



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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## Newsletter - Summer 1: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned refreshed following the Easter holidays. We have a busy diary this term and look forward to talking to the children about all the exciting activities and events planned for this term.

### **Sport Relief Day 2016 - a message from Mrs Aitken.**

Thank you for all your kind donations. We had a fantastic day of sporting activities to fundraise for Sport Relief. Our children took part in the following activities:

- Running a 'Sport Relief Mile'
- A Skipathon
- Dance Workshop
- Circuit Exercises



**WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN AT SOUTHRIDGE  
FIRST SCHOOL.**



**WE RAISED £373.67 FOR SPORT RELIEF**

**School Meals** - The summer term menu is available on the North Tyneside website and our school website.

**Diary Dates** - for the term are listed below to enable you to plan the term ahead. They will be added to as the term progresses and staff book trips etc. Please check them in the fortnightly newsletters.

**E-Safety** - a copy of our updated E-Safety policy is on the school website [www.southridgefirst.org.uk](http://www.southridgefirst.org.uk) and all the children are reminded of our E-Safety rules on a regular basis.

**Congratulations to Year 4** - a group of Year 4 children took part in a Dodgeball Festival before the Easter holidays and came second. They played extremely well and were a credit to the school.

**Another Congratulations** to Joseph Chandler in Year 4 who has been chosen as the best poet in our region out of 20,000 entries in a Poetry Emotions competition. Joseph's poem was called 'Happiness and Sadness' and was a fabulous piece of writing.

**'Think Physics' Workshops** - we are very lucky to continue our work in Science with Joe Shimwell from Northumbria University. He will be back in school working with different year groups. Year 3 will be the lucky ones to investigate the science behind volcanoes with a volcanologist!

**Class Photographs** - On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June Michelle Fowler will be in school taking class photographs. There will be no obligation to purchase these photographs but please notify your child's class teacher if you do not wish your child to be included.

**High Borrans Residential Visit for Year 4 on 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Our Year 4 pupils will visit High Borrans for their annual residential visit – this is a fantastic opportunity for our oldest children and we know they will have a wonderful time sampling new activities e.g. canoeing, ropes course, rock scrambling, mini peak walks etc. My sincere thanks go to Mrs McIntosh for organising the visit and to Mr Merryweather and all our additional staff who leave their own families to accompany the children and enable this visit to go ahead.

**Creative Arts Week** – During the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April the staff have organised a variety of activities across the week in dance, art and music. The children will enjoy dance workshops with Laura Prince, art workshops with outreach artists from the Hatton Gallery and music demonstrations in African drums. In addition the children who take violin lessons will perform for the whole school.

**Reminders -**

**Local Elections** - On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May school will be closed for a Teacher Training Day. Our school hall is used as a polling station on Election Day and has to be closed to pupils. We use this as one of our statutory training days.

**Keeping safe in the sun** - Hopefully the weather will improve soon as the children have returned this week in their winter coats! Once the good weather arrives please ensure that children have water bottles and sun hats in school. It would be helpful if all day sun screen protection could be applied before the children arrive at school.

Yours sincerely,

*S. E. Hall.*

Mrs S. Hall  
**Headteacher**

**Diary Dates – Summer 2016**

<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> Think Physics Workshop – Year 3 Class Photographs High Borrans – residential for Year 4 – Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Young’s class leave <b>CREATIVE ARTS WEEK</b> – music, dance and art activities across the week Mr Slade – Violin teacher – Presentation by those children taking lessons 3pm High Borrans – Mr Merryweather’s class leave
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup></b>	Bank Holiday Skipping Lesson – Year 4 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Local Elections – Training Day Nursery – New Parents Meeting 5pm Year 1 Medieval Day Year 2 SAT’s start and continue until 25 <sup>th</sup> May Nursery Parent Consultations – more information to follow
<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Computing Workshop Year 3 (MR) <b>CELEBRATION EVENT – QUEENS 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY</b> (Children to wear party clothes with a red/white and blue theme) Year 3 trip to Segedunum 9am – New to Reception Meeting – (for parents of children starting in September 2016) Skipping Festival – afternoon (Year 4) to be confirmed

14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	Computing Workshop Year 3 – (JF) Phonics Test for Year 1 G-Force Disco – Reception to Year 4 Reception at 3.45pm – 4.45pm Year 1 -2 at 5pm – 6pm Year 3- 4 at 5.15pm -6.15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Week – ('Run A Mile Every Day' and other activities) Year 3 – Roman Day in school – children can come dressed as roman soldiers /wear togas etc. More details to follow.
23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for European Referendum – additional staff training day <b>SUMMER FAIR</b> – 4pm
July 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Reports issued to parents Children move up to new classes - (morning session) Year 4 transition days to Middle School New to Year 4 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm New to Year 3 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm New to Year 1 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm New to Year 2 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm Year 4 Leaver's Disco – 6pm Nursery Sports Day – 10.30am (morning Nursery) and 2pm (afternoon Nursery) Year 2,3,4 Olympic Sports Day 2pm Reception / Year 1 Olympic Sports Day 2pm Nursery Breaks Up Year 4 Leaver's Assembly 2pm BREAK UP

TRAINING DAY - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Return to School - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016