



# February 2017 NEWS



## Well done to our 'Maths Bee Children'

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On Monday 6th February four of our children attended a 'Maths Bee' competition against 12 other schools within the borough. I am pleased to report that although we did not gain a place within the final, we did come 5th which was just 1 place away from being in the final. The students worked extremely hard during their training towards this competition and should feel very proud of their achievements.

## **Extended After School Care**

I am pleased to inform you that in addition to our breakfast club; which runs daily from 7.30am to 8.50am, we now have an extended after school care programme for your children. We aim to provide quality provision everyday for the children which extends from their time in school during the day.

Our staff know the children well and are able to build on the children's strengths and development areas. This is achieved by planning imaginative and stimulating activities and through assisting your children in completing their homework and reading activities.

Healthy hot snacks will be provided each evening.



**Extended After School Care**  
Monday to Friday 3.20pm to 6pm  
£10 per session or 1 week £40  
Siblings £8.00 per session or 1 week £32

We provide:  
Hot Snacks  
Homework sessions  
Bug Club  
Educational Games





### Parents Coffee Morning



It was great to see so many fathers at our recent coffee morning. The attendance at our parent coffee mornings are growing in number each time. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to form new friendships, share in the successes of Salisbury Primary School and make suggestions which will help to shape the future of our school. One question asked by a parent was about 'Easimaths'. We no longer subscribe to this however we are looking into a new online maths software programme which should be up and running in the summer term. In the meantime please use the websites provided in each year group newsletter for example <http://www.mathplayground.com>, which has a variety of games for all age groups.



Our year 6 children were invited to 'Every Child a Theatre Goer', to see a Shakespeare play called Romeo and Juliet. In preparation for this, the year 6 teachers planned a sequence of lessons where the children were able to read and share play scripts and gain an understanding of 'Old English Language'.

Our children were praised by the Mayor of Newham, for their in-depth knowledge about the play above all the other schools that were at the theatre at the same time.

I would like to thank the year 6 team for making the experience a successful event, due to their detailed planning and preparation before exposing the children to the play.

A big thank you is sent to all the children for their impeccable behaviour and their mature attitude towards learning about Shakespeare.

### O2 Young Voices January 2017



On Friday 20th January 2017, Salisbury children were among 6500 children who took part in Young Voices at the O2 Arena.

It was a wonderful evening where the children enjoyed singing and dancing.

Young Voices performances take place up and down the country each year and see choirs made up of thousands of pupils joining together to sing and raise money for charity.

Thank you to all the staff that attended this event with the children in their own time.



Your child will be celebrating [World book day](#) on **2nd March 2017** by acting and reading aloud throughout the week in their guided reading

time.

**We are also inviting the children to come into school on this day dressed as their favourite book character; this is your chance to start creating a costume now as the best creations will attract a great prize.**





## REWARDS

### Pen Licence

Children are able to earn points for neatly presented writing. Please encourage your children to practice so that they can earn enough points to gain a pen licence.



### Multiplication Certificates

By the time your children reach the end of year 4, they are expected to know their times table and division facts up to 12x12. Please help your children to learn a times table and then remind them to ask Ms Carlile or their maths teacher to test them on their knowledge of their tables to earn a bronze, silver or gold certificate. In year 1 & 2; focus on 2, 5 and 10 times table, year 3; 3, 4 & 8 times tables and year 4; 6, 7 9, 11 and

### Attendance and Punctuality

Research shows that the more hours children spend in school, the higher their achievement. Please remember that attendance is not just about academics, but also about personal and social development. Children make friends, have work partners during most of their lessons and it can be upsetting if your partner is often missing as well as upsetting for the child that may have their partner changed due to their absence. As can be seen from the chart below, children who do not attend each day, reduce the percentage for their class therefore their class are unable to win the weekly, half termly or full term award.

So far this academic year, the authority have issued 20 penalty notices to parents who have taken unauthorised absence. This needs to reduce so that we have zero penalty notices.

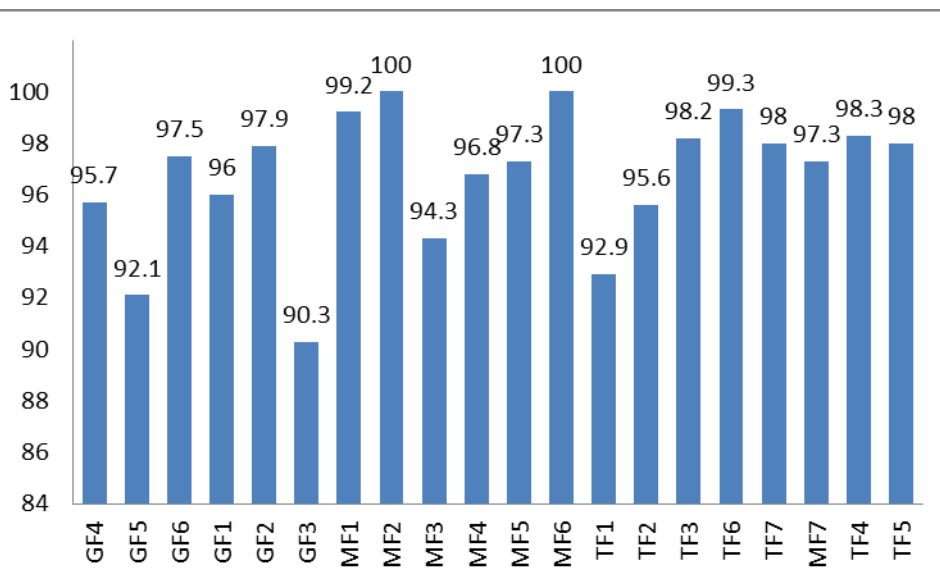


When children are constantly late, they often miss the beginning of lessons and therefore are unsure of what they need to learn. This then takes the teacher focus away from the class and disrupts all pupils learning. Parents please be aware that you could receive a penalty notice if your child is consistently late.

#### Appointments during the school day

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day please inform the school office before 9am either by phone or in person.

It is important that you inform us so that your child can be ready for you in the office, this will prevent any delays. For your child's attendance records we ask for proof of all medical appointments. Please bring appointment cards or letters to the school office when you collect your child.



#### Late collection at the end of the school day

Thank you for collecting your children promptly at the end of the school day. We would like to remind all parents that if in the event that you are running late to collect your child, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Therefore we can reassure your child.

For safeguarding reasons, if your children are being collected by someone other than yourself please inform the school office.

Please be aware that we now have an extended after school day, therefore if you are continually late we will place your child in this provision at the cost of £10 to you.



## WIN £50



Congratulations £50 won! You too could be as lucky as this mum to win £50 for visiting parent view via our school website, to fill in a simple questionnaire of your views on our school. Once you have completed it, come to the main office and inform the staff, who will enter your name into the draw. The winning entry will be drawn at our last assembly on 31st March 2017. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers all can complete a questionnaire to enhance your families chance of winning. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to participate, please request a time to use our school computer at the school office.



### Parent Drop In Sessions

Deputy Heads Ms Carlile and Mr Long, are happy to meet with parents in relation to their children's learning. This could help towards understanding about SATs requirements, phonics requirements or your child's learning.

If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher anytime outside of parents evening, please go to the main office to make an appointment.



### Parent and Toddler Group

Here at Salisbury Day Care we have stay and play drop in sessions for mums, dads and carers with children from birth to 3 years old. This takes place every **Wednesday and Friday from 1pm till 3pm**. Why not come along with your child and enjoy our brand new facilities whilst meeting other parents and children. We look forward to seeing you there.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 10th February 2017	Last day of term
Monday 20th February 2017	All children return to school
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2017	Year 5 Cycle Proficiency Training
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day
Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March 2017	Yr. 3 & 4 Cycle Training
Thursday 16th March 2017	Year 2 Science Museum
Thursday 23rd March for One Week	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 24th March 2017	Red Nose Day
Friday 24th March 2017	Parents Evening
Monday 27th March 2017	Year 3 visiting the British Museum
Friday 31st March 2017	Grand Draw for Parent View— <b>Who will win the £50?</b>
Friday 31st March 2017	Last Day of Spring Term