



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 4 - 23rd June 2017



Sponsored Fun Run

Our children were fabulous on their run two week ago. **THANK YOU** for your generosity in sponsoring the children. We have raised **£4,249** which is **IMPRESSIVE** and will enable us to extend the playground - hopefully over the summer holidays.



STEM Week 12th - 16th June - Last Friday we sent out a newsletter explaining all the activities the children had enjoyed in school. Mrs Pringle organised a fabulous week for us all with lots of investigating, problem solving, making and doing going on. We had a wide range of visitors in school including parents which made the week very special. The children also loved mixing with others from different classes and year groups.

SPORTING SUCCESS!

Handball Competition - A team of Year 4 children attended the handball festival this term and came a close second.

Skipping Festival - 30 of our Year 4 pupils attended a skipping festival last week. Congratulations to them all for coming second in the overall competition and for being awarded places in the following categories:

Bronze: Face to face skipping

Silver: Girls speed bounce and girls cross over

Gold: Butterfly, double bounce and Keep the pot boiling

Gymnastics Tournament - a small group of children from Year 2 and 4 attended a gymnastics festival

Sports Week - our children will continue to do their Mile a Day challenge and also take part in activities and races in the afternoons on Sports Day - see dates below.

Catering Services -

A message from Catering Services for parents of current Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 pupils:

The price of school meals will increase from 5th September 2017 to £2.15 per day / £10.75 per week.

International Evening - this was a lovely evening where our choir performed at the Whitley Bay Playhouse and sang a selection of Danish songs. Emily from Year 2 said 'we were very good singers, very confident and we don't want to stop singing!'

Year 3 VE Day - Today our school hall was full of visitors as Year 3 celebrated VE Day as the finale to their World War 2 topic. Thank you for supporting the children as they performed songs and poems for you. They did a wonderful job as curators in their class museums!



Year 4 Transition Days - Children in Year 4 will be visiting their middle schools on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July to enable them to experience middle school life.

Please note that the Year 4 parents meeting at Valley Gardens Middle School is being held on Tuesday 4th July. **A message from Catering Services for parents of current Year 4 pupils:** 'Your child will be visiting their chosen middle school on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September for their transition days. Catering Services would encourage them to have a school meal. All payments should be made through your current joinos account for these days. Please do not send your child with any money for school meals. If you need to set up a joinos account, please email catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk with the name of your child and school and your name and address.'

Year 4 Leaver's Disco - This will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 6.00pm until 7.30pm in the school hall. The children will have a photograph taken by Mrs McIntosh - please see your child's class teacher if you do not wish them to be included.



Year 4 Leaver's Assembly - Parents of children in Year 4 are invited to the Year 4 Leaver's Assembly on Thursday 13th July at 2pm.

Move up to new classes - Children in Reception to Year 3 will visit their new classrooms and spend the day with their new teacher on Tuesday 4th July.

Meet the Teacher Invitations - Please check school bags for these invitations which advise you which class your child will be in next year and the date that you are invited in to school to meet their new teacher.



Staffing update - Megan Gilbert one of our teaching assistants is leaving at the end of the term to have a baby and we send our very best wishes to her. Suzi Benford has been appointed as a teaching assistant to start in September and we look forward to her joining the team.

Friends of Southridge - Our PTA have been fantastic over the last few weeks organising events for the children. The disco raised **£548.97** and the Father's Day Gift Shop **£486.91**. Thank you to the committee and to all the parents who help on the day - it is much appreciated.



SUMMER FAIR - PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US? We continue to put this in our newsletter and would be very grateful for any offers of help.

This 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.

On the day of the Fair the children may come to school in non -uniform in exchange for a donation to the chocolate tombola!

The P.T.A. would also appreciate donations of **cakes and tray bakes** for the cake stall.

Walk to School - please make the most of the summer weather and help to reduce congestion in the neighbouring streets for local residents by walking /cycling etc. to school. Our Community Police Officer is monitoring the situation and the camera car is in the area to ensure the children's safety on their journey to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall

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

Headteacher



SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

June	
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 After School Clubs finish.
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

