



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working very hard this term and making good progress. On 7th and 8th March at our 'Pupil Progress Updates' parents of children in Year 1 - 4 will have the opportunity to meet with the class teacher. Please send reply slips back if you have not done so already so that staff can organise appointments. At Southridge we pride ourselves on the high standards our children achieve but also ensuring that all children live out our school motto - We work hard, enjoy school and do our best! Staff also work very hard to ensure that we offer a rich, exciting and enjoyable curriculum with each year group taking part in a wide range of activities. Your child will bring home a Curriculum Map / Topic Web outlining their work this half-term and I am sure your children will have talked to you about the activities/ themed days etc. they have taken part in this term.

Year 2 SAT's meeting - thank you to Miss Walker and Miss McIntyre and those parents who attended the information session on Tuesday. A copy of the presentation has been sent home for those parents who were unable to attend.

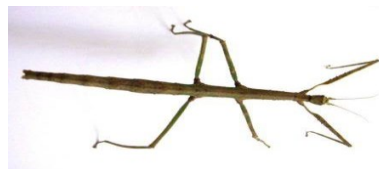


Year of the Sheep
2015 Printable Calendar
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Year 1 Chinese New Year Day - Year 1 celebrated Chinese New Year making Chinese lanterns, lucky money wallets, having a go at Chinese writing and they even danced under the dragon to Chinese music and played the pentatonic scale!

Year 1 - Think Physics Workshop - floating and sinking workshop. This week we were delighted to welcome the 'Think Physics' team back in to school. Joe (Team Leader) had the children enthralled as they made boats and he led them through an investigation in how to transport a 'goat' across a river. Joe will be working with each year group over the next few months.

Zoo Lab - Children in Year 1 and 4 enjoyed a workshop with staff from Zoo Lab. They brought in some 'amazing animals' for Year 1 to see and those which you would find in the Rainforest for our Year 4 children - all linked to their topics. Our children listened and looked very carefully and enjoyed the 'hands-on' aspect of handling some of the creatures e.g. giant stick insects, African snails, tortoises snakes, cockroaches and tarantulas!



Year 3 Hindu Temple visit - the children enjoyed learning about the traditions of the Hindu faith. They found out about food, traditional dress, symbols and gods.

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Disco – A disco will be held on Thursday 17th March for Year 1 and 2 at 5pm -6pm and for Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. Entrance is £2.50 – payable on the door. (Children may also bring a small amount of loose change for the tuck shop)

Mother's Day Gift Shop – once again our PTA will run a gift shop for the children in the library on the morning of Tuesday 1st March and the afternoon of Thursday 3rd March. The children may bring £3 in a named envelope or purse if they wish to purchase a gift.

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 have already received their book voucher.



After School Clubs – (Block 2) are running for 4 weeks this half-term before we break up for Easter. Letters will be issued next week to enable you to sign up for activities in the summer term.

A Home-time reminder – Please leave school promptly at the end of the school day via the main gates and stay off the field. After the Easter holiday pupils may stay and use the climbing frame and adjacent section of field until 4pm when Mr Bell secures the school site. (N.B. Parent /carer supervision is required and the school accepts no responsibility for accidents / injuries)

Coming up:

Sport Relief Day 2016 – our children will support this very worthwhile cause on Friday 18th March by completing a carousel of sports activities. We will be 'running ourselves proud' by completing a Sport Relief Mile and other activities. Children may bring a donation on the day and can come to school wearing outdoor sports kit e.g. trainers, tracksuits etc.

Science Week – 14th – 18th March – we are busy putting together a cross curricular programme of activities which the children will complete.

Easter Assemblies – please note that the assemblies will start at 9.10am in the school hall where the children will share an 'Easter Medley' for you and the PTA will provide refreshments afterwards.

IMPORTANT NOTE – only one adult per child as we have limited capacity in the school hall.

March 22nd – 9.10am Coffee and Catch Up – Easter Assembly – Reception, Year 1 and 2 (Miss McIntyre's class)

March 23rd – 9.10am Coffee and Catch Up – Easter Assembly – Year 2 (Miss Walker's class), 3 and 4

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.)

February 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