

NEWSLETTER

'Learning & Achieving Together'



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Dear families

We are at the end of another half term and no doubt the children and staff are looking forward to their very well-deserved break after their continued hard work.

I have spent some time talking to children across the school who have been sent to me to share their work. They were all rightly proud of their achievements and it was clear that standards across the school had remained high despite the lack of formal classroom teaching during the last year. However, I was equally impressed by their enthusiasm, motivation and ability to talk about their learning in a manner that showed they were proud of their class and teachers. We talk to the children a lot about being proud to wear the Southway badge, that we are one big family and the responsibilities that brings with it. I believe these children embodied that desire to improve and make Southway the best it can be. I follow several social media Headteacher groups that represent a vast cross section of primary schools nationally and invariably it is full of tales shared of poor behaviour and a general lack of interest in learning. Thankfully this is something I don't recognise at Southway. Our children have returned and carried on as if they had never been away and standards of behaviour and attitudes to learning remain positive.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break over half term.

'There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.' Edith Wharton

Best wishes Mr P Newbold

DIARY DATES

May

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

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd June-Y4 Visits to the Southdowns Planetarium

Friday 25th June – Y3 Trip to Drusillas Park

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?

Year 3 have been making the sandwiches we have designed this week. We have been looking at different food groups and what makes a balanced meal and had to ensure we had a variety of ingredients in our sandwiches. We also got to taste them once we had made them!



Year 6 had a fantastic time at **Chessington** last week, as this picture of Churchill Class shows!



Last Friday, more than 70 children from Southway took part in the **Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend Schools Virtual Challenge**. Children from all year groups ran either 1km or 1 mile around the school playground & everyone completed the distance. Well done to all who took part.

