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Snow and Southfield

Apologies for closing the school on Thursday due to the very bad weather conditions. Any decision to close is not taken lightly because of the impact upon families and staff. This was also in the context of World Book Day. The factors to consider regarding any closure decision include :

- Safe access to the school for parents / carers and children
- Being able to safely carry out fire evacuation services
- Access to the school by emergency services
- Access to the school by teaching and support staff - we must have reasonable adult / staff ratios whilst exercising the appropriate levels of duty of care
- The negative impact of freezing weather overnight

It meant we had to close on one day last week due to all or most of the above. However unlike a lot of schools we did manage to stay open on Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to everyone who helped make both days successful and safe. Let's hope we get no more snow this year!



Key information

New date for World Book Day dressing up and Book Swap - Thursday 8th March this week.

Please note that due to the weather we had to postpone the dressing up as book character and Book Swap Day last week. The new day will be this Thursday.



Table cloths for reading cafes

We are really pleased that lots of parents and carers come to our reading cafes. We are currently using paper table cloths to help make the cafés attractive. If anyone has any form of table cloth that they don't use anymore please hand them into the office and we will use them in the cafes.

Thank you

Lettings - Children's parties

More information re hires and prices are available from the School Business Manager - Sheila McCabe. Please email smccabe3.307@lgflmail.org

Book Week

Despite the weather last week we still had a very bookish time. The children had lots of chances to read including sharing books with older or younger children.



The children in Years 1 - 6 loved the theatre group that came in on Tuesday. Much learning and laughter took place.



And we were pleased to see a number of parents and carers come to our English workshop on Monday (though we would have liked more to come!). If you missed it you can soon see the powerpoint on our website with ways to help your child with reading and writing. You can also pick up the booklet given out from the school office. It has lots of ideas about how to help your child progress in English.

Ready for Learning Goals

This week's *Ready for Learning* Goal is:

I am being calm of mind and kind.

The *EYFS Ready for Learning* Goal is:

Good sitting

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for coming to school regularly.

Well done to RG (95.8%), 1R (97.2%) and 4G (97.7%). All three classes win the attendance cups this week.

Our overall attendance percentage is now 96.4 % for Years 1 - 6 and 94.8 % for Reception.

Please remember to phone the school or email admin@southfield.ealing.sch.uk if your child is sick or has a medical appointment. On our website you can download a leave request form for non medical appointments.



Reading Eggs and Mathletics - great learning at home and school

Reading Eggs

Your child has access to Reading Eggs at home and at school; it is a fun and effective program that teaches children how to read.

Reading Eggs is designed to get your child motivated and excited about reading.

The program teaches children the core reading and literacy skills they need to succeed at school. The lessons are interactive and engaging; they contain animations, fun music and exciting rewards that keep children motivated to learn. Encourage your child to use Reading Eggs at home.

Mathletics

Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and highly captivating online learning resource to power maths learning from Reception through to Key Stage 2.

Mathletics has a full set of curriculum-aligned activities covering all topics and themes of maths covered throughout primary school.

All activities are automatically marked, with children receiving clear feedback on their progress.

In the hugely popular Live Mathletics, children can test their skills in a great live online maths game, competing against others from right across the world!

Please get your child to log on and use Mathletics.

If you are not sure about your child's log in or for anything else please speak to your child's teacher.

Dates and events

Spring Term Key Dates Any new information is highlighted in red.

Thursday 8th March - Dressing up as a book character day and Book Swap day

Wednesday 21st March - Year 6 Piano and Guitar assembly 9am

Friday 23rd March - Sports Relief

Monday 26th March - Years 1 - 3 Piano and Guitar assembly 9am

Wednesday 28th March - Years 4 and 5 Piano and Guitar assembly 9am

IPC Exit Points - All parents and carers invited

Have a look at the dates of the exit points this term for IPC. Note these in your diary and please come and join us.

Year 3- Tuesday 27th March from 2.30pm-3pm

Reading Café dates:

Year Group	Date	Times
Year 5	Thursday 8 th March	9am-9.30am
Year 6	Thursday 15 th March	9am-9.30am

E safety

Our Southfield Primary School Cyber Mentors are helping young students to overcome their fear of being bullied online or if someone is being mean to them. Cyber Mentors make sure no one is unhappy or upset and that everyone will have happy memories of Southfield.

Top Tip

Don't walk around the streets talking on your phone or using the Internet. Someone may come and steal it from you. Always choose a safe place to make a call.

House Points

Here are the house point totals for last week.

Gunnersbury:	3251
Chiswick:	3291
Kew:	3338
Hogarth:	3257

Look out for two week's worth this Friday.



Sunflowers

Due to Waterstones coming in and children swapping their £1 book token for the special World Book Day books there were no assemblies on Friday. Normal service will be resumed shortly!

Ready for Learning

Well done to all the children who were amazing last week considering all the changes to the week as a result of the weather. A big well done to Year 6 children who really supported the school by helping out at our many wet lunchtimes.



Clubs corner

Due to the weather last week clubs were cancelled on a number of days. If you have any queries about the cancellations please contact the club provider direct for information.
