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Dear parents and carers

This is my last newsletter for a while as I leave to support a new school in Bromley. I am immensely proud of the work of the team over the last 6 years to move South Norwood from the inadequate school to the GOOD school it is today. Thank you for all your kind words over the last few weeks.

You can contact Head of School **Mr Looker** on headteacher@southnorwood.croydon.sch.uk I hope you all have a lovely summer break, when it comes. Staff will be closing their class dojo classes over the summer in readiness for the new teachers to create new classes in September.

All children are back in school (not new EYFS children) on Monday 2nd September at 8:45.

Mrs Berthoud

Farewell and GOOD LUCK to the wonder **Year 6s Class of 2024** who leave us to start Secondary School. It has been a pleasure watching you grow from the Year 1 children I first knew back in 2018.

Remember that forever more you represent South Norwood Primary School and we are very proud of the young people you have become. Keep SAFE- HAPPY - LEARNING.

We are also very proud of our SATS results this year - the children have worked very hard.

Reading - 66%
Writing - 66%
Maths - 71%



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the school year is **94.51%** which is 1.61% above National Average of 92.9%.

From September, schools will fine parents if a pupil misses 10 sessions (10 half days or 5 full days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. Absence fines charged to parents will rise from £60 to £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days.

No term time holidays will be authorised as these are not exceptional circumstances - these are only classed as employment abroad or pupils on part-time timetables.

Class of 2024



Starting school in 2017, full of hope and cheer,
Moving on in '24, the Paris Summer Games year.

What a long journey we've had together!
Learning, laughing and growing,
But now it's all change, a new challenge,
It's off to high school you're going!

The past few years with the pandemic have
sometimes been quite tough,
With staying at home, missing friends and all the online stuff.

Despite it all, you've been more resilient than we had ever hoped,
You've shown that, "You've got this!" so we know how well you'll cope.

September will bring changes: new faces, new classrooms, a new start,
But have confidence in all you've achieved so far - take heart!

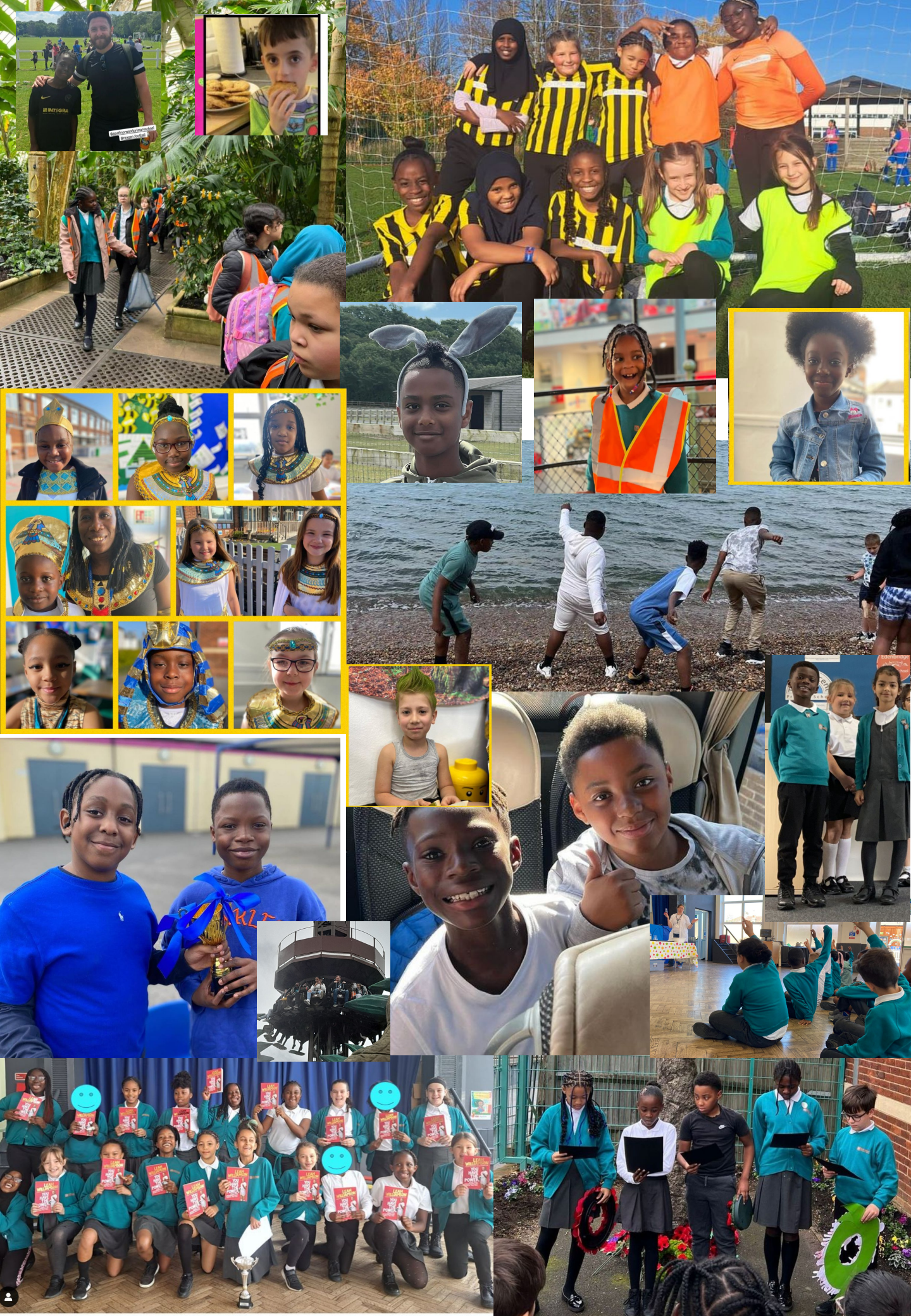
Hold on to all the memories; trips and fun lessons we've shared,
Remember your friends, your teachers and all school staff
who've cared.

Recall times table facts, sentence types, what you've learned in SPaG,
Keep in mind your listening skills, you've got this in the bag!

But mostly remember how much you are valued - you're superstars
that's for sure!

We'll never forget the fabulous Class of 2024!





Florence Nightingale Museum

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum. We had a lovely experience of Florence herself showing us around! We explored many aspects of her life including her home life and her experience of the Crimean War. We had so much fun and Florence has inspired many of children to become just like her.

"I want to be a nurse just like Florence and help people." - Safiyah

"This is how they lived during a war, wow, I could never!" - Aarif



Links with local secondary School

Year 5, attended a taster day at Harris South Norwood, where we did various lessons such as drama, PE and art. In Art, we learnt how to blend colours using chalk and oil pastels and create our own monster cutting out different body parts.

"The difference between chalk and pastel is that you can easily blend the colours with chalk with your hands" - Anjie



Mamma Dough

Lunch Hall poster winners visited Mamma Dough for their reward.

The children loved making their pizza, adding toppings, watching it being cooked in the very hot pizza oven and then finally eating their creation!

"I have never made a pizza before - I want to do this again at home!"



Reception visit to the Farm

Reception have been to visit Godstone Farm as one of the Pioneer passport activities. Farmer Julie and Farmer Ness showed us life on the farm. We got up close and met the animals, we met the Farm's oldest resident George the tortoise.



E-safety

Parental controls can help to protect your child from seeing something that they shouldn't — although it is important to emphasise that no system is effective all of the time, so it is important to engage with your child and talk to them about their online life regularly.

This guide will help you set up parental controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment. Scan the QR code to access.



Have a lovely and safe summer.

Mrs Bashir :)

Year 6 School Journey

Year 6 had an amazing school journey to the Isle of Wight creating so many new memories they will never forget. We started by crossing the Solent with one of the children shocked that the water was not clear blue like they had seen on the internet. We spent a fun afternoon on the IOW Steam Railway before heading to our hotel. The hotel was right on the seafront and they made us feel very welcome. The highlights of the trip included visiting the Donkey Sanctuary and of course the beach. The children loved playing on the sand and going for a swim in the English Channel. The water was freezing but it didn't stop the children, Mr Looker and Mrs Gleig having a long swim. Miss Clarke-Challis remained on the beach wrapped up warm!

Year 5, a meeting will be held about school journey in September.



SNAPS Summer Fair 2024

We are thrilled to share that our Summer Fair was a tremendous success, and it's all thanks to your incredible support and enthusiasm! We raised a profit of **£939.01**

From the excitement of the Woodside Fire Station fire engine and Woodside Safer Neighbourhood team police van, to the fun of face painting and henna, our fair was filled with joy and laughter. The beautiful performance from our school choir, BBQ, games, craft stall and the unforgettable "Poo in the Loo" game added to the lively atmosphere as well as DJ Jason who kept us entertained. Our business enterprise stalls showcased the creativity and hard work of our children, making the event even more special.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff, both behind the scenes and on the front lines. Your hard work and commitment were the driving force behind the seamless execution of the fair.

To our amazing parents, friends, grandparents and children volunteers, we are immensely grateful for your time, energy, and enthusiasm. From setting up, organising and running stalls to participating in the various activities, your contributions were invaluable. Thank you for making our Summer Fair a day filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. We look forward to creating more wonderful memories together in the new academic year!

Warm regards,
Sarah Stevens – Chair of SNAPS





- A huge thank you to **Nourish** for donating chips for our Summer Fair.
- A huge thank you to our uniform supplier, **Bubblegum**, for sponsoring our 1st prize for our Summer Rainbow raffle.
- A huge thank you to **Flipout**, **Kidspace** and **Team Sport Go** for donating vouchers for our Summer Rainbow Raffle!

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Prepare for a day filled with fun activities for SEND families! This event is for families with SEND children ages 11 and under. Bouncy castles, Soft play plus lots more fun activities! We also will be providing refreshments.



August 7th 10.00-11.45 AM
August 14th Or
August 21st 12.15-2.00 PM
August 28th

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How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to South Norwood Association of Parents and Staff (SNAPS)

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to South Norwood Association of Parents and Staff (SNAPS)

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school



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11:00 am - 3:00 pm
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