

NEWSLETTER

'Learning & Achieving Together'



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Dear Families

Having been the proud Headteacher of Southway for the past seven years I have recently been reflecting on my ambitions for our school and the children and parents of the community we serve. I have always said that as a staff we intend to turn Southway in to the best school in West Sussex and that desire for excellence and aspiration still remains. In reality this means remaining consistent in our approach to all that we do. We make no apology for expecting our children to wear their uniform with pride, with expecting children to be on time for school ready to learn and with expecting staff to teach great lessons every day. We are constantly looking at areas to improve the school, whether it be an improvement to the fabric of the building, a new and more ambitious school trip or the appointment of a new member of staff. It is only by being insistent and persistent that we will make real the dream of becoming the school staff want to work in, the school parents wish to send their children to and the school children will remember forever as being the beginning of their future ambitions. We recently accepted a new child in to school and the parents made it clear to me that choosing Southway was a conscious decision despite the fact that they live out of our catchment area. It transpires that they had heard great things about our school. It's moments like that and your continued support that inspires us to continue our work to improve.

"Our ambition should be to rule ourselves, the true kingdom for each one of us; and true progress is to know more, and be more, and to do more." — Oscar Wilde

In the meantime have a great weekend
Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

May

Tuesday 18th May – Y5 Lodge Hill Residential parent meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 19th May - Y6 Chessington Trip
Thursday 20th May – Current Y6 Weymouth Residential parent meeting (Zoom)
Friday 28th May – House Charity Day
Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June – Half Term – School Closed

June

Monday 7th June – Y6 Sir Teachalot Stone Age / Iron Age
Tuesday 8th June – Class & Y6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 10th-Friday 11th June – Y5 Residential Lodge Hill
Monday 14th-Friday 18th June – Y6 Residential Weymouth
Wednesday 30th June – Southway Transition Day



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.

What's Been Happening?

Children from all Year Groups enjoyed some outdoor-themed activities to mark Earth Day last month. Here are some pictures of **Year 4** children enjoying their learning.



Year 5 have been making Greek salad as part of their mini topic. Here's how they got on.



Yesterday, **Year 3** went on a local walk looking for evidence of the Roman Road that went through Burgess Hill. We found plaques that marked the road and showed us the direction of the road itself. We took rubbings of these plaques using pencil and paper.

