



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 6: 27th November 2015



V.E. Day Celebrations - Last Friday our school hall was full of visitors as Year 3 celebrated VE Day as the finale to their World War 2 topic. Thank you for supporting the children as they performed songs and poems for you. The children did a wonderful job as curators in their class museums!



Children in Need - FINAL TOTAL - We raised £550 - thank you for your generous support.



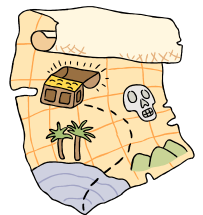
After School Clubs - After School Clubs for this term finish at the end of next week on **4th December**. On Friday **4th December Football Club** is running. Please collect your child as usual.

However, **Rock It Ball** is cancelled as the hall will be in use for the Christmas Fair.

Next term: After School Clubs in the spring term will run for 5 week blocks before and after half-term, starting the second week back on the week **beginning 11th January**. Every club will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

The information regarding After School Clubs for the spring term is being issued to enable us to allocate spaces for next term and should be returned by next week **4th December** at the latest. We would appreciate a prompt response as the office staff will need to allocate and organise over 1000 places across the school for clubs!

Pirate Day - was a good opportunity for Year 1 to apply their literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum. They have also made treasure chests, pirate hats and finger puppets. They followed directions outside in pirate games, enjoyed a dance session with Laura Prince - dance teacher and made pirate biscuits.





Christmas Fair - the Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 4th December at 4 pm to 6pm** in the school hall. The P.T.A. committee will be sending out more information in school bags. If you are able to help with refreshments / on a stall we would be very grateful - please email your details to southridgefirstpta@gmail.com. We would be extremely grateful for donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall and chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola. These can be handed to class teachers on the playground in the morning or left at the school office from next Monday - 30th November. Cakes for the Cake Stall would also be very welcome - donations of these on the day please.



On the day of the Fair - 4th December children are welcome to wear non - school uniform and wear something with a Christmas theme.

Christmas Disco - KS1 and 2. The P.T.A are running a disco on Thursday 3rd December in the school hall. Year 1 and 2 may attend at 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm.

Christmas Lunch on 16th December - We have received the following information from Catering Services:

Please can you pay for your child's Christmas lunch by debit / credit card via JOINOS www.joinos.com Meals cost £2.08 and must be paid for on line.

If you do not have access to Joinos can you please contact catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk to request a Joinos Code. To keep administration to a minimum we would appreciate it if you do not pay by cash. **Meals are free for those eligible for free school meals and for all children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) but the children need to be registered on Joinos.**

E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers - On Monday 11th January at 9am. Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver an internet safety session for parents and carers in the school hall. This will be an informative session lasting approximately one hour and is part of our safeguarding agenda to ensure that we work together to protect our children when they are using the internet. (N.B. this event was held in the evening last year with low attendance. Claire is offering a morning slot this year and will alternate morning and evening every year)

Reminders:

Dogs at the school gate - One of our parent /carers was recently frightened by a nervous dog in the busy period at the end of the day. If you are bringing your dog to school please try and leave it tied up slightly away / set back from the school gate as it is very crowded when all the children leave at the end of the day.

Parking - local residents are contacting school on a regular basis with concerns over parking in the adjacent streets and the safety of our children. Please be considerate when parking nearby and adhere to parking restrictions in Cranleigh Place. I appreciate that at the beginning and end of the school day the area around school is congested and parking can be difficult but the children's safety on their way to and from school is important.

Nursery places - September 2016 - Please remember to return application forms to request a place for your child in Nursery for September 2016 by **4th December**.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Please remember to name your child's school uniform and P.E. Kit - it helps us to return sweatshirts etc. to the correct child.
(Any donations of spare uniform would be appreciated for when children have accidents etc.)



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

DECEMBER	
3 rd	CHRISTMAS DISCO 5 - 6pm - Year 1 & 2 and 6.15 - 7.15pm for Year 3 & 4
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 2pm
16 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
17 th	PARTY DAY - children wear party clothes.
18 th	BREAK UP
JANUARY	
4 th	Staff return to School - Teacher Training Day
5 th	Pupils return to school