



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As January comes to end we look back at how hard the children have worked this month despite lots of colds and tummy bugs etc. We have seen snow showers and very strong winds and hope the weather turns milder for everyone at half-term on 12th February.

Safer Internet Day - is on 9th February when the children will be reminded of the E-Safety rules we follow in school. A copy of our E-Safety policy for parents is available on our website.

Healthy Schools - we are looking forward to a visit from the school nurse on Tuesday 9th February when children in Year 1 & 2 will have workshops on dental health and Year 3 & 4 will discuss healthy eating choices.

Pupil Progress Updates - this week letters have been issued to enable you to sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher. Staff will be available to discuss progress and how you can help your child at home on Monday 7th March or Tuesday 8th March. Please send reply slips back as soon as possible so that staff can organise appointments.

Children's Choice at Southridge First School - the independent child care setting on our site was inspected by Ofsted on 14th January 2016 and was judged to be 'Good' in all areas. Congratulations to Alex Thompson and all the staff. A copy of the full report is in school bags.

Nursery - after half-term Mrs Karen Pringle will join the staff team as full-time Nursery teacher. She will lead teaching and learning in our nursery working with Mrs Waller and Mrs Scott as well as liaising with Children's Choice Wraparound.

Building Works - during the half-term holiday the Local Authority will be repairing the kitchen roof which has been clad in a temporary cover for 3 years. They will also be replacing the kitchen windows and installing a fire-proof shutter on the kitchen hatch. In addition we will be having an area of hard surface laid in the Nursery garden to facilitate Outdoor Learning.

Parking - P.C. Julie Twigg has visited school this half-term to lead assemblies for our children on citizenship in our community. She has also been working closely with the Road Safety officer from North Tyneside Council following concerns raised by residents regarding congestion around school. Please adhere to the parking restrictions and park considerately when dropping off and picking up to ensure the safety of our children in Cranleigh Place, Earnshaw Way and the surrounding streets.

A Message from Mrs Aitken - we are collecting Sainsburys vouchers and by the end of the summer term will hopefully be able to order additional P.E. equipment.

Friends of Southridge - A HUGE THANK YOU to our PTA committee for all their fund raising efforts. The funding allows us to purchase much needed resources for school but also to enhance and enrich the curriculum. We are able to organise special themed days / visitors in school as the PTA support these events with a donation in addition to voluntary contributions from parents. The children have been able to enjoy some fantastic workshops, visitors, activities during themed days and weeks thanks to your support and the PTA's generosity. The PTA have also funded the purchase of new reading books, a contribution towards themed days, dance workshops and



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Early Years resources. We are also building up some funding to replace the interactive whiteboards. After half-term our PTA will once again be organising a Mother's Day Gift Shop and a school disco. As a staff we are extremely grateful for the time and efforts of those involved in the P.T.A.

World Book Day - 3rd March - A reminder that the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. They will complete activities in their Literacy lessons and receive their book voucher.



Half-term holiday - we break up for school on Friday 12th February and return to school on Monday 22nd February. After School Clubs (Block 2) will continue straight after half-term for 4 weeks.

Diary Dates - New diary dates added below *

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

February	
8 th *	Zoo Lab - Year 1 and 4
9 th *	Healthy School Workshops / Safer Internet Day
9 th	Reception Classes - Hearing and Vision Tests with the school nurse
12 th	Break Up for half-term
	HALF - TERM
23 rd *	Year 2 - KS 1 SAT's Presentation for parents 9am & 5pm
24 th	'Think Physics' project - Year 1 Science Workshops - Floating and Sinking
25 th	Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple
29 th	'Think Physics' project - Year 2 Science Workshop - Plants
March	
3 rd	World Book Day - children invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book.
4 th	Yr 4 - Computing Workshop - Mr Merryweather's Class
7 th	Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm (Reception - Year 4)
8 th	Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm (Reception - Year 4)
8 th *	Fire Safety Talk - Year 2
10 th *	Reception Classes - Heights and Weights with the school nurse
14 th	National Science Week
15 th	Dance Festival - (Year 3 & 4 Dance Club) Whitley Bay Playhouse
16 th	Year 4 Visit to Think Lab at Northumbria
17 th	'Be Safe' Workshop for Year 4
17 th	G -Force Disco
17 th *	Bags to School
18 th	'Sport Relief' Event
21 st	Nursery - 'Stay and Play' - 8.45 -9.45am / 12.30 -1.30pm
22 nd	Nursery - 'Stay and Play' - 8.45 -9.45am / 12.30 -1.30pm
	Nursery Parents Evening will be held after Easter
22 nd	Easter Assembly - Reception Yr 1 & 2 - Miss McIntyre's Class. One adult per child
23 rd	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 and Teacher Training Day - Elections 5th May

Return to school - 12th April

