

NEWSLETTER

'Learning & Achieving Together'



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Dear families

It has been such a lovely return to school this week. The sun has shone, the children have spent a lot of time outside in the fresh air and there has been an air of excitement about the new learning journeys the children have been given. Year 3 have had their Roman day to kick-start the term and they all looked resplendent in their costumes. Year 4, meanwhile, took a journey in to space to begin their term exploring the cosmos. I particularly liked Mr O'Brien's retro 80's space costume, which was a wonder to behold!

You will see that we have been improving our school environment with a new driveway logo to greet visitors. I think it looks fantastic. We have also planted shrubs all the way along the fence line and are in the process of creating a meadow at the front of the school where we have levelled the land. In the future, we intend to plant hundreds of spring and summer bulbs outside our perimeter fencing to further improve the look of the school. In school, we have decorated the Y3 classrooms and Y6 corridor and had new roofing on our Y3 classrooms. We are now exploring the possibility of having solar paneling installed on this roofing to provide electricity to power the whole school. Finally, the Y5 boys and girls toilets have had new ceilings installed following the replacement of the old water heaters. There are many other improvements planned as we continue to create a school environment that will provide our children and staff with the very best.

'We weren't put here to be miserable. We were put here to do the best we can, and we should take our energy and improve our state of being.' **Lenny Kravitz**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 6th May – Y6 SRE Parent meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 18th May – Y5 Lodge Hill Residential parent meeting (Zoom)

Thursday 20th May – Current Y6 Weymouth Residential parent meeting (Zoom)

Friday 28th May – House Charity Day

Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June – Half Term – School Closed

June

Tuesday 8th June – Class & Y6 Leavers Photographs

Thursday 10th-Friday 11th June – Y5 Residential Lodge Hill

Monday 14th-Friday 18th June – Y6 Residential Weymouth

Wednesday 30th June – Southway Transition Day

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Now that the weather is improving, the children will be spending as much time as possible outside. Please ensure your child has applied sunscreen before school and brings a sun hat and a water bottle with them every day. Children may also bring in sunscreen, but please ensure they are able to apply this themselves.

Thank you.



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?

Y4 enjoyed their **Space Day** on Monday – here are a few quotes from children in Rowling Class:

Dylan W: My favourite part of space day was the agility run. I completed it in 21.59 seconds!

Ruari: I can't wait to start learning about space as science is my favourite subject. During space day, I really enjoyed trying to create an electrical circuit, whilst wearing oven gloves!

Evey: Space day was a really fun day. I especially enjoyed doing the blindfolded course where we had to have good communication with our partner to complete it.

Darcey: I really liked working on different skills that an astronaut would need, such as brilliant coordination.



On Tuesday, **Year 3** started our Romans topic by having a **Roman Day**. The children and staff all dressed up in their best Roman outfits and looked fantastic! We spent the day completing a variety of Roman activities including: shield making, coil pot making and jewellery making. We also found time in the afternoon to act out some Roman battles with some excellent acting from the children. We are all excited to learn more about the Romans and see what we still use today from the Roman times.



