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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

Did you know Almost 1 in 4 of 8 to 11-year-olds and 3 in 4 of 12 to 15-year-olds has a social media profile. 1 in 3 internet users are children. 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site. Around 1 in 8 young people have been bullied on social media. Almost 1 in 4 young people have come across racist or hate messages online. These are the stark facts as released by Ofcom in a recent report into social media use by children. We are all aware of the possible risks posed by allowing our children to surf the internet unsupervised. As a school we are particularly vigilant and deal with any issues that may arise swiftly and fairly. We run assemblies highlighting the potential issues around the use of social media and all classes have follow up lessons on cyber safety.

The internet is a marvellous tool and it is not going away. Dr Richard Woolfson, child psychologist and 'Knowthenet' spokesman, said: 'The internet offers wonderful experiences for growing and inquisitive young minds. Parents can no longer protect children by simply trying to limit their online experiences. Instead parents need to maintain an open dialogue and encourage children to share both good and bad online experiences, talk openly and straightforwardly about the risks they may encounter online without scaring them and make sure they keep up with the latest social media crazes and work with their children rather than trying to control them.' I fully agree with him.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

March

Mon 4th-Y4 Hindu Temple Visit (am)

Weds 6th-Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm

Thurs 7th—Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Weds 6th-MSA Hi 5 Netball Y5 & Y6 @ Downlands (pm)

Thurs 7th— World Book Day

Mon 11th-Y4 Drumming Workshop—Performance to parents @ 2.30pm

Mon 11th-Y6 Bikeability Week 1

Tues 12th-Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

Weds 13th Hi 5 Netball Y5/6 (B Team) @ Downlands

Fri 15th-Hawking Class Assembly to parents 10am

Mon 18th—Y6 Bikeability Week 2

Fri 22nd—Dickens Class Assembly to parents 10am

Thurs 28th-Y6 British Museum Trip (leaving at 8am)

Thurs 28th-Y3 Open Afternoon to parents

Fri 29th-Picasso Class Assembly to parents 10am



INSET DAYS FOR 2019-2020

Our Inset Days for the next Academic Year are as follows-

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Payment Reminder

France & Lodge Hill

We would like to remind parents of Y4 & Y5 children, that the following payment instalments are due, as follows:



France — £40.00 by 29th March

Lodge Hill — £25.00 by 29th March

Thank you



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What's been going on?



Isla from Rowling Class (Y4) won the Times Tables Rock Star' Trophy, after becoming this week's whole school Champion. Well done Isla!



George from Curie Class & **Alyssa & Amy** from Hawking Class, display the certificates they were awarded during our recent Golden Awards Assembly.



Eight children from Y6 attended a basketball festival at Warden Park Academy recently, where they took part in mini matches & skill based activities. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their basketball knowledge & work as part of a team. Pictured here are (from left-right, back row) **Harvey, Tom, Adam, Kian & Oscar**. In the front row are **Nicole, Darcey & Rocco**.



On Thursday 14th February, Year 4 had the opportunity to attend a Badminton Festival, at The Triangle, run by St Paul's. There were a variety of different badminton drills and challenges, and the children had a wonderful time learning lots of skills.

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.



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Izzy from Turner Class is very proud of the bag she made at Brownies. She has just made her Brownie Promise & has already been awarded 3 badges.



Arun from Mandela has won a medal for taking part in 3 cross country races between November & February. He was placed 4th, 4th & 3rd, over 2k & 1.5k distances.



Friends **Imogen & Amelie** (from Turner & Dali classes) took part in a charity event in Hassocks, where they both had their hair cut & donated it to the Little Princess Trust. The charity then makes it into wigs for young cancer sufferers. The girls also raised £500 each in sponsor money, to be split between 2 further cancer support charities—CLIC Sargent & Forward Facing.



Dhyanesha from Einstein Class was recently awarded the 'Star of the Week' Trophy by the coach at her Chess Club, for winning the most matches.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property box if your child has mislaid any items. This is the plastic storage shed outside of the daVinci Room (opposite the swimming pool), & can be accessed each day after school.

