



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Friends of Southridge,



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Thank you to those of you who attended our P.T.A. meeting on Wednesday night. We look forward to the events planned this term e.g. Christmas Fayre. Please look out for notices in your child's school bag to sign up and help with this event. If you can help for an hour or two to set up on the day / run a stall or refreshments we would be very

grateful.



Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On Friday the children raised £456 for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support.

Rugby World Cup - children in Year 4 are taking part in rugby coaching sessions and we are monitoring the World Cup with interest! We have been invited to send one team of 10 pupils to a Whitley Bay Schools Tournament on October 7th.

Harvest - Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Thursday October 15th. **Parents of children in Reception class** are welcome to stay on at drop off time in the morning on Thursday 15th to listen to the children sing their Harvest songs. We will begin at 9.15 in the hall. (as we will have lots of children in the hall and space is tight, we would ask that **only one parent** per Reception child attend please).



This year we are again asking families to help us support a local charity 'The Bay Foodbank'. This charity aims to provide emergency food provision to individuals and families experiencing financial crisis due to bereavement, benefit delay, illness, redundancy etc. For more information go to www.thebayfoodbank.org.uk. The Bay Food Bank would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned and dried foods e.g. pasta, pasta sauce, rice, vegetables, tuna, breakfast cereal, dried milk, tea bags, sugar, biscuits, cooking sauces, rice pudding etc. Children should bring in their donations on Wednesday October 14th please.

KS1 Autumn Assembly - On October 7th at 9.15am children in Year 1 and 2 would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a short assembly.

KS2 - Autumn Assembly - On October 9th at 9.15am children in Year 3 and 4 would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a short assembly.

Census Day - On Thursday 1st October Tracy our school cook will make a 'Two Roast Dinner'. If your child does not have a school lunch and would like to sign up for lunch they can do so via www.joinos.com

The Travelling Book Fair will be in the school library from 12th October until 15th October. Please come along and browse - book cases will be opened in the school library.

Uniform Reminder-

Our school colours are maroon and grey

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| • Blouse/Shirt or polo shirt | White |
| • Sweatshirt ,V-neck Sweater or cardigan | Maroon or Grey |
| • Trousers | Grey |
| • Skirt/pinafore | Grey |
| • Shoes - flat | Black |
| • Tights | Grey |

Footwear For health and safety reasons and to allow your child to run around freely at playtimes, shoes should be flat. During winter time, children coming to school in Wellingtons or boots should change into their school shoes or appropriate indoor footwear.

Hair Hair should be clean and tidy. Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories such as hair bands, slides and bobbles should be simple and if possible in school colours. Headscarves, bandanas and fancy hairbands should not be worn (unless for religious reasons)

Jewellery For health and safety reasons we ask that the children **do not wear jewellery in school, including earrings of any kind.** (unless for religious reasons). A watch may be worn during lesson time but must be removed for PE.

A Message from Mrs Brownlee - if any parents are able to spare some time to help in school please contact Mrs Brownlee.

Lighthouse Lunch Table - every Friday children are chosen to have lunch on the 'Lighthouse Table' if they have demonstrated good manners or been kind and helpful in the dining hall.

Light up our Lighthouse - On Friday we hold a Celebration Assembly in school when each teacher nominates a child in their class for Headteacher's Award. Nominations are made for working hard, effort, and demonstrating our school values. In each class the staff also award points. These are brought to assembly on Friday and added to a points chart for each year group on our lighthouse display. At the end of each half-term the year group with the most points to 'light up our lighthouse' are rewarded.

School Council - Mrs Rosario held the first School Council meeting this week. She is looking forward to taking our Year 3 and 4 school council representatives to a Local Democracy Event on 14th October. Diary dates - please notes that some new dates have been added to the Diary dates and these are indicated below.

Year 2 Bike Skills - Miss Walker's class took part in a session to develop their confidence when riding a bike and the instructor also shared some safety tips with the children. Miss Walker was very proud of everyone and delighted to see some of the non-riders able to ride across the playground at the end.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Dates for your Diaries:



SEPTEMBER	
28 th	Year 2 – Miss McIntyre’s Class. Bike Skills and Games - afternoon
OCTOBER	
5 th	Winter Road Safety Talk Dinosaur Workshop – Yr 1 – (this date to be confirmed)
7 th **	Walk to School Day Key Stage 1 Assembly –9.15am - Year 1 and 2
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 Year 4 - Egyptian Day (N.B. changed from 5 th October)
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 – to be confirmed 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
4 th **	Christmas Fayre 4pm -6pm
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

**** New date added**