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**SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

# NEWSLETTER



Dear families

At Southway we have always placed great importance on our children being encouraged to be independent learners and not rely on the teacher to be the 'sage on the stage'. As a staff we plan learning with the aim of ensuring children work harder in lessons than adults and with the catchphrase 'inside out learning' as our starting point. This simply means that we stimulate curiosity and ask children to find answers, solve problems and ask questions before any misunderstandings or misconceptions are addressed. Teachers no longer stand at the front and 'deliver' content. Our guided reading sessions and our maths teaching in particular promote this well, with their reliance on children working in small groups or on their own. This caused me to reflect on the fact that as school age children move through the system they often become less independent learners rather than more. KS1 children have a natural curiosity and enthusiasm to 'find out', experiment and discover. And yet by the time they reach GCSE level and beyond they are more likely to receive information and be expected to regurgitate it. This week I was privileged to witness a year 4 GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) lesson where children had to do all of the thinking for themselves and demonstrate what they had learned rather than fill in a sheet. In my day this would have been unthinkable. We live in more enlightened times. *'He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger.'*

**Confucius**

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

## Diary Dates

### January

**Mon 28th**-Y6 MSA Curling Festival@ The Triangle

### February

**Mon 4th**- Y3 Basketball & Hockey Festival (pm)

**Weds 6th**-Y5/Y6 Basketball @ Warden Park 12.45-2.45

**Thurs 7th**- Y6 Rainbow Theatre Visit to Southway

**Mon 11th**-Y5/Y6 MSA Basketball @ St. Paul's (TBC)

**Thurs 14th**-Y3/Y4 Badminton Festival (pm)

**Fri 15th**- Golden Awards Assembly 10am (for invited parents)

**Fri 15th**-H S A Cake Sale after school

**Half Term Holiday-Mon 18th-Fri 22nd**

**Monday 25th-INSET DAY-School Closed**

**Weds 27th**-MSA Quicksticks Hockey (Y5/Y6)@Downlands

### March

**Mon 4th**-Y4 Hindu Temple Visit (am)

**Weds 6th & Thurs 7th**-Parent Consultations

**Mon 11th**-Y4 Drumming Workshop—Performance to parents @ 2.30pm

## Book Donations

We are always very grateful for donations of unwanted children's books for the school. Please drop them in via the office.



Thank you.

## Payment Reminder

### France & Lodge Hill

We would like to remind parents of Y4 & Y5 children, that the following payment instalments are due, as follows:



**France** — £40 by 28th February

**Lodge Hill** — £25 by 31st January

Thank you

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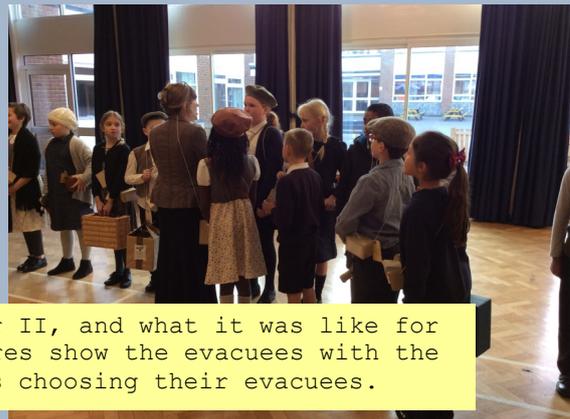
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# What's been going on?



On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, **Year 3** visited **The Booth Museum**. We learnt a lot about skeletons and the different bones we have in our bodies! We got to examine lots of different animal and human skeletons and even got to touch some human bones (but made sure we were wearing gloves!). We had lots of fun and learnt a lot about why we have a skeleton and that it supports our body, protect us and helps us to move!



**Year 5** have been learning about World War II, and what it was like for children who were evacuated. These pictures show the evacuees with the Billeting Officer and host family members choosing their evacuees.

The Fire Service visited **Year 5** on Tuesday 15th January to give a safety talk, answer questions, explain what they did and the visit included a tour of the fire engine.



# OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



**Arun**, of Mandela class recently took part in the Mid Sussex Primary Schools Cross Country Competition. He did fantastically well, coming **2nd place** out of 100 runners. Here he is with his medal.



**Gus** from Dickens Class won a medal & trophy in a recent Street Dance Competition. He came 2nd in a group dance & 3rd in the pairs section.

**Louie** from Dickens Class has been awarded his Level 6 Certificate & badge for swimming. He had to swim in his pyjamas, complete a pencil jump & perform several different dives.



**Hollie** from Turner Class took part in a dance competition at the weekend. She won a large trophy for coming 1st in the pairs section (with her cousin, Immy). She also won a medium sized trophy for coming 2nd in the slow solo section & a smaller trophy for coming 6th place for another solo dance.



**Kaysan** of Dali Class recently came 1st place in the Under 11's Section of the Sussex Junior Chess Tournament in Hastings. He is keeping up a family tradition, as his older brother Ayden, is a previous winner of the competition.

**Y6** children from the **School Choir** were invited to sing at the West Sussex Primary Leadership Conference near Arundel this week. They had a very early start, leaving Southway at 7.30am, so that they could perform at the opening of the conference. The audience of Head Teachers were very impressed by their performance, and we are extremely proud of them all.

