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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

This week we sent off some very excited year 4 children (and one or two excited staff!) to Lodge Hill on a two day residential. They will no doubt experience a wide range of emotions during the trip (as I'm sure will some of the parents!) But one thing I know for sure. They will come back having conquered their fears, made new friends, learnt new skills and found out a just a little bit more about themselves. The trips and visits that we provide are all part of the rich and engaging curriculum that we offer and we know the children benefit immeasurably from these experiences. As a staff team we are currently looking at every single subject and every single lesson within that subject that we teach and discussing how we might do this even better. The three key principles that are driving this improvement are our wish to continue to develop independent learners, make lessons interactive where possible and maintain our inside-out approach. In a nutshell we call them our three 'I's. The first two 'I's are self evident but inside-out learning needs a little more explanation. When I was at school, (a little while ago) I was expected to sit, listen and learn what I was told. At no point was I expected to engage in the process or have an opinion. The teacher 'told' and I copied. The inside-out approach, however, reverses that. Children are asked to investigate, question and discuss what they already know with their peers. At this point the teacher is able to make a judgment on where to take the learning rather than risk repeating what is already known. 'Chalk and Talk' as we fondly called it, is well and truly dead!

'Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road.' — Voltaire

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

June

Mon 10th - Class Photos & Y6 Leavers Photos
Tues 11th-Y5 to BHA to see 'Annie'
Weds 12th - 'No Electricity' Day
Weds 12th-Y6 Magistrates Workshop
Thurs 13th – RNLI visit to Y5
Thurs 13th - Girls Kwik Cricket @ Ansty
Thurs 13th -Y4 Parents Meeting re France 2020 -3.30pm
Tues 18th—Y5 Shipwreck Day
Weds 19th-MSA Area Sports (TBC)
Fri 21st—Einstein Class Assembly to parents - 10am
Fri 21st – H S A Summer Fair 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 25th -Sports Day (am)
Tues 25th—Y5 Parents Meeting re France 2019—after school
Weds 26th – Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 27th—Y5 to BHG to see 'James & The Giant Peach'



July

Tues 2nd -Y5 Bug Hunt
Weds 3rd - Y6 Transition Day (BHA & Downlands)
Weds 3rd -Y2 Gattons Children Transition Day
Fri 5th—H S A Disco for Y3, Y4 & Y5
Tues 9th—Y6 Transition Day (Warden Park)
Tues 9th -Y6 Production (evening)
Weds 10th -Y6 Production (afternoon & evening)
Fri 19th-Awards Assembly to invited parents 10am
Fri 19th –Y6 Leavers Disco (5.30-7.30pm)
Tues 23rd -Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents 11am
Tues 23rd – **LAST DAY OF TERM**

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

These children all won special awards from their teachers last half term. Those pictured far left, received awards for **maths** or **reading**. Those in the right hand photo received **Golden Awards** or reading awards—well done to all!



Isla from Rowling class is an avid reader, & has now read **60** books for the Southway 100 Book Challenge!



Hollie from Turner Class took part in a Dance competition in Lancing before half term. She won the gold trophy for coming 3rd place in her solo dance, & the silver for coming 3rd place in the freestyle, slow dance.

Olivia from Dali Class recently passed her grading for martial arts & gained her yellow belt. She has also been awarded a badge & certificate for passing Level 7 in gymnastics.



Clara from Shakespeare Class recently took part in the Ariel Showcase at the Hawth in Crawley. Here she is with Nicci Hopson, the Ariel Principal. Clara was also awarded a high merit in her Grade 1 LAMDA exam.



Lucy (Dickens), Dhyanesha (Einstein), Toby (Dali) & Joshua (Pankhurst), were awarded trophies for becoming their Year Group Champions in our recent Times Tables Challenge. Congratulations to all of them!



Parking Reminder

Please remember to park considerately while the roadworks are carried out in the local area. We have been notified that parents are parking on nearby pavements, making it very difficult & dangerous for children (& other road users) at busy times.

Thank you.

