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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

What a busy week we have had. Year 3 ventured out to Drusillas and got very lucky with the weather. They had a wonderful time and learnt a lot to support their class based topic learning. I have no doubt that the meerkats were the highlight for many. I often use meerkats to illustrate to the children how we are one big family here at Southway and we look out for each other. We're just not as furry.

We also had the excellent Rainbow Theatre in to work with our Year 5 children on Macbeth. As usual they were inspirational and the children gained so much from the experience.

We have had our first parent consultations of the year where you will have had the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, with your child present. Prior to that you will also have received an interim report to prepare you for the meeting. I am sure you found this very useful.

Last week we hosted a Headteacher from another West Sussex junior school who was extremely complimentary about Southway and is now keen to send her staff here to observe our practice. We also hosted the Deputy Headteacher and a teacher from another school in the area to observe teaching and learning. Again, they were effusive about the school but in particular pointed out the very obvious 'air of excitement, happiness and engagement' they saw. Both visits lasted two separate mornings and it was pointed out to me that not a single child was off task or misbehaving in all of that time. I suppose we are used to this here but it was nice to be reminded by our visitors.

Finally, you will have received a free book bag as a 50th Anniversary souvenir. I hope you like it and I am sure it will help the children organise themselves! Inside the bag was a letter outlining the option of donating a book to the school. We have already had many offers and were are very grateful to those families that have already taken up the offer.

I told you it was a busy week!

'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.' **Winston Churchill**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

November

Tues 13th-Y4 Preston Manor (Dickens & Rowling Classes)

Weds 14th -Y4 Preston Manor (Shakespeare Class)

Thurs 15th-Children in Need Fundraising

Fri 16th-Y6 Amex Visit

Thurs 22nd-Y2 & Reception Parents Open Morning

Fri 23rd- Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6 Discos

Fri 30th-Decorate Southway & Fayre Donations

December

Mon 3rd-Y6 Climbing Wall

Thurs 6th -Carol Concert (whole school) at The King's Church

Fri 7th-Y4 Victorian Market Open Afternoon

W/C **Mon 10th**-Half Price Book Fair

Weds 12th-Southway Christmas Lunch

Thurs 13th-Movie & Popcorn Night

Fri 14th-Awards Assembly to parents

Fri 14th-HSA Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

Weds 19th-Last Day of Term

January

School re-opens Thurs 3rd January 2019

Reminder

Please send all letter replies, including trip letters & payments into school via your child's class teacher. Alternatively, there is a secure 'drop box' just inside the entrance to Reception.

This should help us to reduce queues in Reception at the busiest times.

Thank you.

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.

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What's been going on?



Year 3 have had an especially busy week. Last Friday, they all dressed up in their holiday clothes for a trip to Africa! They had their passports & boarding passes ready, before queuing up at check-in. They even had to wait at baggage reclaim after their flight. Tuesday saw them on a trip to **Drusillas Zoo**, where they had fun meeting all the animals.



Our A-Team footballers played very well throughout all of their matches in October. Both Ollie and Tom scored some fantastic goals and everyone worked extremely hard! Adam made some fantastic saves and definitely stopped us from conceding on a few occasions. Overall, the boys should be really proud of their team spirit and work ethic.

Head lice

Please note that we are aware of a few cases of head lice within school. Please can we therefore remind parents to check their children's hair frequently and seek advice if needed. Thank you

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Twins **Lily & Mia** from Y5, have recently been awarded their Autumn Challenge & Craft Badges from Brownies. They printed t-shirts, made owls out of pine cones & went on a scavenger hunt.



Amelia from Mandela took part in a dance festival in Orpington. She came 1st place in her solo dance & has qualified for the next round of the competition, which will be held in London.

Nifewe from Mandela Class was awarded a trophy by Premier Sports Gymnastics for never giving up!



Sofia from Dickens Class has been awarded Brownie badges for 'making the neatest bed' & for going on a Brownie Pack holiday.



Lucy & Louie, both of Dickens Class, won medals for taking part in a Rugby Festival for Burgess Hill RFC.



Lily-Rose, from Dickens Class has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge for sending them her adaptation of the children's classic 'The Three Little Pigs'.



Niabee of Mandela Class, recently had her long hair cut for charity. She raised almost £700 in cash, in addition to donating her locks to The Little Princess Trust, which supplies wigs provides child cancer patients. She is pictured here both before & after her the event.



Harmony from Churchill Class is a very keen swimmer. She has been awarded her Level 5 Swimming Certificate from her lessons at the Dolphin Centre. She also belongs to the Marlins Swimming Club.