



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 1: 9th September 2016

It was wonderful to be able to welcome all our children back to school at the start of this new academic year. All the children look very smart in their uniforms. I have been in each classroom every day this week and there has been a really positive and productive atmosphere throughout the school. We especially welcome all our new starters in Reception and Nursery as they start their school life with us at Southridge. We also extend a very warm welcome to Miss Hepworth and Mr Willcock (Deputy Head) in Year 1. In Year 4 Mr Adam Hetherington is working alongside staff as part of his teacher training. He will spend some time at Southridge and then move to other local schools.



Our Vision and Values - During Assembly this week we have reminded ourselves of the five core values that are like 'magic dust' around our school. They are **friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility**. We also discussed our school motto which reflects these core values in one simple sentence: '**Work hard, enjoy school and do your best.**'

New Reception Intake - A Message from Mrs Pringle, Miss Parker and Mrs Mason

All the Reception and Nursery staff are very proud of the fantastic start our youngest children have made during their first week of school. Staff are very impressed with the children's positive attitudes, fantastic behaviour and new found confidence in their setting. The Reception children will look forward to being full time from 19th September. Well done to all our new pupils and keep it up! We look forward to bright futures ahead at Southridge!

Friends of Southridge, our school PTA are holding their A.G.M on Wednesday 21st September.



Friends Of Southridge

Friends of Southridge will meet in the school library at 6.00pm for their A.G.M. Please come along - the committee, Mr Willcock and I would love to see you all. Last year F.O.S. made a valuable contribution to school life organising events for the children and fundraising at the Christmas and Summer Fayre. We really appreciate all their hard work so please join us to find out how you could become involved.

School Council - A Message from Mrs Rosario



As we start another exciting academic year at Southridge First School it's time to think about our School Council representatives. The School Council benefits the whole school, pupils and teachers, because it provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made. Our representatives will attend School Council meetings in school and be a voice for their class and new ones will be elected every term.

School admissions:

Nursery and Year 4 Parents:

Please note that the online admission system on the North Tyneside website opens on 9th September 2016 to allow you to apply for school place for September 2016.

Nursery parents: the deadline for your application to apply online for a Reception place for September 2017 is **13th January 2017**

Year 4 parents: the deadline for your application to apply online for a middle school place is **28th October 2016**

School photographs - Michelle Fowler will be in school all day on 20th September and the morning of 21st September and a letter provided by the photographer is in school bags. To ensure the day runs smoothly she has requested that younger siblings of the morning nursery and reception pupils come to be photographed at 8.30am on 20th September. Siblings of children in Year 1 - 4 who do not attend our school may come at the end of the school day on 20th September.



Jeans for Genes Day - On Friday 23rd September the children may come to school in non-uniform wearing jeans for a small donation. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.

After School Clubs - Thank you for all the replies for the After School Clubs. There is a range of activities across the school which will start the week commencing 19th September. Allocation slips will be sent out by 16th July - Mrs Reilly in the office does a fabulous job organising this mammoth task for 300 children! If children are taking part in any outdoor sporting clubs e.g. football or multi - skills, they should wear warm sports kit.

A reminder: Every club will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. They are only cancelled in an emergency. Please be reassured that we will always endeavour to run after school clubs so you do not need to contact school to check during the day. We have also made arrangements with Star Strike Soccer and Access Coaching that they will always run indoor health and fitness related activities in the event of poor weather.

Reminders:

Our school uniform policy states that -

Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories such as slides and bobbles should be simple and if possible in school colours. Headscarves, bandanas and fancy hairbands should not be worn.

Jewellery - for health and safety reasons we ask that the children **do not wear jewellery in school, including earrings of any kind.** Any child wearing earrings will be asked to remove them for PE, and newly pierced ears will need to be covered with tape for the lesson. In line with North Tyneside Local Authority safety guidelines, children are not allowed into the swimming pool wearing earrings.

Contact details - if you have moved house or changed your mobile phone /place of work during the summer holidays please provide us with new contact details as soon as possible.

Medical Information - Our medical register is being updated. If your child is on our existing register we will send out a form next week to complete so that we have updated information.

School Calendar and Diary Dates -

We are currently updating our school diary - see below. Dates will be updated every fortnight in the newsletter and on the calendar page on our school website www.southridgefirst.org.uk.

Thank you for your support at the start of this new school year. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart and eager to learn. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

School Milk - When parents register on the Cool Milk website and pay for milk it usually takes approximately 2 weeks for Cool Milk to liaise with the dairy and update their system so that the correct number of milk cartons are delivered to school. **Unfortunately this is not clear for parents on the website.** As soon as the dairy have received your order from Cool Milk we receive updated class lists and the correct number of milk cartons are delivered so that Mr Bell can put out the milk and staff will check the list with the children.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016

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| SEPTEMBER | |
| 12 th | NSPCC Assembly |
| 15 th | Swimming starts - Year 3 |
| 19 th | Reception in FULL TIME |
| 20 th & 21 st | Individual School Photos for all children - (Michelle Fowler) morning Nursery 8.30am and Reception Siblings 3.30pm - Siblings from Year 1 - 4 invited to be photographed at the end of the day on 20 th September only. |
| 23 rd | Jeans for Genes Day - children come to school in non -uniform /jeans and make a small donation. |
| OCTOBER | |
| 1 st | School Census Day |
| 6 th | National Poetry Day |
| 12 th | Local Democracy Event - Cobalt - Mrs Rosario and Year 3 and 4 School Council members 9.30 -11.30 |
| 13 th | Harvest Festival - for Reception Parents |
| 20 th | School Disco G Force Disco Year 1 -2 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm |
| 21 st | Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day - dress up as an Egyptian |
| 21 st | BREAK UP - HALF-TERM |
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| NOVEMBER | |
| 31 st October | Return to School Clubs start this week for 5 weeks |
| | Year 1 Pirate Day - to launch new topic |
| 7 th and 8 th | Parent's Evening - Pupil Progress Updates - Reception to Year 4 - 3.45pm - 5.45pm Nursery - 9.00am - 10.00am OR 1.00pm - 2.00pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm |
| 14 - 18 th | Anti-Bullying Week begins |
| 14 th | High Borrans Residential - meeting for Year 4 parents - 5.30pm in school hall |
| 18 th | Children in Need |
| 24 th | Year 1, 2 & 3 - Flu Vaccination Programme. |
| DECEMBER | |
| 1 st | Christmas Disco 5 - 7.15PM |
| 1 st | Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm |
| 2 nd | Christmas Fayre |
| 6 th | Year 3 Performance 2pm |
| 7 th | Year 2 Performance 2pm |
| 9 th | Early Years Performance - Reception and Nursery - 9.30am and 2pm |
| 13 th | Christmas Lunch |
| 14 th | Year 1 Performance 2pm |
| 15 th | Party Day |
| 16 th | BREAK UP |

January 3rd 2017- Staff return to School - Teacher Training Day

January 4th 2017 - Pupils return to school