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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

Now I know how Michael Fish felt in 1987! I don't think I have ever spent so long consulting various weather apps in order to make a decision about school closures. I would like to thank you all for your support and co-operation during the week. As you can imagine the decision to close the school is not taken lightly and I was in constant contact with the headteachers of all Burgess Hill schools and our Chair of Governors prior to making final decisions.

On a separate note the following headline caught my eye in the press...*'The tenth annual 'What Kids Are Reading' report found the 10 most popular books among the 750,000 secondary-age pupils surveyed were all written for primary pupils. One researcher now wants schools to set time aside for pupils to read more complex books.'* I am aware that once children leave primary school they usually cease to read for pleasure. This is such a shame. It caused me to reflect on the amount of time set aside for reading at Southway. Not only do children read five times a week in a structured way but they also have access to world class authors, are read to three times a week by their teachers and have the opportunity to win a free book every month and then have it presented in assembly. I believe it is incumbent on us to create life long readers. "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one." — **George R.R. Martin**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates:

March

Parents evenings are now on **Weds 7th & Thurs 8th March**

Tues 6th- Y6 British Museum Trip—leave Southway at 8am

Tues 6th-Y3 Rainbow Theatre Visit—Vikings

Weds 7th—MSA Y5/Y6 Netball (A Team) @ Downlands 2.15-4.30pm

Fri 9th—**Hawking Class Assembly** to parents—10am

Mon 12th- Y6 Bikeability All Week

Tues 13th—Y5 Seven Sisters Trip

Weds 14th—MSA Y5/Y6 Netball (BTeam) @ Downlands 2.15-4.30pm

Thurs 15th—Y4 Mayan Drumming Workshop (parents welcome at 2.20)

Fri 16th- Book Fair for Y3 Families from 3.15

Mon 19th—Y6 Bikeability All Week

Mon 19th-Book Fair for Y4 Families from 3.15

Tues 20th—Y6 Open Afternoon for parents

Tues 20th—Book Fair for Y5 & Y6 Families from 3.15

Weds 21st—Book Fair for all Year Groups from 3.15



Y5 RNLI collection.

The recent collection by Y5 raised the sum of **£55.72**, which has been given to the RNLI in Shoreham. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

Club Cancellations

Please note that all after school clubs scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday of next week (7th & 8th March), have been cancelled because of the postponement of Parents Evenings.

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Out of School Achievements



Oliver Boyett of Turner Class was recently successful in his trial for Marlins and is now a member of their swimming club. Congratulations Oliver!

Ollie Wilson-Maskell of Turner Class was awarded a trophy for being 'Player of the Week' by for Hassocks Football Club. Well done Ollie!



Max Beauchamp-Codd, Joshua Quinn, Danielle Hoyle-Brown & Ollie Brickell (all of Curie class) gave up their break & lunchtimes last week to raise money for our **4 house charities**. They collected the fantastic sum of **£68.50** by selling a joke book collated by Josh.

Clara Lewis of Dali Class has entered the Radio 2 500 Words short story competition. Here is a photo of her with her entry certificate. Fingers crossed she gets through!



On Thursday 22nd February, children from across the year groups went to St Paul's School for an orchestra morning. They played pieces in the Tudor style and those inspired by America including 'She'll be Coming Round the Mountain' as part of an orchestra of over 100 pupils.

We have a wide range of musicians in our school from cello to clarinet players. They played brilliantly and sounded wonderful. Well done to all of them!