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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week you will have had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how well they have settled in to the new year as well as how well they are progressing academically. You will no doubt have realised that the current curriculum demands are very high and that so much more is expected of children than was previously the case. Alongside this the demands on teachers and support staff is now greater than ever and I would like to acknowledge what a great job our dedicated team do, more often than not going above and beyond what could and should be reasonably expected.

On a separate note I would like to bring to your attention the importance of bringing children in to school on time and the impact that being late has over time. **Good attendance is important because:** Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%. Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically. Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with. Regular attenders are more successful in transferring between primary school, secondary school, and higher education, employment or training. There is a table below which demonstrates the impact of lateness over time.

'Punctuality is not about being on time, it's basically about respecting your own commitments' **Anonymous**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

November

Thurs 21st—Y2/Reception Parents Open Morning 8.45-10am

Fri 22nd—Y6 Amex Visit

Fri 22nd—Girls Get Active @ the Triangle

Fri 22nd—Curie Class Assembly to parents @ 10am

Fri 22nd—After school discos for all year groups

Thurs 28th—Y4 Preston Manor (Rowling) pm

Thurs 28th—Donation Day for Advent Fayre - wear Christmas Jumpers / tops & Uniform

Fri 29th—Y4 Preston Manor (Shakespeare & Dickens)

Fri 29th—Turner Class Assembly to Parents (10am)

Fri 29th—H S A Advent Fayre

December

Mon 2nd—Y6 Climbing Wall

Tues 3rd—Decorate Southway Day—wear Festive jumpers/tops & uniform

w/c Mon 9th - Half Price Book Fair

Mon 9th—Christmas Concerts at the King's Church—afternoon & evening

Thurs 12th -Y6 Open Afternoon for Parents

Weds 18th—No Electricity Day

Thurs 19th—Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th—Awards Assembly to invited Parents @ 10am

Fri 20th—LAST DAY OF TERM

(School reopens on Mon 6th January)

Minutes late per day	Number of days over a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Chartwells Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be available on Thursday 19th December. Please order online at www.mealselector.co.uk by 8th December. Cost is £2.35.



Reminder

Please try to make all doctor's and dental appointments outside of the school day, to avoid your child missing out on important lesson time. Thank you



The Southway Giving Tree will be back in Reception from Tues 3rd December. Please take a tag & leave a wrapped gift under the tree, if you would like to donate a gift to a needy child. Thank you

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Nikolaos from Dali Class proudly displays the purple belt he was awarded at his recent grading.



Finley from Dali Class took part in an athletics competition for Brighton & Hove. He took part in the 'speed bounce', standing long jump & a 2 lap sprint around the sports hall. He came 3rd in the final event, & his team came 4th overall.

Darcey from Picasso Class was awarded a certificate for passing Level 9 in trampolining. Keep bouncing Darcey!



Amy from Mandela Class was awarded a medal at the recent New Age Curling & Boccia Festival at the Triangle. She was chosen because she tried the hardest.

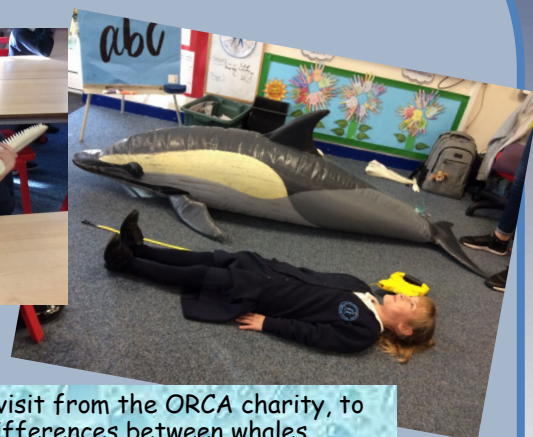


Amelia from Curie Class is part of BHMY and plays the Clarinet. BHMY led the remembrance procession in Ditchling on Sunday. Dame Vera Lynne's daughter was there, as was Zoe Ball. They both really enjoyed listening to the band. BHMY even got a mention by Zoe Ball on her Radio 2 breakfast show!

Hollie from Shakespeare Class attended the sparkle dance championship over the weekend, winning several trophies for her hard work! She had lots of fun and most importantly was a supportive friend to all the girls at her dance school.



What's Been Happening?



On Friday 9th November, **Year 3** were very lucky to have a visit from the ORCA charity, to talk to us about whales and dolphins. We learnt about the differences between whales, dolphins and porpoises and how pollution in our ocean can affect them. We got to touch a dolphin skull and even got to see a life size inflatable model called Seaweed!



A group of **Year 3** children attended a multiskills festival on Monday 11th November at Burgess Hill Academy. They participated in a variety of activities and learnt lots of skills. The afternoon consisted of a mixture of sports skills, including netball, football and basketball activities, all ran by students from the Academy. Everyone had lots of fun!



On Thursday 7th November, **Year 3** went on a trip to Drusilla's. We learnt about how different animals are adapted to their habitats and some of us even dressed up as these animals! We were lucky enough to be able to touch some of the animals and got to stroke snakes, rats and chinchillas. We had a wonderful day and learnt lots about a variety of different animals, including penguins, monkeys and camels!

Last Wednesday, 11 boys & 11 girls from **Y5 & Y6** took part in an indoor sports hall event at Warden Park Academy. Everyone enjoyed competing in jumping, throwing & relay races, & performed to the best of their ability. We finished in 5th place overall. Well done to all who took part.



This week we said goodbye to **Mr Le Gonidec**, our Premises Officer, who is moving on to pastures new. We would all like to wish him all the best in his new venture, & we would like to thank him for all his hard work over the past few months, especially with the swimming pool over the summer!