



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish

19th April
2023

Welcome back to the summer term at Soho Parish. As you'll see from the 'diary dates' section, it's going to be a busy one!

The tulips have indeed bloomed on the top deck, bringing with them the blowsy, beautiful promise of summer. This term we look forward to the return of our Regents Park sports morning for years 3-6 (**every Friday**) and sporting fun in St Anne's Gardens for reception, Y1 and Y2 (day tba).

Look out below for the long awaited return of our May Day celebration and for information about teachers' strikes. There is also an opportunity to meet our new Executive Headteacher. If you can help out with the school library, we need you!



Please do remember buy your discounted tickets for the Soho Food Feast and sign up for a volunteering slot when they become available. This is our fundraising lifeline as a school and we need all families to get involved. <http://www.sohofoodfeast.co.uk/tickets>

Louise



Coffee morning with Alix Ascough, our new Executive Headteacher

This week it was announced that our new Executive Headteacher from September 2023 will be Alix Ascough, who is currently Headteacher of All Souls, Foley Street. I have had the pleasure of several conversations with Alix about Soho Parish and I look forward to welcoming her next week on **Wednesday 26th April** to a coffee morning with parents. Please arrive between **9.00 and 9.15** and through to the BB Hall from the office door. If you have questions for Alix, please email me with them by the end of

Monday 24th April: louise@sohoparish.co.uk.

Regents Park sports morning KS2

Your child will need to wear suitable sports clothes each week on Friday, including trainers. Please note there will be no sports morning this Friday 21st, or on 5th, when we'll be holding a day of learning and a party to celebrate the King's coronation. On our first trip to the park (Friday April 28th), children have been asked to wear pyjamas, for a school council fundraiser. They can do their sports in their PJs and trainers, if appropriate, or bring a change of clothes.

Strike days – possible closures

As you may be aware, the pay dispute between the teaching union NEU and the government remains unresolved, so there are further teachers' strikes planned for 27th April and 2nd May. At present we are conducting a risk assessment to determine whether we will be open, closed, or partially closed on these dates. We will let you know as soon as we have confirmed the arrangements.

May Day Celebration (date change)

We are delighted to once again invite parents to join us for a May Day celebration, with traditional maypole dancing by Year 5. While this is usually planned for early May, we have moved it later due to the coronation celebrations.

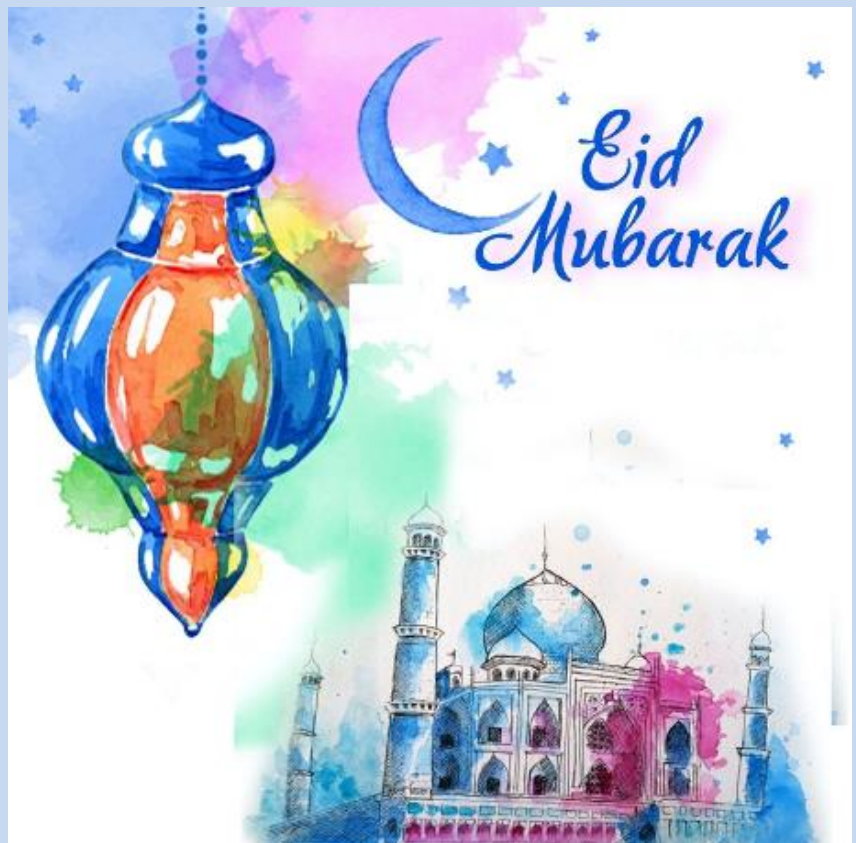


Parents are invited to join us in St Anne's Gardens at **2.30pm on Wednesday 24th May** for maypole dancing and poetry celebrating spring and the return of summer. Please bring a picnic blanket to enjoy the entertainment. If parents then wish to remain and have a picnic with your child and other families, you may collect them from their class teacher at 3.15pm. Staff will return to school at this time with any children not collected and clubs will run as usual.

Eid Mubarak

I wish all our Muslim families and staff a wonderful celebration day for Eid-ul-Fitr, which we think at the moment will be on Friday 21st April. Please let us know if you are celebrating at home, then the office won't need to disturb your celebrations to check your child's attendance.

I look forward to seeing you all, along with any family wishing to join us for an Eid party to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha, which will be around 28th June (date of party to be confirmed)





Looking for Parent Volunteers!

Staff at Soho Parish have been busy arranging our new school library to make it more inviting and accessible for the children (Please see the before and after images!). Some parents have previously expressed an interest in helping us with this project, and I am hoping will still be willing. On Thursday 27th April, we would like to invite any parent volunteers to help us alphabetise the shelves,



alongside various other jobs. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Robyn (robyn@sohoparish.co.uk). Thank you in advance!

Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 25 th April | 10.30am Easter service, St James's Piccadilly |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Coffee morning with our new Executive Headteacher |
| Friday 28 th April | Pyjama Day, raising money for Make a Wish |
| Friday 28 th April | 10-12am First Regents Park Sports morning |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank holiday, <u>school closed</u> |
| Friday 5 th May | Coronation day, learning activities and party in school |
| Friday 5 th May | 3.25pm Class 3 cake sale |
| Monday 8 th May | Coronation bank holiday, <u>school closed</u> |
| 9 th – 12 th May | Y6 SATs Week |
| 10 th – 12 th May | Dalesdown Residential Y4 |

Wednesday 24th May 2.30pm May Day celebration (parents welcome)

Thursday 25th May Last day of half term, end 3.25pm as usual

Friday 26th May INSET day, school closed

29th May – 2nd June Half term holiday, school closed

Monday 5th June INSET day, school closed


Saturday 10th June and Sunday 11th June **Soho Food Feast**

Sunday 16th July Soho Parish Sunday at St Anne’s Church 11am AND
The Soho Fete from midday

Thursday 20th July Last day of term, finish at 1.30pm

Term dates 2023-24 (next year) – also available on website

| July 23 | | | | | | |
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SOHO PARISH PRIMARY
Small school, big heart!

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| July 24 | | | | | | |
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| August 24 | | | | | | |
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Staff Training Day - No pupils

Bank Holiday

Pupils in School

School Holidays

Autumn 1 (35 days)
Mon 4th September - Fri 20th October

Autumn 2 (39 days)
Mon 30th October - Thu 21st December

Spring 1 (25 days)
Monday 8th January - Fri 9th February

Spring 2 (29 days)
Mon 19th February - Thu 28th March

Summer 1 (29 days)
Mon 15th April - Fri 24th May

Summer 2 (38 days)
Mon 3rd June - Wed 24th July

Total - 190 School Days

INSET DAYS:

Mon 4th September 2023
Tue 5th September 2023
Monday 3rd June 2024
Two other dates to be decided