



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Sponsored Fun Run

Our children have been in training for their sponsored run. Only the very wet weather has stopped them from running a mile a day. The children are really enjoying this short activity every day and so are the staff! Some days Miss Walker even runs with her feather boa on or her flashing head boppers! Today the children completed their sponsored run - and were fabulous. At the start they were given their 'entry sticker' and a 'lap card' which they had marked for every lap. At the end each child was presented with a wristband to confirm they had completed the run. **THANK YOU** for all your generous support.

Year 3 Drama Workshop - before half-term our Year 3 children were invited to a workshop in the Drama Studio at Whitley Bay High School. They built upon their studies of Macbeth in the classroom and experienced a Shakespearean drama with actors from a professional drama company.

Year 1 Visit - On Wednesday the children in Year 1 visited the castle and cathedral in Newcastle. They were exceptionally well behaved and enjoyed a busy and informative day.

STEM Week 12th - 16th June - We welcomed a very special visitor in assembly today - 'Technology Tom' to launch our STEM week. As part of our STEM week the children will be 'off timetable' next week. All their activities will be based around science, technology, engineering and maths tasks with a theme of movement.

- Each day they will find out about a different scientist and their attributes e.g. observant, patient and curious. During the course of their activities that day, staff will be nominating a child who shares the same attributes as the 'Scientist of the Day'.
- We also have a 'buddy challenge' where our older children will work with the younger children on an investigation.
- Visiting scientists, technology specialists, mathematicians and engineers will visit school. Thank you to all those parents who have contacted Mrs Pringle and offered to come in and talk to the children about their skills and experiences.
- Workshop - students from Sunderland University will be in school working with a different year group each day. We have been warned they may get a little wet so will change in to their P.E. kit for this task and then back in to school uniform, bringing any wet/damp clothes home!
- Kite Challenge - on Friday the whole school will be designing, making and flying their own kites. Fingers crossed for a windy day!



Friends of Southridge - Our PTA will be very busy this term and have kindly organised the following events for our children:

Disco - Thursday 15th June - £2.50 payable on the door. Children can also bring a small amount of loose change for the tuck shop.

Reception - 3.45pm to 4.45pm Please note Reception children can come to school in their disco clothes that day and staff will toilet them, ensure they have a drink and then take them to the hall for the disco.

Year 1 and 2 - 5pm to 6pm

Year 3 and 4 - 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Father's Day Gift Shop - On Tuesday 13th June and Thursday 15th June the PTA will be holding a gift shop. If your child would like to purchase a small gift they can bring £3 in an envelope.

SUMMER FAIR - 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.

Governor Visits - this term our governors have been in school looking at standards in writing across the school in Literacy and across the curriculum. They have also reviewed our school meals and dining procedures. Last week we had refurbishments completed to create a group/nurture room and a meeting room which will help support staff and children when working with small groups and individual children.

Reminders:

'New to Reception' meeting - a welcome meeting for the parents of children starting Reception in September will be held in the school hall on 19th June at 5pm.

Invitations to 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for children in Reception to Year 3 will be issued from their new class teachers on the 19th June.

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

June	
9	STEM LAUNCH -Technology Tom Assembly to launch STEM week the following Monday SPONSORED FUN RUN
12	Skipping Festival - Year 4 - changed to 15 th June 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 Skipping Festival - Year 4
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

