



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 3: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016



**Friends of Southridge** - Thank you for sending back your Christmas card orders - we have had a tremendous response and organising the reply slips has certainly kept our PTA busy this week! Orders should arrive in school within a few weeks and the PTA will distribute them to parents by the first week in November.

The PTA have organised a school disco for children in Key Stage 1 and 2 on Thursday

20<sup>th</sup> October (£2.50 payable on the door):

Year 1 & 2: 5pm - 6pm

Year 3 & 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Children may bring a small amount of money for the tuck shop.

**Jeans for Genes Day** - Thank you for your kind donations. We raised £350 for this very important charity.

**Lighthouse Lunch Table** - Every Friday children are chosen to have lunch on the 'Lighthouse Table' if they have demonstrated good manners or been kind and helpful in the dining hall.

**Light up our Lighthouse** - On Friday we hold a Celebration Assembly in school when each teacher nominates a child in their class for Headteacher's Award. Nominations are made for working hard, effort, and demonstrating our school values. In each class the staff also award points. These are brought to assembly on Friday and added to a points chart for each year group on our lighthouse display. At the end of each half-term the year group with the most points to 'light up our lighthouse' are rewarded.



**National Poetry Day** - Year 4 children from Mrs Rosario's poetry club shared some of their work in Assembly this morning. We are also learning Harvest poems, writing acrostic poems and analysing poems!

**Recycling Assembly** - We hosted visitors from North Tyneside Council who reminded children to 'reduce, reuse and recycle' and left the children with a plastic bottle crusher!

**Year 2 Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse** - A message from Miss Walker and Miss McIntyre: 'We were so proud of our children. We had a lovely day as we rock pooled all morning and hunted for bugs all afternoon! Then we compared and contrasted the two habitats to end a super day out. Well done Year 2.'

**Year 3 Archaeological Workshop** - One of our Year 3 pupils described this as one of the best morning mornings they had ever had! Our visiting archaeologist was impressed with the children's research and knowledge of the Stone Age and their responses in the workshop.

**Harvest** - Our Harvest Festival and Autumn Assemblies take place next week:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9am - Reception parents

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3pm - Year 1 & 2 parents

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9am - Year 3 & 4 parents



The Bay Food Bank would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned and dried foods e.g. pasta, pasta sauce, rice, vegetables, tuna, breakfast cereal, dried milk, tea bags, sugar, biscuits, cooking sauces, rice pudding etc. **Children may bring in their donations from Monday October 10th please.**

**Reminders:**

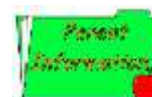
'Once a Week, Take a Peek' - Please check your child for head lice on a regular basis. Within most schools at any time there will be a small number of children infected with head lice but if you could inspect your child's hair at least once a week we can keep numbers to a minimum. If you think your child has head lice, please seek advice/treatment from your pharmacist or consult the school nurse.



**Year 4 Admissions to Middle School**

Please submit your application online at [www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmission) by Friday 28th October 2016.

**Parents Evening - Pupil Progress Updates** - Next week letters have been sent out to enable you to book an appointment after half-term with your child's class teacher. Please complete and return your appointment request slips to class teachers.



**Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
13th	Harvest Festival - for Reception Parents - one adult per child 9am Autumn Assembly - Year 1 & 2 - 3pm
14th	Autumn Assembly - Year 3 & 4 - 9am
20th	School Disco G Force Disco Year 1 -2 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm
21st	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day - dress up as an Egyptian
21st	<b>BREAK UP - HALF-TERM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to School Clubs start this week for 5 weeks
	Year 1 Pirate Day - to launch new topic
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week begins
14th	High Borrans Residential - meeting for Year 4 parents - 5.30pm in school hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
24th	Year 1, 2 & 3 - Flu Vaccination Programme.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
1st	Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Performance 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Performance 2pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Performance - Reception and morning Nursery - 9.30am Reception and afternoon Nursery - 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
13th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Disco 5 - 6pm Year 3 & 4 6.15 -7.15pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Performance 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day
16th	<b>BREAK UP</b>

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

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Pupils return to school