



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from

Soho Parish CofE Primary School



Headline

I'd like to start my first newsletter with a huge thank you to all for making both Alix and I feel so welcome at Soho Parish. It has been so lovely to see so many of you on the gate in the morning and begin to learn names.

It has been a busy start to the new academic year, especially this week with special visitors coming into school to see the learning that is happening. Yesterday, we had SIAMS, which is a statutory inspection from the Church of England. SIAMS explores ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. We cannot share the final outcome just yet, however, the children and staff were amazing and showed the inspector why Soho Parish is a truly unique and vibrant school.

Learning

We are now all settling back in to school life and adding to our learning. Our new topics have started and we are applying our knowledge and skills from previous years. This is our skill of. Knowing more remembering more. Our curriculum ensures that children building upon their prior knowledge and able to recall this.

Reception children

Last week we welcomed our new Reception children and they have settled in brilliantly, with the Year 1 being great buddies for them. I have been impressed by their confidence and smiles as they arrive at school every morning.

A message from Alix - Executive Headteacher

I wanted to share with you some of the things that have been happening behind the scenes at Soho Parish over the past few weeks. Myself and Oliver have been very busy getting to know the school, finding out about all the amazing things that are already happening as well as thinking about the new steps on our journey. I have spent some time in classes getting to know the teachers, support staff and your wonderful children. I have been overviewing the school's budget as well as getting to know the school's systems and procedures and of course we have had our SIAMS inspection.

We will look forward to sharing the report with you when it is published. Over the coming weeks we are firming up our priorities for the school year and are very keen to share these with you.

Oliver and I will be holding a coffee morning at the end of this term to talk through these priorities as well as giving parents an overview of all that has happened this term. The coffee morning will take place on Friday 20th October at 9am. I will look forward to hopefully seeing lots of you there.

In the meantime, I would be interesting in meeting with a group of parents to explore new ways we can market the school, celebrating its successes with the local and wider community as part our drive to increase the school roll. I will send out details of this meeting in the coming weeks. It would be good to get a number of you on board if you have the availability.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to meeting with you all as the term progresses.

Meet the Teacher

Week beginning 2nd October (wk5), we will be holding meetings for parents with children to come in to school and meet their child's teacher and hear about the year ahead. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom. All meetings will begin at 9.05am and finish by 9.30am. A timetable will be sent out early next week.

Attendance

A reminder that the attendance school expectation is 96%. It is vital that all children attend school on as many days as possible. Parents and carers, please do read our school policy related to attendance; we will not authorise any time away from school in term time. (Unless for exceptional circumstances and discussion with myself)

Well done to Year 2 for having 100% this week!

Week 3	Attendance %
Reception	82%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	93%

SENDCo

Kate McCarter works Tuesdays and Fridays and is part of the Inclusion team, alongside Hannah and Sharon. If you wish to discuss your child's learning, please book an appointment via the office or catch her on the gate, on the days she is here.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Oliver (*Head of School*)