

January 2025



Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful restful time with your family. I am excited to start the spring term with you all. It's a new term and a new year. On Monday in assembly I will ask the children about their new year resolutions.

We welcome new staff: Mrs Abey - SENCO who will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays until half term. Coach Taylor who will be teaching PE each day and Mrs Cordwell who has returned from maternity leave. See you all on Monday at 8:45.

Mrs Berthoud

Consultation ends on January 13th 2025

Consultation for Southborough Primary School to join The Pioneer Academy

The Interim Executive Board of Southborough Primary School are consulting all stakeholders for the school to become an academy within The Pioneer Academy.

This consultation begins on 4th December 2024 and finishes on 13th January 2025.

Please respond to the consultation using
<https://forms.gle/5M4JoBDEaeocGkMXA>

Further information can be found on the school website using
<https://www.southborough.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Consultation+December+2024&pid=274>

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours faithfully

Charlie Guthrie, Chair of the Interim Executive Board

PE DAYS

Year R - Thursday

Year 1 - Monday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Thursday (and swimming)

Year 5 - Monday and Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday

Parent thank yous

Everyone enjoys receiving positive feedback. On the form below we invite parents, carers, visitors, pupils and other staff to share experiences of a staff member who goes above and beyond. All responses are read by the Head Teacher and shared weekly with staff. Thank you for taking the time.

<https://forms.gle/Yfi26HBygTBdUWDP6>

Each comment is added to a postcard and handed to staff to keep.

Parent view

Hi. I would be grateful for any parents who have 5 minutes to complete the Ofsted parentview.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



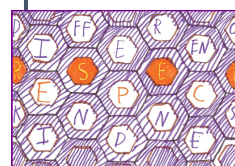
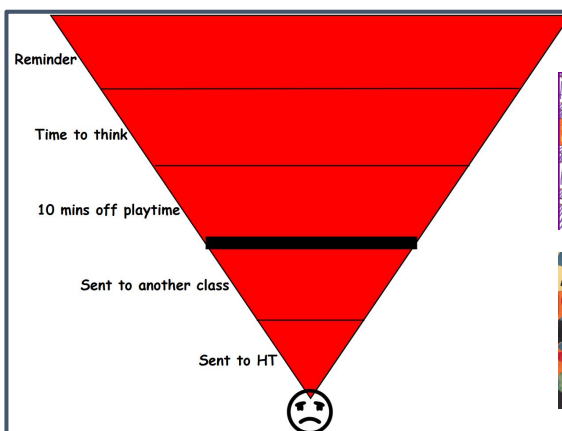
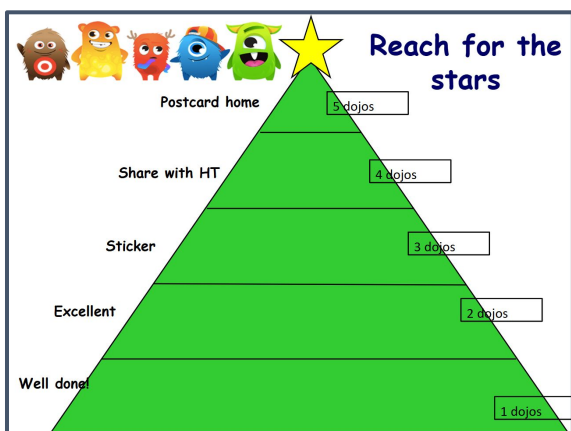
Behaviour Policy

We are trialling a new behaviour policy which Mr Fotheringham emailed you all about before the Christmas Holidays. This policy has really clear rewards and sanctions for certain categories of behaviour based on a triangle system.

The green triangle is on display in the classroom and children move up during the day. If they reach 'share with HT' they can come and see me ,with a piece of work, to discuss their learning. The red triangle is not on display but flat on the teacher desk.

COMPETITION #1 - design a postcard DEADLINE Friday 10th January

Using an A4 piece of paper design a clear image based on what Southborough means to you.



Attendance

There are 3 stages of intervention for attendance at Southborough.

- Class teacher
- Meeting with Mrs Owens/Mr Hopper
- Referral and meeting with Educational Welfare Officer

Mrs Bareham is currently knitting 3 foxes which we will use each Friday to reward the class in Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 with the best attendance – the reward will be to have the fox for the week and extra playtime on the Friday.

COMPETITION #2 Name the foxes <https://forms.gle/jDxQs8Zqxd3kWivY8> Deadline Monday 13th January

Each teacher will have the word ATTENDANCE up on A4 paper and every day that ALL the class are in they will colour in a letter. Once all the letters for the word have been coloured in the class will have an own clothes day.

Mr Hopper gave out 100%, 98%+ and most improved certificates at the end of last term. Well done to everyone who received one.



Corridor Health and Safety

Our corridors are awash with rucksacks - most of which appear to be empty. The majority of children do not need to bring a rucksack into school. We would be very grateful if rucksacks stayed at home next term please.



Toys and pencil cases

We provide all resources to children from pencils to fidget toys, as needed. Teachers would be grateful if children did not bring pencil cases and squishy things into school please. There is not room on the classroom tables for pencil cases and fidget toys cause disputes.

Water bottles

We have three water refilling stations in corridors. Some children have bottles that are too big to fit under the tap.. This means there are frequent spillages on the corridor floor causing the potential for accidents.

I am looking into installing a water refill station on the playground instead (children can refill at play and lunchtime).

The space required for a bottle to fit in the current water stations is 25 cms. The refill tap is at 23 cms. Please can children only bring in bottles that are no taller than 23 cms (with the lid off). This means no stanley cups please.

