SOUTHILL BULLETIN

★ *Respect ourselves; respect others, respect the environment* ★

ISSUE
03
Friday 25th September

Value of the month:
RESPONSIBILITY

Our Week in Photos

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

It is so fitting that our value of the month is responsibility as I have seen this in abundance at Southill this week. It has been heart-warming to see our older year groups looking out for their younger class members. Our children never fail to amaze me by how well they genuinely get on with each other.

AMBASSADORS

During our celebration assembly this afternoon, our newly appointed Year 4 ambassadors were fittingly presented with their new lanyards. The lanyards mark their commitment to a crucial role, perfectly aligning with 'responsibility,' our value of the month. These young leaders will play a pivotal role across a range of school activities, stepping up as vital members of our community and developing invaluable leadership and organisational skills. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these dedicated ambassadors will undoubtedly have on our school.

Lunch Ambassador – supporting lunchtimes (including helping younger children clear away, stacking chairs etc.)
Playground Ambassador –setting up and tidying equipment
Assembly Ambassador – helping with chairs, benches and music
Plant Ambassador – ensuring plants inside and out are cared for
Library Ambassador – keeping the library tidy

KEY DATES

October
Fri 2nd Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 2pm
Weds 14th Southill Open Day (for future parents)
Fri 23rd Whole School Sharing Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 23rd Whole School Halloween Disco 5 – 6.30pm
Fri 23rd End of autumn term 1
Mon 26th - Fri 30th Half Term Break

November
Mon 2nd Children back to school
Tues 3rd Parent's Evening 3.40 – 6.00pm
Weds 4th Parent's Evening 3.40 – 6.00pm
Weds 11th Remembrance 10.45am at the war memorial
Fri 13th Children in Need
Weds 25th Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Read/Miss Kell (Family Engagement Worker) and CAMHS

December
Mon 2nd Theatre Production – Dr Doolittle
Tues 15th Christmas Production at All Saints Church 2.30-3.15pm

MINDFULNESS CLUBS

Next week we will be reintroducing our Mindfulness Clubs. These will take place on a Friday afternoon and this term will consist of: Environmental Club, Sport's Club, Art Club and Choir. The children will be choosing their clubs at the start of next week. In our increasingly fast-paced world, it is crucial that we dedicate time within our school day to embed mindfulness practices, allowing children to explore their interests while developing valuable skills for mental well-being. We are incredibly excited to begin these clubs and eagerly anticipate the positive impact they will have on our school.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

School Census Day is approaching on **Thursday, 1st October 2026**, and we need your help! Did you know that a significant portion of our school's funding for the entire year—including resources, learning materials, SEND provisions, and Pupil Premium—is determined by the number of children who eat a school meal on this specific day? Therefore, even if your child normally brings a packed lunch, please consider booking a school dinner to help boost our budget. Our catering team has put together a fantastic, child-friendly special menu for the occasion. Please log into your usual school meal booking system today to secure your child's meal. Your support with this really does matter.

PICTURE NEWS

Through **Picture News** this week, children were encouraged to consider whether wild animals have as much right to the land as we do. This is in light of Nepal announcing that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today. Officials say the turnaround is the result of years of protected wildlife corridors and local communities working hand in hand with conservationists. With increasing tiger numbers, experts are asking how people and wildlife can safely share the same land going forward.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Our **Word of the Week,** continues for 1 to 4. 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 at home.

KS1: ancestor - a family member who lived a long, long time ago, even before your grandparents were born
My mum showed me an old photo of my ***ancestor*** from a hundred years ago.

KS2: nomadic - describes a person, animal, or group that moves from place to place instead of living in one fixed home all the time.
The family loved traveling in their camper van so much that they decided to live a ***nomadic*** life.

SIGN OF THE WEEK

CELEBRATIONS

STARS OF THE WEEK

MARTINS – Brooke

SWALLOWS – Ava

SWIFTS – Effie

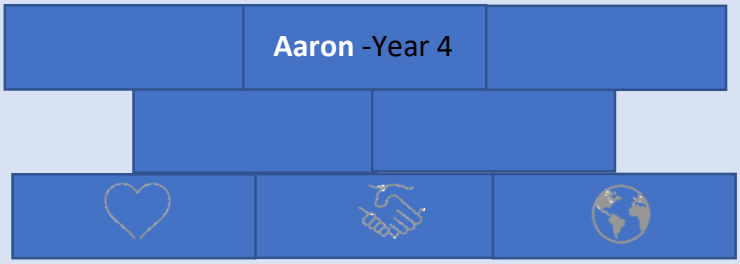
HEADTEACHER AWARDS

MARTINS – Miles, Ellie, Taya and Thomas

SWALLOWS – Jessica, Enzo and Harry

SWIFTS – Reuben and Olive

VALUES



DOJO CHAMPIONS

NURSERY – Franchesca
RECEPTION – Freddie
YEAR 1 – Darcie
YEAR 2 – Ophelia
YEAR 3 – Lucas
YEAR 4 - Katie

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Our whole school attendance this week was

96.7%

Nursery – 95.6 %
Reception – 97.5 %
Year 1 – 95.6 %
Year 2 – 98.5 %
Year 3 – 98 %
Year 4 – 93 %

Thank you for your ongoing support.

GOLDEN TICKET

Our lunchtime award this week goes to Hugo from Martins. What beautiful manners!

REMINDERS

✓ **Harvest Festival next Friday 2nd October at All Saint Church – 2pm start**

✓ **School Census Day Thursday 1st October – please support us by ordering a school lunch if you can**

✓ **Reading records in school daily**

✓ **Please note that children arriving after 8.50am are recorded as late**

SAFEGUARDING

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Safeguarding Governor Lead: Sarah Tuckwell

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FoSLS – Events & Activities 26/27

Hello all, many thanks for your **Little Recyclers donations**! We have already raised ***£90*** for the school, which was a great start to the year!

FoSLS AGM - Last week FoSLS had our Annual General Meeting, many thanks for those of you that attended and supported our efforts! Your FoSLS Team this year are as follows: ***Chair*** – Tarryn Viney ***Secretary*** – Jade Pepper ***Treasurer*** - Heather Crighton-Rook & ***Advisory Treasurer*** - Jamie Pepper ***Committee*** – Hayley Birkbeck, Harriet Matthews, Natasha Gibby, Issy Dimitrova, Samantha McManus & Carlo Hoole.

With your generous help & support we look forward to raising more funds for our little school & to keep offering all of our children the very best of experiences 😁

The next event we have in the calendar is :

GAMES NIGHT FRI 2nd OCT
7PM - The Green Man, Stanford

Here's a peek at the prizes the top 3 teams will be winning! → →→→

Get ready for a night full of friendly competition, plenty of laughs and maybe a little bit of chaos!

So book in your Teams of 2 and let's see who's ready to take on the challenge and raise money for our amazing school!

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQ7MCGQL
£5 p/p entry

Many thanks in advance for your support through this next year!

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- ♪ orchestras
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YOUR OCTOBER ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

OPENING 3RD OCTOBER

3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 OCTOBER

9:30AM – 6:00PM

£5 ENTRY PER PERSON
UNDER 3s FREE ♡

- Pumpkin picking
- Straw maze & straw bale climbing
- Children's shows & entertainment
- Hunt the golden pumpkin
- Mini tractors & pedal go-karts
- Play equipment & ground trampoline
- Arts & crafts
- Friendly monsters tunnel
- Spooky beach & graveyard
- Activity trail & games
- Loads of photo opportunities
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- Optional extras & rides
- Free parking
- Toilets on site

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October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm