



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Newsletter 5 - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017



Next week our children break up for the holidays. The children have had a wonderful year and they have all made fabulous progress. We are extremely proud of the way they have all grown in confidence and developed as individuals. We also know that they are all ready to step up to the challenge of school life with a new teacher in September. Our Year 4's have really enjoyed their last half term at Southridge. Yesterday they performed their Leaver's Service - we have all enjoyed the sound of lovely singing around school as they rehearsed. They have been a wonderful year group and we wish them well as they move to their new schools in September.

**Sponsored Fun Run** - Thank you for the final sponsorship money that has been given to school - we are very grateful for your generosity. This will be added to our total to help us to extend the playground in the summer holidays.



**Year 2 Visit** - Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Rising Sun Country Park where they participated in Orienteering. They were exceptionally well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

**Sports Day** - Thank you to everyone who came to watch the children participate in Sport's Day. We managed to squeeze all three events in to the one rare dry day that fortnight! We were lucky to have help from our Year 4 Sports Leaders and Year 8 Sports Leaders from Marden Bridge Middle School. The children were fantastic on the day and were awarded certificates by their class teachers back in class.

**Transition Days** - Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their two days visiting middle school and getting to know a new building, school routines and staff. Meanwhile back at Southridge all our children 'moved up' for the day. This gives them all the opportunity to meet their new teachers before September.

**Parent Governor Vacancy** - Thank you for completing and returning the Parent Governor Election Forms. We are pleased to announce that in September our new Parent Governor will be Mrs Lindsey Massie. As the vote was very close we will also welcome to the Governing Board Mr Steve Williams as an Associate member. This will enable us to utilise their skills and experience for the benefit of our school.

**Friends of Southridge** - Our PTA have been fantastic this year and have organised some lovely events for the children. The Summer Fair today is a big event and we are very grateful for all their hard work for this and their ongoing support to the school throughout the year.



**Whitley Bay Rotary Club** - Next week Year 4 will host some very special guests from Whitley Bay Rotary Club. The Rotarians have generously donated a school dictionary for every Year 4 child as a leaving gift, which will be presented to each child. Some Rotarians will join us for assembly so that our Year 4 can thank them for this very kind gesture.



**Sainsbury's Vouchers** - Thank you for collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. This year we have been able to order some playground sports equipment e.g. balls, skipping ropes, bean bags, cones, hoops. We have also ordered some new P.E. mats and a storage trolley to make it easier for Mr Bell to move them in and out of the hall.

**A Message from Catering Services** - To avoid being sent an invoice for unpaid school meals, please ensure your JOINOS account is paid in full by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. You can check your balance at [www.joinos.com](http://www.joinos.com). If you haven't activated your Joinos account, please request a JOINOS code by email to [catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk). Your e-mail should include the following information

- Your full name
- Your address & post code
- Your child's name
- The name of your child's school

Thank you

**North Tyneside Council Catering Services**

**School Crossing Patrol at Monkseaton Drive** - As you know we are very lucky to have Mr Bell on our crossing outside of school. However, many of you continue on walking down Monkseaton Drive and cross at the lights there. There has been a vacancy for a Lollipop Person at this crossing for most of this academic year and unfortunately during that time there have been a number of incidents where children's safety has been compromised. I have spoken to the Road safety team and offered to highlight that there is a vacancy in our newsletter. Please pass this on to other parents, relatives and neighbours etc. If you or anyone else would like to apply please contact Sam Lacey in the Road Safety team at North Tyneside Council (6432221)

**Congratulations to Miss Walker** who is getting married in the summer holidays and will return to Year 2 as Mrs Myers! Her class are thoroughly enjoying preparing their home made wedding gifts and cards!

I hope you all have an enjoyable break this summer and time together as families. On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to thank you all for your support this year. **School will open again on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for children.**

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.

## FINAL DIARY DATES

July	
<b>17th</b>	Year 4 Activity Week
<b>18th</b>	Year 4 Leavers Disco 6pm - 7.30pm
<b>21st</b>	School breaks up for the summer holidays at 3.30pm

