



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Summer 4: 12th June 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed the lovely weather and we've had a busy few weeks after the half-term break.

Be Cool, Walk, Cycle or Scoot to School!

Year 2 have completed 'Safer Scooter' sessions and children in Nursery and Reception have been working with Claire Leman the Active Travel Officer on bike and scooter skills.



Skipping Festival - 30 children from Year 4 came first in the Whitley Bay Skipping Festival and will go on to compete in the North Tyneside Festival in July. Congratulations to them all. Mr Merryweather is very proud of them and delighted with their success after all their hard work.



Tennis - A group of children from Year 3 and 4 went to the tennis festival and came third. Mrs Aitken reported back on their excellent sportsmanship. The weather was not in our favour as it was a very windy day! However our children enjoyed practising their sports skills and playing in matches.



Segedunum Trip - Year 3 enjoyed a successful trip to Segedunum. They were in role as Celts and made bracelets, painted their hands with woad and enjoyed storytelling by the camp fire. Maximus the Centurion gave them a real taste of the discipline required to be a recruit in the Roman Army! They also enjoyed looking around the museum and archaeological site.

Sunny days - We've been lucky enough to experience some warmer weather over the last couple of days. On these warmer days please remember to apply plenty of sun cream before school and provide your child with a **named** sun hat and water bottle.



Sponsored Fun Run



Today the children completed their Fun Run. The costumes were fantastic and all the children put a great deal of effort in to this event. Please help the children to collect in their sponsor money and return it to school in a named envelope by Thursday 25th June. We will post the total amount raised in our next newsletter. Thank you for all your generous support.



Disco - Our PTA have organised a summer term disco with G-Force for all the children from Reception to Year 4 on June 18th. **PLEASE NOTE RECEPTION children may come to school in**

their disco clothes all day. They will be looked after by staff at 3.30 and taken along to the hall for the disco. Please send their money (£2.50) in a named envelope.

Reception - 3.45 - 4.45

Year 1 and 2 - 5.00 - 6.00 - pay on the door

Year 3 and 4 - 6.15 - 7.15 - pay on the door

National Schools Sports Week - This takes place on 22nd -26th June when staff will organise some inter-school key stage sports tournaments. Children will also have a sports diary to record any activities they undertake at home and school.

 Youth Sport Trust

**National School
Sport Week**

22-26 June 2015

European Day - On Monday 29th June we will be having a European Day where the children take part in a carousel of activities based around European countries including food tasting. They will all be issued with a passport for the day which will be stamped as they move around the activities. Year 4 will also have a science workshop at the end of the day with Joel from the Think Physics team. He will link the opportunities in the science industry abroad that would be available to our children if they develop their language skills.



Year 2 School Meals -

A reminder for parents of children in Year 2 that from September 2015 when your children move in to Year 3 they are no longer eligible for **Universal Free School Meals which are only available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.** However, you may meet the requirements for Free School Meals if you are on a qualifying benefit. Please do not hesitate to contact the office staff if you would like advice or you can apply or register for Free School Meals using the website my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Summer Fayre - This year our annual summer event will take place on 3rd July 4pm - 7pm.



Friends Of Southridge

This is an excellent event organised by our PTA. It is only possible if there are a significant number of people who can help out on the day with stalls, refreshments etc. Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help. If you are able to assist on the day please see members of our PTA -

or leave your contact details at the school office.

Staffing Update - As we broke up for half-term Miss Andersen was appointed as class teacher with a responsibility post at Coquet Park First School. This is an excellent opportunity for her and we wish her every success in her new role. The governors interviewed and appointed two new class teachers last week. Mrs Helen Mason and Miss Jo Flitcroft. We look forward to welcoming them to Southridge in September.

Uniform Sale - We have some surplus uniform stock (limited sizes) that will be on sale next Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the school playground or library if wet. If you would like to purchase some items ready for September please note that payment can be made in cash or by cheque.

Special Requests -

PE Kit - It's always useful for us to have spare items in school so we'd appreciate any PE kit that your child has grown out of. Please pass any spare P.E. Kit on to your child's class teacher.

Trip Money - please send all monies for trips etc. in to school in a **named envelope**.

Finally, a 'thank you' to Mr Bell for cleaning the slide and play equipment last week. We have a friendly seagull who has recently taken to sitting on the school roof, watching the children have their lunch through the top windows of the hall. However, it also left a mess on our play equipment!

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this term:



June

June 19th - Year 4 Trip to Beamish

June 18th - G Force Disco

Reception - 3.45 - 4.45

Year 1 and 2 - 5.00 - 6.00

Year 3 and 4 - 6.15 - 7.15

June 22nd - Reception Class - Father's Day Event (am)

***June 24th - Year 3 Roman Day - children may come dressed in Togas etc.**

***June 26th - Water Safety Talk - all classes**

***June 29th - European Day**

***June 30th - Reception Trip - Woodhorn Colliery**

July

July 3rd - Summer Fayre

July 6th - Annual Reports sent home

July 6th - New to Year 4 -(Sept 15) Meet the Teacher Meeting 5.30pm

July 7th and 8th - Year 4 Transition Days for Middle School

July 7th - Move up to new classes - whole school - morning

July 7th - New to Year 2 - (Sept 15) Meet the Teacher Meeting 5.30pm

July 8th - Sports Day - Key Stage 1 - Year 1 and 2 - 2pm

July 8th - New to Year 3 - (Sept 15) Meet the Teacher Meeting 5.30pm

July 8th - New to Year 1 - (Sept 15) Meet the Teacher Meeting 5.00pm

July 9th - Sports Day - Reception - 2pm

July 9th - Year 4 Leavers Disco

July 10th - Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Year 3 and 4 - 2pm

***July 13th - Year 2 Garden Party 2pm**

***July 14th - Nursery Sports Day *** (Change of Date)**

***July 16th - Nursery Garden Party**

Nursery Breaks Up

July 16th - Year 4 Leaver's Assembly

