

SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter - Summer 4: 27th May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of a short half term we reflect on just how hard our children work. Staff are writing end of year reports and as they look back to September they realise just how much progress the children have made in all areas.

Friends of Southridge -



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Summer Fair - please sign up to help using the leaflet sent home in school bags. If you could spare an hour of your time staff and the organising committee would be very grateful.

DISCO - this termly event will take place on 16th June and is open to all children.

Reception children are invited to attend straight after school from 3.45 -4.45pm.

We recommend that our Reception children come to school that day dressed in their Disco clothes instead of school uniform. Miss Parker and Mrs Mason will gather the children together at the end of the school day to toilet them and will then take them up to the school hall and stay with them to ensure they enjoy their first Disco. At the end of the Disco they will then take the children back down to the classrooms to collect their school bags and will meet parents and carers at the Reception entrance (following their usual end of the day routine).

Year 1 and 2 Disco will be held from 5pm -6pm. Entrance via the school office door as usual.

Please note the time for the Year 3 and 4 Disco has been amended from the times originally listed below to 6.15pm - 7.15pm.

PTA Social Event - this will take place on 15th July at 'Noir' - more information to follow after half-term.

Year 4 Leaver's Disco - this will take place on July 14th at 5.30pm - 7pm in the school hall. (Please note amended time)

Appointment of Class teacher - Last week the governors interviewed for a new class teacher and appointed Miss Amy Hepworth who is a newly qualified teacher having completed the 3 year BA Honours Degree in Primary Education. We look forward to her joining the Southridge team in September.

Dodge Ball Tournament - some of our year 4 children visited Monkseaton High School and enjoyed playing against other schools.

Handball Tournament - another group of Year 4 children represented the school in a competition at Whitley Lodge First School with one of our teams bringing the trophy back to school as winners.

Tennis Tournament - this was held at Monkseaton High and our Year 3 team were awarded second place.

Our children have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of sports festivals this term and are excellent team players with a superb sporting attitude. Well done to them all.

Community Project – Year 4 have worked with 'The Friends of Redhouse Farm to choose a name for their conservation group and to name an area of land. After a competition in school one of our Year 4 pupils chose the winning name 'Redhouse Ramble'. The children visited the area and planted seeds. They have also gone on to design a logo and sign for the Redhouse Ramblers group based on the wildlife observed in the area.

Science Assembly – We were delighted to welcome the 'Think Physics' team in to assembly this week to talk to the children in Key Stage 1 and 2 about Elon Musk and his enthusiasm for rocket science.

Core Values Awards – Today in our final assembly of this half-term we counted our points on the whole school lighthouse display and staff nominated two children in their class for Core Values Awards. Congratulations to those children who were nominated for consistently demonstrating our school values of friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Proposed Changes to the School Nursing Service – The Authority is currently looking to transform the way in which it delivers prevention and early intervention services for children and young people aged 0-19. With the possibility of potential changes there is to be a review of the current service. In the future requests from schools for specific support around health advice and information, healthy lifestyle input and SRE input will be prioritised depending upon capacity within each locality. Wendy Burke the Director of Public Health has asked that we encourage parents to complete a short on-line survey on the school nursing service. The deadline for completion is 13th June 2016. The survey can be found at: <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/125/schools-and-education>



June 10th - Celebration Event

The Queen's 90th Birthday



The School Council met this week to plan activities as we celebrate the Queen's very special birthday. **Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue party clothes/casual wear.**

Reminders:

June 23rd – European Referendum – SCHOOL CLOSED

After School Clubs – a reminder that Block 2 of After School Clubs will commence the first week back after half-term – week beginning 6th June and will run for 5 weeks.

End of Year Reports will be issued on Monday 4th July.

Meet the Teacher Meetings will take place on 11th – 14th July when you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher for September. Further information will be sent out after half-term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and hopefully we will see some more sunshine. We look forward to seeing the children when they return to school on Monday 6th June.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Diary Dates – Summer 2016

June 7th	Computing Workshop Year 3 (MR)
9th	Year 1 trip to Newcastle Cathedral and The Castle.
10th	CELEBRATION EVENT – QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY (Children to wear party clothes with a red/white and blue theme)
13th	Year 3 trip to Segedunum
14th	9am – New to Reception Meeting – (for parents of children starting in September 2016)
14th	Skipping Festival – afternoon (Year 4) to be confirmed
14th	Computing Workshop Year 3 – (JF)
15th/16th	Phonics Test for Year 1
16th	G-Force Disco – Reception to Year 4 Reception at 3.45pm – 4.45pm Year 1 -2 at 5pm – 6pm Year 3- 4 at 6.15pm -7.15pm
20th	Sports Week – ('Run A Mile Every Day' and other activities)
22nd	Year 3 – Roman Day in school – children can come dressed as Roman soldiers /wear togas etc. More details to follow.
23rd	SCHOOL CLOSED for European Referendum – additional staff training day
24th *	SUMMER FAIR – 3.30pm start
24th **	Year 4 Beamish Trip – late return to school
July 4th	Annual Reports issued to parents
5th	Children move up to new classes - (morning session)
5th **	Concert – Choir and Violinists 6.15pm
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 – 5.30 – 7.00pm
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

** New date added

*Time altered