



NEWSLETTER

'Learning & Achieving Together'



Dear Families

At long last we are back open! It has been wonderful to see the children back smiling and happy to return to some normality, catch up with their friends and teachers and settle in to a school routine once again after so long. It has undoubtedly been a challenging year for all of us but it looks very much like there is light at the end of the tunnel. I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents for adapting so quickly to our new drop off and pick up routines and it is clear to me that the children have also embraced these changes without a backward glance. I would also like to acknowledge and thank parents for the many emails and messages of praise and support for the school and its approach to teaching and learning during the last few months. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and has genuinely boosted the staff as they have had to adapt quickly to a new way of working.

I would also like to pay tribute to the brilliant staff. They have been relentlessly positive when faced with the challenges of learning new skills, teaching in a way that is so unfamiliar and supporting the children through potentially difficult times. They really are an amazing team and I feel privileged to work alongside them.

The children have been overwhelmingly engaged in their learning and remained positive throughout. It is remarkable how resilient they are. I would also like to thank the governing body for offering their support and encouragement at all times throughout this time. It has really felt like a collective effort with everyone working in the best interests of the children and pulling together.

'My optimism wears heavy boots and is loud.' **Henry Rollins**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend
Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

Friday 19th March – Red Nose Day Fundraising Activities & Cake Sales

Wednesday 24th March – Y6 Visit to the Woods

Monday 29th March – Easter Bonnet Competition

Wednesday 31st March – Movie & Popcorn Night

Thursday 1st April – Last Day of Term

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April – School Closed for Easter Holiday

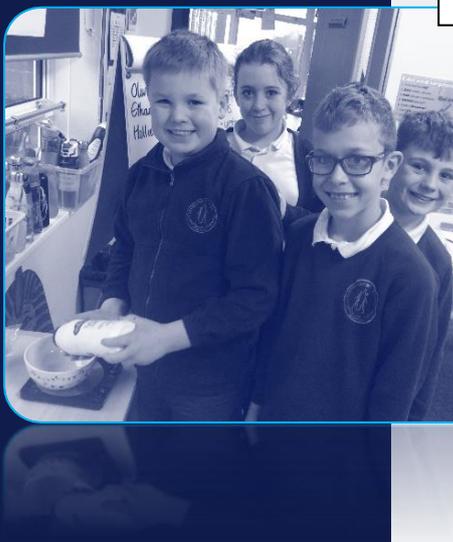
Monday 19th April – Start of Summer Term

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Southway Junior School
Burgess Hill



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?



Year 3 went pond dipping and tended to our market garden. We will be planting mint, carrots, lettuce and spring onions next week! We found a few frogs and lots of frog spawn in the pond. The children also had the opportunity to sit back and enjoy the area by sketching what they saw.



Here are the winning entries from the recent World Book Day Vegetable Characters Competition – well done to everyone who took part!