



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 2 - 19th May 2017



Local Elections - thank you for your understanding on 4th May when using the front entrance. The staff opened the doors five minutes early at the end of the day to allow parents to start to leave the school site and stagger the departures of such large numbers of children and parents from one entrance. We will follow the same procedures on 8th June for the General Election to enable school to remain open on polling day.



Sponsored Fun Run



On June 9th we will be holding a sponsored event to raise funds to expand the playground. We are extremely fortunate to have access to a large school field, however for much of the year we are unable to make full use of it. We would like to create some extra space for the children to utilise on a daily basis at the edge of the field on the right hand side. We can achieve this without any detriment to the space on the main part of the field. We aim to extend the playground with a simple tarmac area for ball games. We are able to allocate a portion of our school budget this year towards it and we are also holding a fundraising event too. We will be holding a Fun Run which complements our 'Fit for Life' campaign. The children have been in training over the last two weeks completing a 'Mile a Day'. Please see more information and sponsor forms in your child's school bag - your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Community Links - Year 3 pupils have been planting seedlings in the community. They worked with Cheryl Savage from The Redhouse Ramblers to plant some seeds in school during science lessons. Then this month we planted the seeds in different beds at The Ramble. She was very impressed with our children and emailed Mrs Rosario to say 'the children were fantastically enthusiastic and so good at following instructions.'

International Links - last week we had a visit from Nora Paddinson who came to talk to the children in Year 3 and 4 about New Hope School in Cambodia. The children will be making links with this school in Cambodia and telling them all about life at Southridge. We have donated £100 from our musical evening in March towards shipping costs of essential supplies for the school.

Year 2 SAT's - Year 2 have been busy completing their 'special jobs' and very exciting 'puzzle books'! They have all worked incredibly hard and done their very best for their teachers.

Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament - a group of children from each year group went to Monkseaton High School for a tennis tournament on Tuesday afternoon. They played a tournament with other schools and practised their skills.

Leave of Absence -

- Following amendments to DfE Attendance Regulations, since September 2013 I would like to remind parents that Headteachers may **NOT** grant any leave of absence during term time (**including family**



- **holidays**) unless there are **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances. Absence from school during term time can disrupt the continuity of a child's learning and have an impact on their achievement.
- If leave of absence is taken without permission from the Headteacher it will be marked as unauthorised. Under government guidelines any absence marked as unauthorised can lead to involvement of the Education Welfare Service in persistent cases of poor attendance. We do not encourage holidays in term time which are disruptive for the children.

Friends of Southridge Summer Fayre. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?



This year our annual summer event will take place on 14th July 3.30pm - 6pm. This is an excellent event organised by our PTA. It is only possible if there are a significant number of people who can help out on the day with stalls, refreshments etc. Please see a member of the PTA or leave your name at the school office /email southridge.first@northtyneside.gov.uk if you can help.

Class Photographs - A reminder that on Monday 5th June Michelle Fowler will be in school taking class photographs. There will be no obligation to purchase these photographs but please notify your child's class teacher if you do not wish your child to be included.

Sickness and Diarrhoea - From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

In the Public Health Agency document, 'Guidance on infection control in Schools and other Childcare Settings', the recommendation is that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. **If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.** Thank you for your understanding with this.

Finally - a reminder that we break up for half-term on Thursday 25th May as Friday is a Teacher Training Day. I hope that you all have an enjoyable break.

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.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

May	
24	Dental Screening - Reception and Year 1 who are 5 years old
25	Break up for Half-Term
26	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
June	
5	Return to school Class Photographs - Michelle Fowler
7	Year 3 Rugby Sessions start for 5 weeks Year 1 Trip to Newcastle - cathedral and castle t.b.c
8	GENERAL ELECTION - School open to Reception, Year 1,2,3,4. CLOSED for Nursery and playgroup
9	STEM LAUNCH -Technology Tom Assembly to launch STEM week the following Monday SPONSORED FUN RUN *
12	Skipping Festival - Year 4 STEM WEEK
13	Year 1 Phonics Test Father's Day Gift Shop (afternoon)
14	Year 1 Phonics Test
15	Father's Day Gift Shop (morning) DISCO - Reception 3.30pm -4.30pm - Reception children may come to school in their disco clothes. Year 1 and 2 5.00pm - 6.00pm Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm
19	'New to Reception' Meeting 5pm (Reception children starting September 2017)
22	Year 3 Trip to Victoria Tunnel
23	Year 3 VE Day Year 4 Trip to Beamish
26	SPORTS WEEK
29	Sports Day - 2pm - Reception, Year 1, afternoon Nursery
30	Sports Day 10.00 - Morning Nursery and Wraparound 2pm - Year 2,3, and 4

July	
4	Year 4 - Transition Day at Middle School Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 'Move Up Day' to visit new classes
5	Year 4 - Transition Day at Middle School
7	Annual Reports sent home
10	Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival Year 4 - Meet the Teacher Meeting - 5pm
11	Year 3 - Meet the Teacher Meeting - 5pm
12	Year 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting 5pm
13	Year 4 - Leaver's Service 2pm Year 2 - Meet the Teacher Meeting - 5pm
14	Summer Fair 3.30pm
17	Year 4 Activity Week
18	Year 4 Leavers Disco 6pm - 7.30pm



