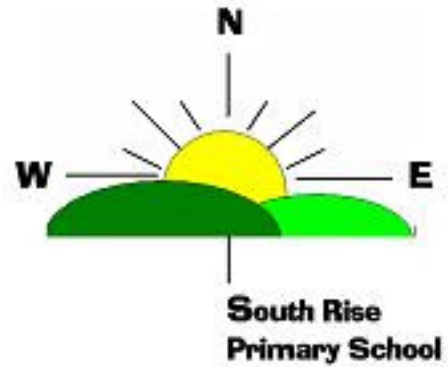


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a belated Happy Chinese New Year to all our families who celebrated and Happy Eid to all who are celebrating.

Performing Arts Academy

The Director of the Performing Arts Academy will be in School on Wednesday 16th February at 3.30pm in the KS2 Hall to answer any questions from interested parents.

Native Hedging Community Planting Event

On Saturday 19th February 2011 (12-4pm) volunteers, young people and local residents will plant over 600 native hedge plants in Plumstead Common Nature Reserve. Plumstead Common Environment Group (PCEG) would like to invite South Rise pupils, parents, teachers, and governor's to help plant the hedging and celebrate with hot soup, entertainment and hot apple punch. It is hoped that as many of us as possible can join in on the day.

World Book Day

We will have several projects running during Book Week and we would like to ask you to help your children prepare for this special event during half term.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March: we would like to invite you into school to read with your child from 9.00 - 9.30 am as part of 'Grab a Grown Up Day'. Your child also needs to make a costume to dress up as a character from their favourite book!

Story Box Competition: children need to choose their favourite book and design and make a story box using recycled materials to decorate an old shoe box or similar to represent the story setting, characters etc. There will be prizes for the best entry in each year group. The story boxes will be on display at the end of the week.

Readathon Sponsored Read: children will be bringing home sponsor forms on Friday to raise money for the Roald Dahl Foundation while they read! This is a charity which helps terminally ill children so we can help others whilst improving our reading! Let's see which class can raise the most money!

Please support your child by finding the time to read with them every day during half term and by helping them to prepare for World Book Day. Go to www.worldbookday.com for more information.

Thank you Rosemary Sanders

Reminders

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.

There will be **NO Saturday School** on 19th February (this Saturday).

Half term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th February, School re-opens Monday 28th February 2011.

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

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.

South Rise Pencil cases are available from the School Office @ £2 each.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mathison
Head teacher