



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 1: 11th September 2015

It was wonderful to be able to welcome all our children back to school at the start of this new academic year. All the children look very smart in their uniforms. I have been in each classroom every day this week and there has been a really positive and productive atmosphere throughout the school. We especially welcome all our new starters in Reception and Nursery as they start their school life with us at Southridge.



Our Vision and Values - During Assembly last week we reminded ourselves of the five core values that are like 'magic dust' around our school. They are **friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility**. We also discussed our school motto which reflects these core values in one simple sentence: '**Work hard, enjoy school and do your best.**'

Summer Holiday Building and Learning Environment Developments -

We have been very busy during the summer holiday period working to further develop the learning environment throughout our school. Some of the works include:

A new server in our Computer Suite

31 new P.C.'s in the Computer Suite - following the Fun Run fundraising efforts

Road markings on the tarmac path to Nursery.

Mr Bell has decorated four classrooms

Electrical works



New Reception Intake - A Message from Miss Parker and Mrs Mason -

All the Reception staff are very proud of the fantastic start Southridge's new intake have made during their first two weeks of school. Staff are very impressed with the children's positive attitudes, fantastic behaviour and new found confidence in their setting. The Reception children will look forward to being full time from next week. Well done to all our new pupils and keep it up! We look forward to bright futures ahead at Southridge!

Bike Skills-

On 14th and 28th September children in Year 2 will be taking part in sessions with Claire Leman from Sustrans on bike skills and games. Children will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school - Miss Walker's Class on 14th September and Miss McIntyre's Class on 28th September.

Friends of Southridge, our school PTA are holding their A.G.M on Wednesday 23rd September.



Friends Of Southridge

Friends of Southridge will meet in the school library at 6.30pm for their A.G.M. Please come along - Mrs Brownlee and I would love to see you all. Last year F.O.S. made a valuable contribution to school life organising events for the children and fundraising at the Christmas and Summer Fayre. We really appreciate all their hard work so please join us to find out how you could become involved.

School Council - A Message from Mrs Rosario



As we start another exciting academic year at Southridge First School it's time to think about our School Council representatives. The School Council benefits the whole school, pupils and teachers, because it provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made. Our representatives will attend School Council meetings in school and be a voice for their class and new ones will be elected every term.



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On Friday 18th September the children may come to school in non-uniform wearing jeans for a small donation. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.

School Calendar and Diary Dates -

We are currently updating our school diary. Dates will be updated every fortnight in the newsletter and on the calendar page on our school website www.southridgefirst.org.uk.

Thank you for your support at the start of this new school year. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart and eager to learn. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diaries:



Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2015

SEPTEMBER	
1 st	TRAINING DAY
4 th	Rock It Ball – taster session for Yr 2,3,4
14 th	Reception in FULL TIME Year 2 – Miss Walker’s Class. Bike Skills & games - afternoon
15 th	Individual School Photos
16 th	Individual School Photos – continued
18 th	Jeans for Genes Day – children come to school in non –uniform /jeans
21 st	After School Clubs begin for 5 weeks
28 th	Year 2 – Miss McIntyre’s Class. Bike Skills and Games - afternoon
OCTOBER	
5 th	Winter Road Safety Talk Egyptian Day – Yr 4 / Dinosaur Workshop – Yr 1 – (this date to be confirmed)
7 th **	Walk to School Day
8 th	National Poetry Day FILM CLUB – Yr 3 and 4 Valley Gardens Middle School Open Evening
9 th	Travelling Book Fair arrives
12 th	Parent’s Evening – Pupil Progress Updates – Reception to Year 4 - 3.45 – 5.45pm Nursery – 1.00 to 3.15pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm
12 th	Year 1 - Scooter Skills – Active Travel Lady – Mrs Brownlee’s Class
13 th	Parent’s Evening – Pupil Progress Updates – Reception to Year 4 – 3.45 -5.45pm Nursery 9am to 11.30am and 3.45 to 5.45pm.
15 th	Harvest Festival – for Reception Parents (one adult per child – limited capacity)
16 th	Book Fair finishes
19 th	Year 3 – Trip to Victoria Tunnel and Ouseburn Farm – t.b.c
22 nd	G Force Disco Yr 1 -2 at 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm -7.15pm
23 rd	BREAK UP – HALF-TERM
NOVEMBER	
2 nd	Return to School Clubs start this week for 5 weeks Year 1 – Scooter Skills – Mrs Aitken’s Class
9 th	HIGH BORRANS RESIDENTIAL MEETING for Year 4 parents – 5.30pm in school hall
12 th	Bags to School Collection - PTA FILM CLUB – YR 3 and 4
13 th	CHILDREN IN NEED
16 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
20 th	VE Day – Year 3 – children to come dressed as an evacuee /WW2 child
24 th	Year 1 & 2 Flu Vaccination Programme – all children eligible. Further information and consent forms to follow.
DECEMBER	
3 rd	CHRISTMAS DISCO 5 – 7.15PM
3 rd	Yr 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
8 th	Yr 3 Performance 2pm
9 th	Yr 2 Performance 2pm
11 th	Early Years Performance - Reception and Nursery – joint performance at 9.30am and 2pm. Reception parents may attend either the morning or afternoon performance. Nursery parents attend the performance when their child is usually in Nursery e.g. morning or afternoon.
15 th	Year 1 Christmas Performance
16 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
17 th	PARTY DAY
18 th	BREAK UP

January 4th – Return to School – Training Day

January 5th – Pupils return to school