



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Summer 2: 29th April 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,



'Think Physics' Workshops - Year 3 enjoyed a Volcanoes workshop which enhanced the work the children have already done in Science and Geography. They now have a deeper understanding of what a volcanologist does and what a volcano is! Joe from the 'Think Physics' team showed the viscosity of magma by using runny honey, syrup and water.

High Borrans Residential Visit for Year 4 - the children have had a fantastic week in the Lake District completing outdoor activities and enjoying the experience of being away from home. They have been an absolute pleasure to take away and the teachers are very proud of them all. I am sure they will all sleep well this weekend - as will the staff who accompanied them!

Creative Arts Week - The children have danced their way to the other side of the world with African themed dance sessions and created art work inspired by our resident artist from The Hatton Gallery. Our violinists performed a 'mini recital' for the whole school and were truly impressive! This afternoon Year 4 performed following an African Drum workshop. After half-term our violinists and choir will be performing together in an evening concert - more details to follow.

Deputy Head Appointment - last week the governors interviewed for a Deputy Headteacher and appointed Mr Finn Willcock who will be joining us in September.

Congratulations to Mrs Aitken - who has secured a promotion and will be taking up the post of Early Years Leader at St Joseph's Primary School, North Shields. We are very pleased for her and wish her every success as she faces new and exciting challenges in her career.

Friends of Southridge - thank you to our PTA who work extremely hard to fundraise for school.

The following events were held last term and raised the amounts listed below.



Barca night out	Total £135	
Mothers day	Total £356.69	
Spring Disco	Total £264.31	
	Assemblies	Total £238.86
Bags2school	Total £100	

On Friday 13th May at 2pm a PTA meeting will be held in the school library and will include planning for the Summer Fair. Everyone is welcome to attend,

Reminders:

PE Kit - hopefully the weather will improve next week and we hope to be outside more for PE lessons. Please would it be possible to check all PE kit is named.

- Shorts Maroon
- Track suit bottoms for outdoor use Black - plain
- Sweatshirts can be worn outside Maroon
- Trainers any

After School Clubs - Club allocation letters were sent out last week. Please note that the children are offered a variety of clubs and therefore different year groups do different activities each term. Children may not continue the same club each term so please check your letters. At the end of the day Mr Bell will clear the school site by 4pm. On Thursdays after school we have activities on the field and yard so please take your children home straight after school unless you are waiting for a club to finish which will help staff supervising the children attending clubs.

Local Elections - on **Monday 2nd May** (Bank Holiday) and **Thursday 5th May** (Local Elections - staff training day) **school will be closed.**

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Diary Dates – Summer 2016

May 2nd 3rd 5th 9th 11th 16th 23rd/24th	Bank Holiday Skipping Lesson – Year 4 SCHOOL CLOSED for Local Elections – Training Day Nursery – New Parents Meeting 5pm Year 1 Medieval Day Year 2 SAT's start and continue until 25 th May Nursery Parent Consultations – more information to follow
June 7th 10th 13th 14th 14th 14th 15th/16th 16th 20th 22nd 23rd 24th	Computing Workshop Year 3 (MR) CELEBRATION EVENT – QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY (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 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 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. SCHOOL CLOSED for European Referendum – additional staff training day SUMMER FAIR – 4pm
July 4th 5th	Annual Reports issued to parents Children move up to new classes - (morning session)

5th & 6th	Year 4 transition days to Middle School
11th	New to Year 4 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm
12th	New to Year 3 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm
13th	New to Year 1 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm
14th	New to Year 2 Meeting / Meet the Teacher 5pm
14th	Year 4 Leaver's Disco – 6pm
14th	Nursery Sports Day – 10.30am (morning Nursery) and 2pm (afternoon Nursery)
15th	Year 2,3,4 Olympic Sports Day 2pm
18th	Reception / Year 1 Olympic Sports Day 2pm
19th	Nursery Breaks Up
19th	Year 4 Leaver's Assembly 2pm
20th	BREAK UP

TRAINING DAY - Monday 5th September 2016

Return to School - Tuesday 6th September 2016