



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 1: 13th January 2017



Happy New Year - Happy New Year, I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holiday. It has been lovely to hear all the Christmas and New Year stories from the children.

Curriculum Information - Please check your child's school bag for details of the topic being taught and a letter from the teacher. We hope this gives you an overview of your child's learning. Pupil progress updates take place later in the term, however if you have any queries you are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher at any time.

After School Clubs - Thank you for all the replies for the After School Clubs at the end of last term. It is wonderful to see all the additional activities which will start next week (from Monday 16th January onwards). If you are unsure, or have any queries, please see the office staff.

School Meals 'Space Launch' - Catering Services are having a themed lunch on Thursday 19th January. If you would like your child to have school lunch that day please sign up via joinos at www.joinos.com

SPACE LAUNCH LUNCH

MEATBALL COMETS
HUBBLE TELESCOPE (Quorn sausage in a bun)
MINI SATELLITES (potato wedges)
GREEN & YELLOW VEGETABLE ASTEROIDS
ROCKET FUEL BAKED BEANS
SPACE ROCK JACKET POTATOES
ASTEROID SANDWICHES



SHOOTING STAR BISCUIT /KRISPIE SERVED WITH WISH JUICE

Faith and Diversity Workshops - On Wednesday 18th January the children will take part in a variety of activities looking at different faiths and cultures. They will work in mixed groups across the year groups exploring our shared values.





'Think Physics' Project - This term we continue to work in partnership with Northumbria University to develop science in school and promote the opportunities available to young people in the future. Think Physics is an imaginative, innovative and holistic support scheme that inspires, excites and engages children through their journey into physics and related STEM disciplines. Joe and members of the Think Physics team are real favourites with our children and they will be in school this term delivering a workshop to each year group. Last week Year 3 enjoyed a volcanoes workshop and yesterday it was Year 1's turn to explore activities related to floating and sinking!

E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers - A reminder that on Tuesday 24th January Claire Graham the I.T. Adviser will be in school at 9am for a workshop with parents and carers on how to ensure children use the internet safely. (See notice sent out in school bags this week)

Governor Visits: This half-term our governors are visiting classrooms and talking to the children about Literacy and Numeracy as part of their monitoring. They are also responsible for our building and have organised work to be completed shortly after half-term on installing new doors on to the playground from the Year 1 classrooms. This should ensure easier movement around the school and make it less busy when Year 1 staff hand over the children to parents at the end of the day and facilitate better liaison at the end of the school day.

Reminders:



Friends Of Southridge

'THANK YOU' to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts last term which has enabled us to replace the old whiteboards with Clevertouch screens in a number of classrooms - we are very grateful for their support.

Friends of Southridge - G - Force Disco - 30th March

The P.T.A. are organising a disco that will be held in the school hall at 5 - 6pm for Year 1 and 2 and 6.15 - 7.15 for Year 3 and 4. More details after half-term.

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch - takes place on 28th -29th January. The children may enjoy watching the birds in your garden for one hour during this Birdwatch weekend. More information can be found at:



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/>

Recording Pupil Absence - Please remember to telephone the school office if your child is absent so that the office staff can keep our registers up to date.

Diary Dates - Some diary dates for next term are set out below and will be added to as the term progresses. I hope that this helps you plan your calendars for the term and gives you advance notice of activities and events. More information will be sent out over the coming weeks.

Contact Details - If you have changed your mobile phone number or moved house please notify the school office of your new contact details.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher

Please remember to name your child's school uniform and P.E. Kit - it helps us to return sweatshirts etc. to the correct child.

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

<p>January 3rd 4th 6th 16th 18th</p>	<p>Training Day – 8.30am start Children back to school Year 3 - Think Physics – Volcanoes workshop Clubs start for 5 weeks until half-term Faith and Diversity Day</p>
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13 th 16 th 19 th 24 th 28 th -30 th 30 th	Deadline for Reception Admissions for September 2016 Crystal Conondrum – Maths Problem Solving Day for Year 3 and 4 Year 4 – ‘Tax Facts’ Session E-safety session for parents – 9am Chinese New Year – Year of the Rooster RSPB Birdwatch
February 6 th 7 th 17 th 28 th	Year 1 and 4 – Zoo Lab Visit Safer Internet Day Break Up for half-term HALF – TERM Year 3 trip to Segedunum
March 1 st 2 nd 6 th and 8 th 9 th 10 th – 19 th 15 th 16 th 21 st or 22 nd 21 st 23 rd 24 th 29 th 30 th 30 th 7 th April 24 th April 24 th - 28 th April	Year 3 sing at The Lawns Care Home Mrs Rosario’s Class World Book Day – children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm – 5.45pm Reception – Year 4 Morning Nursery – 9.30 to 11.15 am and 3.45pm to 5.45pm Afternoon Nursery – 1.00 to 3.15pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm Reception Class – Church Visit (TP) British Science Week Dance Festival (Year 4) – Whitley Bay Playhouse Reception – Church Visit (HM) Be Safe Workshop – for Year 4 Afternoon – Mother’s Day Gift Shop Morning – Mother’s Day Gift Shop Red Nose Day – Comic Relief Easter Assembly – Reception, Yr 1 & 2 - 9am Easter Assembly – Year 2, 3 & 4 – 9am Please note only one adult per child as we have limited space in the hall. G Force Disco Yr 1 -2 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm Break up for Easter holidays SUMMER TERM Return to school for the Summer term Year 4 High Borrans Residential Visit PLEASE NOTE: 4th MAY SCHOOL OPEN FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 4 ON 4th MAY (Election day) SCHOOL CLOSED FOR NURSERY 26th MAY – TEACHER TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS (including Nursery)