

SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter - Summer 5: 17th June 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming up to a very busy time of the school year. We have included some reminders and diary dates in this newsletter to help you. Our school diary has been full of visitors in school, special events / themed days and school trips out. Staff work very hard to enrich our curriculum and enhance the learning opportunities available to the children. In turn, our children respond with enthusiasm and always impress us with the high standard of work produced and their excellent behaviour. We regularly receive positive feedback about our children and we know they are all wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Year 1 Visit to Newcastle Cathedral and the Castle - the children enjoyed their day looking at the stained glass windows and wooden carvings in the cathedral and finding out about the Christian celebrations at the cathedral. They also went to visit the castle and saw the dungeons where a princess from Scotland was locked up and enjoyed the stunning views across Newcastle from the castle walls.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations -

Our school looked fabulous last Friday adorning with Union Jack bunting and the children looked wonderful in their red, white and blue outfits. We began the day with an assembly where we sang the National Anthem and then we enjoyed a picnic lunch on the field and a range of celebration activities.

Segedunum Trip - Year 3 enjoyed a successful trip to Segedunum. They were in role as Celts and made bracelets, painted their hands with woad and enjoyed storytelling by the camp fire. Maximus the Centurion gave them a real taste of the discipline required to be a recruit in the Roman Army! They also enjoyed looking around the museum and archaeological site. Our thanks to the parent helpers who joined us on the day and to the PTA who subsidised the workshops on the day.

Skipping Festival - 30 children from Year 4 came second in the Whitley Bay Skipping Festival. Congratulations to them all. Mr Merryweather is very proud of them and delighted with their success after all their hard work.



Northumbria University Research Project - we are delighted that some of our Reception children are taking part in a very exciting and interesting research project on 'School Readiness'. Miss Laura Heads is carrying out the research which involves practical activities and discussion with groups of children. This project would like to ask our Reception children about what it means to be 'ready for school'. The aim of the proposed project is to use children's views and experiences to develop a broader understanding of 'school readiness'. We will let you know how this project develops and a summary of the responses we get.

Friends of Southridge -



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Tea - towels - thank you for all your orders. These have been a huge success and the PTA and parent helpers have set up a production line this week to cope with the demand!

Summer Fair - If you could spare an hour of your time staff and the organising committee would be very grateful. You can leave your name and contact details at the school office or speak to Annabelle Jennings or any member of the PTA.

We are looking forward to our Summer Fair which will take place next week on Friday 24th June at 3.45pm but we do need your help to run this event.

On that day the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. We would be very grateful for

- donations for the chocolate tombola (which can be sent in advance)
- donations for the cake stall (please send cakes /tray bakes on the day).



IMPORTANT NOTE: Children who sing in the choir / Yr 4's who have taken part in the skipping festival and dance festival will perform on the field during the summer fair - weather permitting.

PLEASE NOTE: Star Strike Soccer for Year 3 and 4 is **CANCELLED** on 24th June due to the Summer Fair. Graham will run a session on 15th July instead.

Meet the Teacher Invitations - Please check school bags for these invitations which advise you which class your child will be in next year and the date that you are invited in to school to meet their teacher.



National Schools Sports Week - takes place on 20th -24th June when Mrs Aitken will co-ordinate our 'Mile a Day' initiative. Please ensure that the children have their trainers in school next week. Children will also have a sports diary to record any activities they undertake at home in after school clubs and in school.

Year 4 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop - Year 4 will take part in a workshop that helps to prepare children to play an active role as citizens in an increasingly multi-cultural society. It also helps young people to develop good relationships and respect the differences between people, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, culture or nationality. 'Football and Fitness' sessions are delivered alongside the classroom workshops by ex-professional footballers. The sessions have an emphasis on teamwork and supporting each other

Reminders:

June 23rd European Referendum - SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils.

Year 2 School Meals -

A reminder for parents of children in Year 2 that from September 2016 when your children move in to Year 3 they are no longer eligible for **Universal Free School Meals** which are only available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.



However, you may meet the requirements for Free School Meals if you are on a qualifying benefit. Please do not hesitate to contact the office staff if you would like advice or you can apply or register for Free School Meals using the website my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Diary Dates – Summer 2016

20th 21st * 22nd 23rd 24th * 24th **	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. International Evening for the choir SCHOOL CLOSED for European Referendum – additional staff training day SUMMER FAIR – 3.45pm start Year 4 Beamish Trip – late return to school
July 4th 5th 6th * 5th & 6th 11th 12th 13th 14th 14th * 14th 15th 18th 19th 19th 20th	Annual Reports issued to parents Children move up to new classes to meet their teacher - (morning session) Concert – Choir and Violinists 6.15pm 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 – 5.30 – 7.00pm 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 5th September 2016

Return to School - Tuesday 6th September 2016

** New date added

*Date or time altered