

NEWSLETTER

'Learning & Achieving Together'



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Dear Families

As we are rapidly approaching the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the upcoming events at school.

This year the children will be taking part in our annual sponsored Elf Run in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice, based in Chailey. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised in the region of £1,700 plus Gift Aid! Following on so soon from Children in Need this was quite remarkable.

We are now in the process of creating a 'virtual' Carol Concert which involves all class bubbles singing a chosen carol, which will then be filmed. All of the carols will be joined together to create one big school concert and this will be available to view on our website and our dedicated YouTube channel for your enjoyment. At the moment the school is filled with the sound of children singing and it's quite delightful.

We have also decided to install our annual Giving Tree. This involves buying and wrapping a small gift for a child and placing it under the tree in our reception area. There will be more details to follow.

Decorate Southway Day is always a big hit with the children and teachers have already planned a host of activities that will leave our classrooms sparkling with Christmas magic.

Finally we have agreed with Chartwells, our hot meals supplier, to provide us with a Christmas Dinner and again there will be more details to follow.

In a time of such uncertainty it gladdens me that as a school we can still bring a little festive cheer to our children.

On a separate note I am delighted to tell you that the school now has its own Twitter account and if you would like to follow us please feel free to contact the school office who can arrange this for you.

'Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.' **Dr. Seuss**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

Tues 1st December – Decorate Southway Day & Elf Run

Weds 2nd December - Y6 Climbing Wall

Fri 4th December last collection of gifts for the Giving Tree

Weds 9th – Christmas lunch for Y3 & Y4

Weds 16th – Christmas Lunch for Y5 & Y6

Fri 18th December – Last Day of Term

Mon 4th Jan – Back to School

Christmas Lunches

These will be available on Wednesday 9th December for Y3 & Y4 children, whilst Y5 & Y6 will have theirs on Wednesday 16th December. Please book online at <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/> by Sunday 29th November for Y3 & Y4, and by Sunday 6th December for Y5 & Y6. Please notify the school office if your child would like a vegetarian meal, or has special dietary requirements. Please note that these are the only hot meals available at present.



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.

What's Been Happening?

Well done to all the children at Southway, who competed in the **TT Rockstars 'Rock Out'** competition from the 14th to the 19th of November. Everyone worked really hard and we ended up with 486,785 correct answers across the whole school.

Our top scorers were - Emily D in Churchill, Toby C in Curie, Benjamin S in Dali, Max W in Dickens, Prayan N in Einstein, Katherine L in Hawking, Sophie L in Mandela, George Y in Pankhurst, Orlagh C in Picasso, Rohan R in Rowling, Sam H in Shakespeare and Diya L in Turner, who all won an inflatable instrument! Huge congratulations also go to Mandela, who were the class that achieved the most correct answers. Here you can see a selection of winners from across the school.



Last week, **Year 3** went on a walk to the local woods to complete a litter survey as part of our topic 'Me and My World'. We were looking at the different types of litter we could see and will be completing pictograms with the information we collected.

