



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of another busy term we look back with pride at all our children have achieved this term.

Year 2 - last week Joe from the 'Think Physics' team returned to school to work with Year 2 and carried out experiments on plants. They all became 'Botanists' for the workshop using magnifying glasses and electronic microscopes. This week the Fire Service visited Year 2 and talked to the children about The Great Fire of London and Fire Safety.

Reception - have also enjoyed visits from the Police and Fire Service recently as part of their on-going work on people who help us.

Science Week - takes place next week on the 14th - 18th March. Staff have planned activities for the children to 'link their learning' across the curriculum.

Quick Sticks Hockey - congratulations to our Year 4's who played extremely well in a hockey tournament last week. One team of 6 pupils will represent the school in the local final next week. They were ll superb and their sporting excellence and attitude was commended by staff.

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.

ParentTalk A free parenting course is running at school on Monday 18th, 25th April, 9th, 16th, 23rd May and 6th June 9am -10.30am which explores the joys & challenges of being a parent/carer of children 0-18 years. If you would like to attend please leave your name at the office or return the reply slip sent out in school bags last week.

Anti-Bullying Award - this week four of our Year 4 pupils will attend a celebration event to collect an award for our school. This is in recognition of the work we do promoting our core values of friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility and our strong school ethos.

Friends of Southridge



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)

After School Clubs - Letters are being sent out detailing clubs which are running next term. Please complete your form if you would like to register interest in any of the activities and return it to school by Friday 18th March. Please note allocation slips will be issued **after** the Easter holidays.

School Meals - The summer term menu is available on the North Tyneside website and a copy has gone out in school bags.

An **important message** from Catering Services:

As of April 2016, cash will no longer be accepted for the payment of School Meals at Southridge First School:

Please log on to:-

www.joinos.com

to make a debit/credit card online payment at any time of the day

The website offers so much more, you can:-

- *Keep up to date with important school meal information*
- *Check the dates your child has school lunch*
- *Personally manage your payments for school lunches*
- *Check your child's school meal account balance*
- *See the current menu and receive advance notice of new menu and other information*
- *Receive regular reminders when your account needs topping up*

If you do not have access to Joinos, please email

catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk *with the following information:-*

- *Full name, full address and postcode*
- *Child's name and school*

A joinos code will then be sent to you, together with information on how to access your account.

Alternatively you can contact Tel: 0191 6432888 to make a debit/credit card payment over the telephone 7.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday, where you will be asked to provide the name, year, class and school of your child and the value you would like to pay

Thank you

Catering Services

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 Easter Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and 2 (Miss McIntyre's class)

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

Summer Uniform Reminder - After the holidays we move in to the summer term. I would like to remind you of our school uniform and ask for your help in ensuring that the children are in uniform and dressed smartly for school.

Our school colours are maroon and grey

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| • Blouse/Shirt or polo shirt | White |
| • V-neck Sweater or cardigan | Grey or Maroon |
| • Sweatshirt | Maroon |
| • Trousers | Grey |
| • Skirt/pinafore | Grey |
| • Shoes - flat | Black |
| • Socks | Grey or white |
| • Summer Dress -optional | Blue stripe |
| • Shorts | Grey |

Uniform is available to purchase from Anne Thomas Workwear in Whitley Bay.

A Goodbye to Mrs Brownlee - Mrs Brownlee will be leaving at Easter to enable her to spend more time with her family. Mrs Brownlee has made an immense contribution to Southridge First School over many years. She has worked at the school for 22 years and been Deputy Head for 11 years, taking responsibility for Literacy, KS1, PSHE and contributing to the daily management of the school. On Wednesday 23rd March refreshments will be served between 2.30pm - 3.30pm in the school if you would like to drop in and say goodbye.

The Governors will be advertising the Deputy Head post and recruitment will take place next term.

Finally, on behalf of all the children, staff and governors I would like to thank you for all your help and support during the last term and wish you all a Happy Easter. It has been an extremely busy and successful term. We look forward to seeing all the children **return to school on Tuesday 12th April.**

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES - see below

March	
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