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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

What a busy two weeks we have had at school. Year 4 took part in a drumming workshop and performed in front of visiting parents. Year 6 have been improving their cycling skills through the Safer Cycling programme. Year 5 visited Newhaven Fort to improve their understanding of WWII and its impact on daily life in Britain. Recently we focussed on science and devoted a week to experiments and testing. World Book Day produced some brilliant costumes and reading related activities. Oh and year 4 visited a Hindu temple in Crawley. As if that isn't enough we are taking the 11 winners of our World Book Day competition to Steyning Bookshop for a morning and giving each winner £10 to spend on books of their choice.

We are always keen to provide the children with opportunities to develop their independence and leadership skills and next term three new clubs, run by children, for children, will be starting at lunchtimes. In assembly the following clubs were chosen by raffle; chess club, singing club and hockey club. All children have been given the opportunity to run a club of their choice and the clubs provided are open to everyone. I was delighted to see that at least 50 groups of children wanted to start a club and share their enthusiasm and passion for particular pastimes. We had tag rugby, art, doodling, dance, skipping and board games to name a few. Each club, when picked, will run for half a term and then new clubs will be chosen. I am really looking forward to seeing children learning new skills and perhaps unearthing talents they didn't know they had.

"The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them." — Ernest Hemingway

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

March

Mon 18th –Y6 Bikeability Week 2

Fri 22nd – **Dickens Class Assembly** to parents 10am

Fri 22nd-Weds 27th - Book Fair

Tues 26th—Y5 Poetry & Poppies Dance Workshop

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

Thurs 28th -Y3 Open Afternoon to parents from 2.15pm

Fri 29th-Picasso Class Assembly to parents 10am

April

Tues 2nd—Y4 Mayan Feast & Open Afternoon for Parents

Weds 3rd—Easter Parade

Thurs 4th—House Charity Day

Thurs 4th—Awards Assembly 10am

Thurs 4th—Movie & Popcorn

Fri 5th—**INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 8th—Mon 22nd: EASTER HOLIDAYS



Reminder

Please remember all parents / carers **must** sign in via the office when entering the school building, even if it's just to help a child look for something. We need to be made aware of all visitors to the school in order that we can ensure the safety and security of the children & staff.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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 (a total of £105 should have been paid by the end of this month).



Thank you.

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What's been going on?



World Book Day Quiz Winners

These children fought off fierce competition from the rest of the school, to become the lucky winners of our recent World Book Day Quiz. They will each be rewarded with a £10 Book Token.

These children will be running lunchtime clubs after the Easter Holidays. Lucas & Lukas (Y5) are organising Chess Club; Akil & Tyler (Y5) are running Hockey Club & Izzy & Bella (Y3) will be starting a Singing Club.



Year 4 had an extremely fun (and loud!) day learning authentic drumming techniques by a trained expert this week. The children used their English stimulus - The Journey of the Nightly Jaguar - along with various other ditties to practise various musical curricular, including rhythm, tone, beat, tempo, texture, pulse and structures to name a few. To conclude, each class performed their newly honed drumming skills to their parents in a performance extravaganza involving the whole year group! It truly was a thrilling day.



Here are a few more photos from last week's World Book Day, when both staff & children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Joshua from Shakespeare Class has just been awarded his Level 2 Swimming Certificate, for which he had to master 13 different skills.



Sofia from Dickens Class earned a certificate for taking part in a coding club when on holiday in Malta.

Robbie from Dickens class has just earned his Green belt, blue tag & blue tag in Tae Kwon-do.



Clara from Shakespeare Class has also been awarded her Green belt, blue tag & certificate in Tae Kwon-do.



Charlie from Rowling Class has earned his Level 5 certificate in trampolining.



Layton from Turner Class won a medal for taking part in a football camp during the half term holiday.

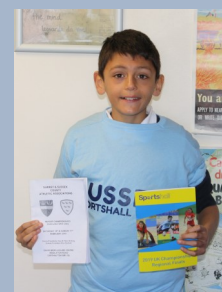
Evie from Dali Class was awarded a badge & leaflet after learning to ski on holiday in France.



Sophie from Rowling won the Times Tables Rockstar trophy & pencil in our recent challenge.



Arun from Mandela Class has been awarded a certificate for achieving Level 6 in swimming. He also represented Sussex in the standing long jump, balance test & 6 lap race in a recent Sports hall Athletics competition, as well as competing in the long jump & 60m sprint at the Surrey & Sussex Indoor Athletics Championship.



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Holly & Izzy from Turner Class have each been awarded several Brownie Badges, including an 'Out & About' badge, a Hostess badge & a special Cinema badge.



Emmy from Turner Class has been working hard in her swimming lessons, and was recently awarded her Level 4 Swimming Certificate.

Thea from Turner Class is also learning to swim. Here she is with the collection of certificates she has been awarded to date.



Mia from Shakespeare Class, and **Clara** from Rowling, have written stories for the Radio 2 '500 Words' Competition. Here they are with their entry certificates.



Hollie from Turner Class has been busy dancing her way to the top! Here she is with a large trophy she won for 1st place in a solo competition, and another for coming 5th place in the pairs section. She also won a sash & a top.



Chloe from Churchill Class is taking part in the Southway 100 Book Challenge, and has already completed her 100 books!



Isla & Oliver (both from Rowling Class) have also been taking part in the 100 Book Challenge. Isla has so far read 50 books, and Oliver has completed 100.



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.

