

# South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Where did 2023 go? It's hard to believe we have reached December already and the new year is almost upon us.

Our South Enders have once again demonstrated such resilience and pride in their work this term. They have made us all feel incredibly proud.

Our value of 'Courage' has been demonstrated daily and the values jar is full! An additional playtime has been both earned and enjoyed! We have shared additional 'courage' examples in so many different areas of the curriculum. A huge well done to our values ambassadors this term — it is very well deserved!



Once again, we accepted the opportunity to take Year 3 to St Mary's Church for a Christingle service. Thank you to all families who joined us for this ceremony and thank you to Reverend King for allowing us to use the church.

Year 4 children took to the stage to entertain us with their carols based on Christmas traditions around the world. Thank you to all adults who attended and made the festive event memorable.

Our Christmas activities have brought us all some festive cheer. The 'Winter Catwalk' saw spectacular costumes make their way down the red carpet! We were lucky enough to have the Lord Mayor of Rushden judge the catwalk entries. Christmas parties, the Christmas dinner, a sing-along and festive cards were all on the agenda. The term ended with children listening to the nativity story and reflecting upon the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas time has always been the season for friends and family; for spending quality time with loved ones; and for showing them that you care. We hope you have time set aside for the this.

A huge well done to our JLT for leading their food bank 'Can Campaign'. This food will no doubt have helped feed many vulnerable people within our local community. The Rushden Food Bank collected all the cans and were most grateful.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed our annual survey. Your opinions do matter to us and enable us to reflect on our policies and procedures. Please see the survey results at the end of this newsletter.

The new term begins for children on Monday 8th January 2024 when we will be launching both our new value of 'aspiration' and a Geography project.

All staff at South End Junior wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas, and a happy new year!

Any safeguarding concerns can be emailed to [gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can call the MASH safeguarding hub on 0300 126 7000.

Thank you for your continued support.

See you all at the gate in 2024.

G Kaur  
Head Teacher

# Parking

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, we must ask you please to consider whether you are driving and parking safely and considerately.

Please let's try and keep everyone safe. Not just our children but cyclists, local residents and other members of our community.

We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted on site to drop children off in the morning unless they have been given permission from the school. Also, when clubs are on after school, the barrier will not be lifted for you to collect your children. You will need to park off site and walk in.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation.



## We had an awesome time at the pantomime... oh yes we did!

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December was a very special and momentous day at SEJ. It was our first whole school panto visit!

6 coaches, 44 adults, 343 children and about 400 packets of Haribo made their way to Milton Keynes Theatre to watch Cinderella. The atmosphere was incredible and the children were even more awesome! We hope to have created a memory that will stay with the children forever; the adults will certainly be talking about it for a long time.

We better start saving once again for the next whole school trip in 2027...



Due to the fact that we have a number of children in school with a nut allergy, may we remind you (and advise any new parents/ carers) that we request you do not send your children into school with nuts or a product that has pieces of nut in it. This will include peanut butter and Nutella.

This does not mean you cannot send your child with products that have been manufactured in a place where nuts have previously been present.

We thank you for your understanding and appreciate your co-operation in helping to reduce risks and keep everyone safe.



## Warm clothing

Throughout the school year the children will have PE lessons both inside and out. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the continuing winter months. This includes long tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved sweatshirt or hoodie — ideally plain black with no logos other than the school logo please.





# Get to know Age Ratings

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Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?

Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps, check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view (e.g. violence) if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>



## Anti-Bullying Week 2023

This year, Anti-Bullying Week ran from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The theme was 'Make a Noise about Bullying'.

To mark the start of this week, children were invited to come to school in odd socks to show how unique and different we all are. Miss Ryan then launched Anti-Bullying Week in Monday's assembly where she talked about the difference between bullying and 'banter'.

Throughout the week, children took part in different activities to help them understand the importance of why we need to stop bullying. Year 3 made their own acrostic poems and Year 5 created posters to display around the school.

This term, the JLT have been busy with their Can Campaign and Children in Need Day. Over 200 cans were collected for the local foodbank; these were then

distributed to those in need.



Additionally, for Children in Need Day, we followed this year's SPOTacular theme. Children came to school in related attire and we raised a significant £202 for the charity.

In the new year, the JLT will be working on a new project to get the speed limit reduced to 20 mph around the school.



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# Diary Dates- Term 3 **echo**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Christmas Break</b>				
1st January Holiday	2nd January Holiday	3rd January Holiday	4th January Training day 3	5th January Training Day 4
8th January School Open to pupils @ 8.40am Geography Fortnight begins	9th January	10th January	11th January Yr 5 swimming	12th January FAB Friday
15th January	16th January	17th January	18th January Yr 5 swimming	19th January FAB Friday Culture and country dress up day— details sent on 11th Dec
22nd January Yr 4 'History off a Page'  Details to follow	23rd January	24th January	25th January Yr 5 swimming	26th January FAB Friday
29th January	30th January	31st January	1st February Yr 5 swimming	2nd February FAB Friday VIP
5th February	6th February Safer Internet Day Futsal Competition	7th February	8th February Yr 5 swimming	9th February FAB Friday
12th February	13th February	14th February	15th February Yr 5 swimming	16th February School Closes 3.00pm
<b>February Half Term</b>				

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

#### SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END

At South End Junior, safeguarding all children remains our priority. If you have any worries or concerns, please see one of the following members of staff:  
 Miss Kaur- Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead      Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Izzyck- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads