

# S.P.S.N.

## Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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### HELP! Your school needs YOU!

My name is Nova, I am a parent governor who needs all the help she can get with our exciting new, parent-run walking bus.

As a parent who drives daily from Derby with up to four children, I understand what a rush it can be to arrive on time in the mornings. However, like most primary schools, parking too close to the school gates is a serious problem. Not only must we consider the safety of our children but also needs and rights of local residents and shopkeepers. We have several options, sometimes we park round the corner and walk down the gitty, other times we park several streets away and scoot or run to school, adding only an extra three minutes to our journey. Hopefully after Easter, with your help, we will have another option, a fully functional walking bus service.

How it will work...

There will be several bus routes with a published timetable of stops. Volunteer parents will take turns to begin at one end and walk the route meeting children booked on the bus along the way. Full training and CRB checks will be provided.

After half term, look out for me and my team in the playground wearing fluorescent jackets. We will be looking for bus 'drivers', co-ordinators (to organise rotas for their route) and your input about popular routes to school and suggestions of suitable stops. The more information we can get the more successful and efficient the bus service will be. More volunteers means less frequency each parent will have to 'drive'.

As a flagship Eco School, I feel we need a successful walking bus so even if you cannot volunteer, save yourself petrol and get your children booked on.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Nova Barnott Jones.

### PARENTAL ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

Following the bad weather last week we would like to find out how many parents do **not** have internet access at home and who are **not** able to obtain up to date information from the school's website re possible school closures. This will enable us to try and formulate improved procedures for providing parents with information in these circumstances. If you do not have access please complete the form below and return it to the school office after the holiday. If you do not return the form we will assume you have access.

Many thanks.

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### INTERNET ACCESS

Name of Pupil(s) ..... Class(es) .....

We do NOT have internet access to enable us to check the school's website for details of possible school closures.

## CLASS LED ASSEMBLIES

Class led assemblies will resume after the holiday and will take place in the school hall on the following dates -

4H 9.05 a.m. Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March  
3C 3.00 p.m. Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March  
4O 9.05 a.m. Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March  
2RM 9.05 a.m. Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April

All parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly!



## SWIMMING - YEAR 3

Swimming starts for Year 3 pupils on the first day back after the holiday. Please remember to bring your kit!

## FAIR TRADE CAFÉ

*Reminder - the Fair Trade Café will be open on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. There will be Fair Trade tea and coffee and other Fair Trade goods available for you to try and buy.*

## CENTRAL SOCCER STARS

With apologies for any confusion but, due to the bad weather, the lunchtime soccer sessions for girls will commence after the half-term holiday.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Accompanying this newsletter your child should be bringing home a £1 Book token for World Book day. This token can be redeemed between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March and full details for redemption are on the voucher. Unfortunately we do not have a Book Fair to coincide with this event this year.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Reminder – the sheets to enable you to book your appointment will be available under the covered way from Monday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 13 February	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff INSET day – school closed to children
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff INSET day – school closed to children
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	School photographer to photograph pupils and classes
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re-opens
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	European Elections – school used as Polling Station – closed to pupils
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Staff INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays