

# NEWSLETTER

*'For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' Jeremiah 29:11*



SOUTHMINSTER  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WELCOME

As this is our first newsletter this year, we would like to say a warm welcome back to all of our children and their families old and new! It has already been a fantastic start to the year! We are so proud of how resilient our pupils have been to the changes in place due to Covid and how they have returned with brilliant attitudes towards learning.

This school year we may face uncertainty due to the current situation however, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes as soon as we can.

## IT'S A BOY!

As you may already know, Mrs Cuthbert is pregnant! Due to government guidance to protect her and her baby, Mrs Cuthbert will be working from home from Tuesday 22nd September which therefore makes her last day in school next Monday. She will be contactable via Class Dojo as usual until her official maternity leave at the end of November.

*All pupils will now arrive between 8:40am and 8:55am  
through their current allocated gates.*

*All pupils will now leave at 3:15pm*

*We will continue to bring older siblings to their younger  
siblings to ensure families leave through the same gate.*

Please note that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. This includes food that contain nuts e.g. chocolate spread or cereal bars.

Attendance week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September

Whole school	90%
Darwin (EYFS)	94%
Nightingale (EYFS)	95%
Newton (Year 1)	99%
Hawking (Year 2/3)	92%
Pankhurst (Year 3/4)	90%
Scott (Year 4/5)	83%
Churchill (Year 6)	85%

## ONLINE SAFETY

Please see some useful links regarding keeping your child safe on the internet and using apps:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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FRIDAY 18TH  
SEPTEMBER  
2020

## INSET DAY

Friday 2nd October is going to be an inset day. You will be informed of the other inset days for this year by October half term.

## SWIMMING

Churchill—Monday

Scott—Wednesday

Please ensure your child bring appropriate swimming kit to school.

## READING

We are currently working on assessing all pupils in reading. This is a slow process as we want to ensure we are being as thorough as possible. In the meantime, children will bring home a book of their choice to share at home, these are for reading for pleasure and may be at a higher level than a child can independently read.

## ASSESSMENT

We are currently completing assessments from Year 1 to Year 6. These assessments will allow us to identify any gaps in learning. From this, we will be able to arrange interventions to support rapid progress.

## EYFS

Both Nightingale and Darwin class have settled in very well! Our School Improvement Advisor has specifically commented on how independent, focused and happy the children seem in class.