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# **SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

# **NEWSLETTER**



Dear families

This week I attended a schools funding briefing with Mrs Carter, our School business Manager and led by West Sussex Local Authority, to set out the school budgets for the academic year 2018—2019. You will no doubt be familiar with the 'WorthLess Campaign' which has highlighted the financial crisis schools in the County are currently faced with. There has been a great deal of news coverage about the new national Fair Funding Formula which was intended to redress the balance of under funding in West Sussex in comparison to the majority of other Local Authorities. Unfortunately this has clearly not been the case.

It was extremely disappointing to discover that in reality Southway junior School, along with almost all primary schools in West Sussex, will be faced with some very difficult decisions in the months to come. I am aware of some schools in the surrounding area that are seriously considering making key staff redundancies (if they have not already done so), asking parents to make financial contributions for even basic equipment and cutting investment in both essential IT equipment and the fabric of their buildings. More importantly, however, is the fact that this will all clearly impact on the provision available for all our children. If there is increasingly less trained adult support in school this will have a detrimental effect on the children's ability to reach their full potential.

At the moment it feels to schools like they are simply rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic.

Please be assured that the children's best interests will be at the heart of every decision made as we navigate through these challenging financial times.

*"You are not the victim of the world, but rather the master of your own destiny. It is your choices and decisions that determine your destiny."* **Roy T. Bennett**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

## **Diary Dates:**

### February

**Thurs 8th**—Y6 West Side Story @ BHSFG 2-5pm

**Fri 9th**—**INSET DAY**—school closed

**Mon 12th– Fri 16th HALF TERM**— school closed

**Thurs 22nd**—Locality Orchestra Morning @ St. Paul's 9am-12pm

**Thurs 22nd**—Choir Competition @ BHSFG 6pm-9pm

**Weds 28th** —**Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm**

### March

**Thurs 1st**— **Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm**

**Thurs 1st**—World Book Day

**Friday 2nd**—**Dickens Class Assembly** to parents 10am

**Tues 6th**—Y6 British Museum Trip

**Tues 6th**—Y3 Rainbow Theatre Visit—Vikings

**Weds 7th**—MSA Y5/Y6 Netball @ Downlands (TBC)

**Fr 9th**—**Hawking Class Assembly** to parents—10am

## **INSET DAYS 2018 / 2019**

The following have been designated as inset days at Southway, when the school will be closed.

### 2018

Mon 3rd September

Mon 29th October

### 2019

Mon 25th February

Fri 5th April

Mon 3rd June



## **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

Do you have any children's books, fact or fiction and in good condition, that you no longer need or want? If so we would be delighted to take them from you and our children can benefit from using them in school. If you can help please feel free to drop them off at the front office. Thank you.

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# Out of School Achievements



**Emily Durkan (Picasso), Ollie Laing (Shakespeare), Arun Khursheed (Einstein) & Rohan Naineni (Mandela)** each came first in their Year Group in the recent Times Tables Challenge. Congratulations to all of them.

**Daisy Mendez** of Dickens Class was awarded a certificate for taking part in this year's BBC Radio 2 '500 Words' Competition. Keep up the good work Daisy!



**Gus China** of Turner Class recently took part in the 'United Dance Organisation' Street Dance Championships in London. His crew of 20 competed against eight others and were placed 2nd overall.



**Evie Searle** of Turner Class was awarded a pre-bronze certificate & medal for her character dance 'Shine' last weekend. Well done Evie!



**Henry Stratton** of Turner Class was awarded his Level 4 swimming certificate & badge. He will soon be taking part in trials for Marlin Swimming Club.

**Amira Dutton** of Turner class has been awarded two medals & certificates for her recent dancing achievements.



## **Clic Sargent / World Cancer Day Fundraising**

Last week's wristband sales raised a fantastic **£661** for Clic Sargent! Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously.

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

These will take place on **Wednesday 28th February from 3.30—7pm & Thursday 1st March from 3.30-5.30pm.**

Please book your slot via the eSchools system, between 9am on Friday 9th February, and 5pm on 23rd February. If you have any issues with this, please contact the school office during the school day. Thank you.

# Out of School Achievements



**Miss Alvgren** (Turner Class Teacher) took a group of Y5 & Y6 pupils to the *MSA Key Steps Gymnastics Competition* at St. Paul's Catholic College last week. They did extremely well and the team were awarded **second place with 13 schools competing!** We are so proud.