for any unpaid meals out of the school budget each month.

Regardless of how much your arrears are, we will continue to send messages, make phone calls and send letters until the arrears are paid as this is the procedure in school.

SPORTS

A massive well done to all children who took part in the Burslem Cross Country race at Haywood, particularly well done to Lauren Guderis who was our first girl back coming 2nd overall, and well done to Taylor Salmon who was our first boy back.

Our Rowing team are competing in the National rowing competition, the boys are currently 5th in the county and the girls are currently 7th in the county—Well Done!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- Monday, 17 October ~ Years 3/4 Cross Country Haywood High 3.45pm
- Monday, 17 October ~ Residents Association Meeting 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 18th October 9.15am ~ Harvest Festival ~ 1RT, 2B, 3P, 4S, 6R
- Tuesday, 18th October 10.45am ~ Harvest Festival ~ 1H, 2C, 3T, 5S, 6WH
- Tuesday, 18th October 1.45pm ~ Harvest Festival ~ 1M, 2M, 4H, 5M
- Thursday, 20th October ~ Academy Photographers Sibling and Family between 7.30am and 8.45am ~ Sports Hall Individual photographs throughout the school day

