



NEWSLETTER

‘Learning & Achieving Together’



Dear families

We have reached the end of the first half term of what has been (and continues to be) an extraordinary start to the new school year. Remarkably our whole school attendance has been over 97% since our return, which is the highest it has ever been (including pre-pandemic!). I would like to thank you for continuing to support the school and your own children as we have learnt to adapt to our new systems and ways of learning. We have spoken to many children to capture their views on returning to formal schooling and they have all been nothing but positive about their experiences.

By now you will have received, by email, the school’s Remote Learning policy in the event of a ‘bubble’ being sent home. I hope you have found this useful but I also hope that it remains a plan rather than an eventuality. A copy can be found on the school’s website under the Coronavirus Update tab.

We have a lot of work planned over the half term period as we continue to improve the school for the good of the children. Our biggest project will be the installation of brand new fencing at the front of the school which includes a new electric gate in to the car park. This will not only improve the school’s security but it will also be more aesthetically pleasing.

In the meantime I wish you and your family a lovely half term break.

Kind Regards

Mr P Newbold

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

Albert Einstein

Diary Dates

Mon 26th Oct—Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 2nd Nov — INSET DAY - School Closed

Tues 3rd Nov – Flu vaccinations for all year groups

Tues 3rd Nov – Y4 Victorian Day

Parents’ Evenings

Year 3 – Monday 9th November and Monday 16th November

Year 4 – Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 17th November

Year 5 – Wednesday 11th November and Wednesday 18th November

Year 6 – Thursday 12th November and Thursday 19th November

Weds 2nd Dec – Y6 Climbing Wall

We would like to remind all parents and carers that they are **not permitted** to enter the school site without a pre-arranged appointment. If you need to drop off or collect your child (or their belongings) during the school day, please call the school office from the top of the drive, and someone will come out to meet you. Thank you.

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Southway Junior School
Burgess Hill



What's Been Happening?

Our School Vision

At Southway, we want all of our children to be happy, be confident, respect others, achieve personal success, respect the world in which they live and to develop an enthusiasm and thirst for learning.

Our School Aims

We aim to provide a learning environment which is child-centred, creative and challenging

We aim to ensure our children are happy, engaged, hardworking and enthusiastic learners

We think of the school as a community of learners

We recognise the importance of developing individuals' sense of self-worth and self-respect, as well as respect for others, to help them succeed and achieve.

We have high expectations throughout the school and aim to foster children's independence as they develop their different skills and have fun whilst learning.

Last week, **Year 3** concluded their Design and Technology project by baking gingerbread. We tasted different gingerbread that you can already buy to complete our market research, then decided on our own ingredients and baked them following a recipe. We then got to taste our gingerbread people and filled out a review! We designed and made packaging to make our gingerbread even more appealing and even got to take the rest home to eat!



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION



A big well done to all of the children who took part in our first ever pumpkin carving competition. The entries were suitably gruesome and scary. Twelve winners were chosen; six from the lower school and 6 from the upper school. They have all received a £10 book voucher to spend! Thank you to all of the parents for their support.

