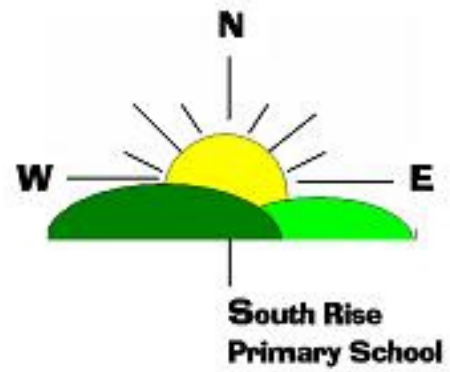


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governors - Following our voting for new parent Governors, I can now confirm the following parents were elected:- Zainab Ali, Natalie Boyd, Clovia Campbell, Kevin Hailstone.

Bronze Eco Schools Award - The South Rise Eco Council have worked hard and have achieved a Bronze Level in the prestigious Eco School's Award Scheme. This involved them auditing the schools environmental credentials, setting an action plan to become Greener, holding regular meetings, checking that South Rise is teaching our students about the Environment. Well done to Eco Reps; Adam and Melissa in Year 6, Rayyana and Ryan in Year 5, Courtney Year 4, Ritesh and Minahil in Year 3 and Luke and Charisma Year 2. (We have a position available for a boy rep in Year 4, if you have a child who would like to be considered, please send them to Miss Rantell).

2011 Census - Sunday 27th March 2011 is a day which will go down in history. You may not know it yet, but a national census is taking place on that day. A census is a questionnaire which counts the population. It also asks some questions about people's lifestyles. During March, your purple Census questionnaire will arrive from the Office for National Statistics and it's vital you don't ignore it. This is because the results are used to decide how much funding will come to each area. This means the more people in Greenwich who return their census, the more money we'll get here to spend on vital services like schools, health, transport and housing. Even a few forms not returned can make a real difference to peoples' lives, as the funding Greenwich gets won't be the right amount. The census answers are NOT shared with anyone else - the Council or the Government won't see what you write, in fact the answers are kept confidential by law for 100 years. We will be holding a meeting for Parents and Carers on 7th March 9.30am-10.30am about the Census. Help filling in your census is available here in School on 21st March between 9.15am-10.15am and you can also do it online if you prefer. (Email: census@greenwich.gov.uk, tel 020 8921 5519, online: www.greenwich.gov.uk/census or www.census.gov.uk)

Head Lice in Year 3 - Please check your child's/children's hair and if head lice are found, please treat immediately. The whole family will also need to be treated and all sheets and towels need to be washed. (Girls with shoulder length hair, or longer, should tie it up in a bun or ponytail)

Start Write - Our data shows children who regularly attend Rise & Shine and Start Write sessions have made accelerated progress this year. With this in mind, we are thinking about holding an additional English Class (Start Write) for one hour after school on Thursdays. Obviously, the class can only go ahead if there is sufficient interest and parents are able to collect their children at 4.30pm. Please see Miss Chapman if you would like your child to be considered for a place.

Free Books for Schools - The Daily Mirror Newspaper is printing coupons for free books for the next 2 weeks. Please collect as many coupons as possible to help us boost our library. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary - **Sing Up Day** - Wednesday 9th February. We are holding Sing Up Events in KS1 and KS2 halls at 3pm, parents and carers are invited to join us for a "sing song".

Year 2 Exhibition Wednesday 16th February at 2.30pm in KS2 Hall showcasing their Unit of Inquiry work "Near and Far".

Progress Meeting Day has been moved from 18th February to 8th April 2011.

World Maths Day Tuesday 1st March. We would like all children to make a "Maths Hat" to wear. The day will be fun filled with maths activities. Hats will be judged in a whole school competition. Please support your child with this venture.

World Book Day - We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. As part of the celebrations we would like to invite parents, grandparents and carers to join us for a shared reading session at the start of the day. We would also like the children to dress as a character from their favourite book. (More information to follow next week).

Red Nose Day - 18th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mathison,
Head teacher.