



Issue 1

Head's Update

Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the summer break. I trust you all enjoyed spending time catching up with family, friends and jobs. In true British style, summer weather has arrived as the children returned to school!

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed Year 3 South Enders to the SEJ community and presented them with their lime-green ties. They now wear their ties with both excitement and pride! Please ensure all new ties are named and kept clean. A warm welcome to Mrs Carey too who is a new teacher in Year 4 joining the amazing SEJ team.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have returned and met up with familiar friends and adults. I have never seen so many shiny shoes and new lunch bags! The first week back has been filled with laughter and excitement. The sunshine definitely helped.

Welcome letters have been sent out via ParentMail this week. Please ensure you read this information carefully. Our new website has also been launched www.southendjunior.com. All information has been updated and new photographs uploaded too. The calendar shows exactly what is happening at school on a specific date. Please do take a look.

We remind you we will continue to have high expectations around school uniform. Your child should be dressed according to our school uniform policy every day. Phone calls will be made to parents and carers if children are not wearing the correct uniform or do not have the correct PE kit.

We have the school photographer visiting us on Friday 29th September. There will be an opportunity for sibling photographs (if they attend SEJ) as well as individual ones.

Many of you will be aware of additional funding available for some pupils called the Pupil Premium Grant. This is money provided by the government for schools to use to improve the quality of education and to provide a Free School Meal for your child each day. You can check if you are eligible and apply by using this link: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium. The application outcome will be confirmed instantly and emailed to you with a reference number. The council will process the application and notify us within 5 working days so that you can begin to order Free School Meals for your child from our caterers. Please take a look if you think you are eligible as it provides so much in addition to the lunch!

I look forward to meeting new parents and carers, as the school year progresses, and to continuing to work in a partnership with you all to ensure the best outcomes for the children.

G Kaur
Headteacher