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Southill Lower School Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term and a very happy new year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time with your families.

Enrichments

Today Martins and Swallows got a very special visit from the fire service to enhance their curriculum. I loved seeing the children's faces when they got to have a go with the hoses. The fire team were impressed with the children's behaviour and said that they had asked some really interesting questions. Swifts began their swimming lessons this term too and some of the children had a samba drumming taster session. During my teaching time at Derwent, I had the pleasure of observing Mr Dodson's drumming lessons and I know that the children will be so enthused by his passion for music. Finally, next week Swifts will be enriching their history curriculum when they visit an Anglo Saxon Village. I look forward to hearing all about it next week.

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Mindfulness Clubs

Our mindfulness clubs will begin again next week with a few changes this term. The school council have asked that board games and art to be featured more in the clubs and therefore the following clubs will be available for the children this term:

Environmental – run by Ms Calder and supported by Mrs Kingham

Choir – run by Mrs Findon and supported by Mrs Gooding

Creative Club – run by Miss Lands and supported by Mrs Fisher

Board Games – run by Mrs Crook and supported by Miss Amer

Golden Ticket

This week I am pleased to announce that Eden Brady has received the golden ticket. Eden has returned to school with a fantastic attitude and during lunchtime has demonstrated beautiful manners at all times. Well done Eden.

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Picture News

Through our **Picture News** this week, children were encouraged to think about who is responsible for protecting local wildlife. This is in light of Birdwatch – an annual UK-wide citizen science project held every January.

Word of the Week

Our **word of the week** continues this year across the federation and are shared by Mrs Rimmer. We make sure that they are up in every classroom and work on using them in our speaking and in our writing. Please do give these a try in sentences at home. For our word of the week next week it is Glisten.

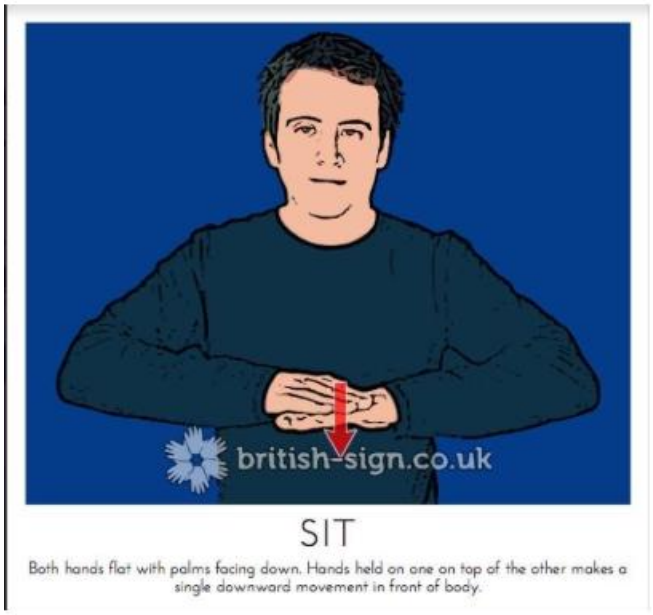
This word seemed appropriate to describe some of the beautiful frosts that we have been having.

The grass glistened with frost in the morning sun.

How many synonyms for 'glisten' can you think of?

Sign of the Week

The sign of the week this week is sit.



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World Book Day Clothing Sale

Although World Book Day is not until Thursday 6th March, we are hoping to hold another used costume sale to support parents with this annual event. Therefore, if you have any unwanted costumes that you are happy to donate then please could you start to send them into the office. The used costume sale will take place towards the end of term and the deadline for any donations will be Friday 30th January. Thank you so much for your support and I will let you know when the sale will be nearer the time.

Staff Update

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new member of staff to accompany Miss Amer at the After School Club. Miss Gardiner joined our team this week and has fed back that the children and parents have been so welcoming. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for supporting with the running of the club for the autumn term in order to provide that vital after school care for your children. Also, just to remind you all that the After School Club will be permanently held in Martins classroom. This is to accommodate our youngest children who are using the club especially in regards to the toilet facilities in Martins.

Wonderful News

Finally, I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Eames gave birth to her gorgeous son on Friday 27th December. Grayson weighed 7lb and 4oz and both mother and child are doing well and even delighted staff on Monday when they popped into school during our Inset. Mrs Eames has said that she will return to Southill again so that the children can meet Grayson too which I know the children were very keen to do. Huge congratulations go to Mrs Eames and her husband. Such lovely news to start 2025!

Have a great weekend

Kind regards,

Read

Mrs. Read and the Leadership team

Our Value of the month is EMPATHY

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Southill Lower School Safeguarding
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Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Samantha Barlow
Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sonya Read and Mrs Rimmer
Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Sarah Tuckwell

Do you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child? If so, please feel free to contact any of the above in confidence via the email address at the top. This email is accessible by the above members of staff only.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sam Barlow
Executive Headteacher

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January

Thursday 16th January 2025	Swifts trip to West Stow
Wednesday 31st January 2025	Sportshall athletics for years 3 and 4

Why not look at the full calendar on the school website (https://southillschool.greenhousecms.co.uk/Calendar/). Here you will find what we have planned for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.

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Southill Weekly Awards

STAR OF THE WEEK

Martins Class – All of Martins

Swallows Class – Reuben

Swifts Class – Noah

Head Teachers Award

Ophelia

Quinn

George

Class Dojo Champions

Martins Class –

Frankie & Bowie

Swallows Class –

Chloe & Eden

Swifts Class –

Hagan & Annabelle

Other key bits of information

• Please ensure pupils have the correct school uniform and PE kit. We do have quite a stock of second hand uniform if required – please ask at the school office about this.

• School lunches continue to be provided by AIP. Please use the school Food United app to order all meals **by 9am** on the day otherwise the meal of jacket potato and beans will be served. Also please remember to also cancel your child's meal if they are absent from school.

• All Medication prescribed by a doctor must be handed into school with all the original packaging and labels giving the information needed.

• All WAC and Nursery invoices need payment in full within 7 days of receipt of Invoice.

• All absences must be reported no later than 8.30am on the day via class Dojo or to the School Office.