

Newsletter 13/01/2017



This year we will be using a 'Traffic Light' system to inform children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. The aim is for children to stay in Green. For children to display Green behaviour, they would be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. The total below show how many children have achieved this each week.

This week 298 children have stayed in Green.

Well done!



Penguins	Parrots	Foxes	Flamingos	Pandas	Polar Bears	
24/24	23/23	24/24	23/23	20/23	21/22	
Rabbits	Elephants	Giraffes	Hedgehogs	Llamas	Turtles	Dolphins
30/30	27/27	29/29	12/14	16/16	23/23	26/26

Penguins
92.7% & 0 lates

Parrots
90.8% & 0 lates

Foxes
95.3% & 1 lates

Flamingos
95.8% & 1 lates

Attendance & Lates
Whole school: **94.9%** and **25 lates**
Please ensure you children arrive in school on time. Fines are being issued for poor attendance and this includes persistent lateness
Our attendance target for the year is 96%
Year to date is: 95.1%

Hedgehogs
100% & 0 lates

Llamas
95.3% & 0 lates

Turtles
92.9% & 1 late

Dolphins
94.7% & 2 lates

Pandas
94.6% & 0 lates

Polar Bears
99.4% & 6 lates

Rabbits
90.3% & 8 lates

Elephants
91.1% & 2 lates

Giraffes
94.2% & 4 lates

Stars of the Week

Meerkats - Seth
Monkeys - Nicolas
Parrots - Mason
Penguins - William
Foxes - Leeland
Flamingos - Jake
Pandas - Harvey
Polar Bears - Katie
Rabbits - Megan
Elephants - Callum
Giraffes - Evie

Hedgehogs - Thomas
Llamas - Faye Mayes
Turtles - Ethan F
Dolphins - Lewis
Mrs Dawson - Sophie

Well Done!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 16th January – Y1 trip to The Deep
Tuesday 31st January – Y2 Residential (1 night)
Friday 10th February – School closes for half term
Monday 20th February – School reopens
Friday 7th April – Easter holidays
Monday 24th April – School reopens
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Tuesday 2nd May – Friday 26th May – Y2 SATS
Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May - Y6 SATS Week
Friday 26th May – School closes for half term
Monday 5th June – School reopens
Monday 12th – Friday 16th June – Y1 Phonics Screening

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After-School Clubs



This term we have some new clubs starting including Cooking Club for Year 1 and Year 5 pupils and a Science Club.

If you would like your child to attend any of these clubs please see your child's class teacher or come to the main office to complete a permission slip.

Don't forget Art Club, Dance Club and Multi-Sports Club are still taking place and there are still some places available!

All Year 2 and Year 6 pupils are also invited to attend the Booster Sessions each week to help your children prepare for their end of year tests. If they attend most of the sessions they'll be able to go on a very special end of year trip for free!

As the temperature has dropped this week, the Meerkats have been exploring all things cold. Outdoors they investigated what happens when you paint ice and observed how the colours mix together to form a marble effect.

@SimpsonsMeekat



Hello from the Y3 Rabbits! This week we have been hard at work collecting data and showing our findings in tally charts, bar graphs, line graphs and pie charts. We got to know more about each other through the surveys we have been doing in class. We've looked at just about everything from our class' favourite chocolate bar to their favourite 'YouTuber'. Speaking of chocolate, we have been learning about Mexico – where chocolate first began! Ask one of us what we know. **@SimpsonsLane3L**

This week the Turtles have been describing the setting 'Pandora' from the popular film Avatar. The children have created some excellent pieces of writing using adventurous vocabulary and a range of sentence openers. In maths we've revisited long division. It's been a challenge but we're finally starting to feel more confident solving these type of problems independently. We just can't wait for our arithmetic test to show off our skills now! **@SimpsonsLaneSC**

This week the Pandas have been working on their musical skills and learning to play along to familiar songs using the chime bars. We will hopefully perform for the school and parents when we are really confident!

@SimpLanePandas



This week the Flamingos have been doing lots of research ready for our trip to the Deep on Monday. We were shocked to find out that turtles can live for up to eighty years! In Literacy we finished creating our class story map of 'The Rainbow Fish' and used it to help us retell the story in our own writing. Some of the Flamingos finished off their Rainbow Fish collages and they are looking great on the 'Under the Sea' display. We are all very excited for Monday!

@SimpsonsLane1M



This week the Penguins have continued to learn the story of 'Whatever Next' and many of us can tell the story without a book or picture! We have had great fun imagining what it is like on the moon and we have even designed our own aliens to display in our Space Station.

@SimpsonPenguins



The Giraffes were set a challenge at the end of last week and they have done a great job. We've had a fantastic 'Green' week within the class, demonstrating our great behaviour and attitudes to learning, and managed to earn ourselves 100 green counters. What a fantastic achievement!

@GiraffesSLA



Safeguarding

At Simpson's Lane Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Mayers. In her absence, you should contact, Mr Colley or Mrs Linstead, the Deputy Safeguarding Leads, or Mrs Silburn, Learning Mentor. They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

The Government have website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. The website can be found at www.educateagainsthat.com