



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 1: 8th January 2016



Happy New Year - Happy New Year, I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holiday. It has been lovely to hear all the Christmas and New Year stories from the children.

Curriculum Information - Please check your child's school bag for details of the topic being taught and a letter from the teacher. We hope this gives you an overview of your child's learning. Pupil progress updates take place later in the term, however if you have any queries you are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher at any time.

After School Clubs - Thank you for all the replies for the After School Clubs at the end of last term. It is wonderful to see all the additional activities which will start next week (from Monday 11th January onwards). If you are unsure, or have any queries, please see the office staff. If children are taking part in any outdoor sporting clubs e.g. football or multi - skills, they should wear warm sports kit.

School Meals 'Under the Sea' - Catering Services are having a themed lunch on Thursday 21st January. If you would like your child to have school lunch that day please sign up via joinos at www.joinos.com

Computing Workshops - Children in Year 2 have taken part in a Computing workshop on manipulating digital sounds.

Faith and Diversity Workshops - On Friday 15th January the children will take part in a variety of activities looking at different faiths and cultures. They will work in mixed groups across the classes exploring our shared values.



'Think Physics' Project - This term we continue to work in partnership with Northumbria University to develop science in school and promote the opportunities available to young people in the future. Think Physics is an imaginative, innovative and holistic support scheme that inspires, excites and engages children through their journey into physics and related STEM disciplines. Joe from the Think Physics team is a real favourite with our children and he will be in school this term delivering a workshop to each year group.

A Message from Mrs Brownlee - We are delighted to welcome a member of the St Oswald's team to our assembly on Tuesday 12th January. The children will be presenting a large cheque for £880 in acknowledgement of their fundraising efforts last term selling Christmas Beansies.



E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers – A reminder that on Monday Claire Graham the I.T. Adviser will be in school at 9am for a workshop with parents and carers on how to ensure children use the internet safely. (See notice sent out in school bags this week)

Save the Date! (Year 4 parents). This year our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in the Whitley Bay Carnival on Saturday 28th May. Please add this date to your calendar - more details to follow.



Reminders:



Friends Of Southridge

Friends of Southridge – G - Force Disco - 17th March

The P.T.A. are organising a disco that will be held in the school hall at 5 - 6pm for Year 1 and 2 and 6.15 -7.15 for Year 3 and 4. More details after half-term.

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch - takes place on 30-31st January. The children may enjoy watching the birds in your garden for one hour during this Birdwatch weekend. More information can be found at:



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/>

Recording Pupil Absence - Please remember to telephone the school office if your child is absent so that the office staff can keep our registers up to date.

Reception Class – September 2016 – A reminder that the deadline for applying for a place in Reception for the next academic year is on Friday 15th January 2016. Please apply at:

https://schooladmissions.northtyneside.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline_live

Diary Dates – Some diary dates for next term are set out below and will be added to as the term progresses. I hope that this helps you plan your calendars for the term and gives you advance notice of activities and events. More information will be sent out over the coming weeks.

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.)

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

January	
4 th	Training Day – 8.30am start
5 th	Children back to school
5 th	Yr 2 Computing Workshop - Miss Walker's Class
11 th	Clubs start for 5 weeks until half-term
11 th	E-Safety session for parents 9am – Claire Graham – I.T. Adviser
12 th	Stone Age Day – Year 3
15 th	Faith and Diversity Day
15 th	Deadline for Reception Admissions for September 2016
21 st	School meals Census Day – 'Under the Sea' theme
22 nd	Yr 2 – Computing Workshop – Miss McIntyre's Class
27 th	P.C. Julie Twigg – KS2 Assembly
28 th	P.C. Julie Twigg – KS1 Assembly
30 -31st	RSPB Birdwatch

February 9 th 12 th 24 th 25 th 29 th	Healthy School Workshops / Safer Internet Day Break Up for half-term HALF – TERM ‘Think Physics’ project – Year 1 Science Workshops – Floating and Sinking Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple ‘Think Physics’ project – Year 2 Science Workshop – Plants
March 3 rd 4 th 7 th 8 th 14 th 15 th 16 th 17 th 17 th 18 th 21 st 22 nd 22nd 23rd	World Book Day – children invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Yr 4 – Computing Workshop – Mr Merryweather’s Class Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm – 5.45pm (Reception – Year 4) Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm – 5.45pm (Reception – Year 4) National Science Week Dance Festival – (Year 3 & 4 Dance Club) Whitley Bay Playhouse Year 4 Visit to Think Lab at Northumbria ‘Be Safe’ Workshop for Year 4 G –Force Disco ‘Sport Relief’ Event Nursery – ‘Stay and Play’ – 8.45 -9.45am / 12.30 -1.30pm Nursery – ‘Stay and Play’ – 8.45 -9.45am / 12.30 -1.30pm Nursery Parents Evening will be held after Easter Easter Assembly – Reception Yr 1 & 2 - Miss McIntyre’s Class. One adult per child Easter Assembly – Yr 2, 3 and 4 Miss Walker’s Class. One adult per child BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

N.B. Teacher Training Day 11th April

Return to school – 12th April