



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Bags 2 School - will take place on 15th November. Please bring bags on the day and leave them outside the front of the school office by 9am.

Thank you to the PTA and those volunteers who helped at the Autumn Disco.

Remembrance Assembly - Our Key Stage 2 children made poppies which we displayed during our Remembrance Assembly today Friday 11th November. I was very impressed with the respectful and thoughtful way that our children marked this occasion.



Children in Need - On Friday 18th November children are invited to come to school looking 'SPOTACULAR' - wearing spots (non - uniform) and to bring a small donation for Children in Need. They will take part in spotty challenges during the day. Spotty dresses, spotty ties, even spotty faces - they'll all make a massive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK.



Anti - Bullying Week - (14th - 18th November) Next week staff will be working with the children exploring our core values of friendship and kindness. Children will have class assemblies, circle time and complete activities as part of their PSHE curriculum. We work hard to ensure that our children feel safe, happy and secure in our school. If you ever have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher - we are always available to help.

Christmas Lunch - We have received the following information from Catering Services:

Please can you pay for your child's Christmas lunch by debit / credit card via JOINOS www.joinos.com or Tel: 0191 6432888. Meals cost £2.10.

If you do not have access to Joinos can you please contact catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk to request a Joinos Code. **Meals are free for those eligible for free school meals and for all children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2)**

Christmas Fayre - the Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 2nd December at 4 pm to 6pm** in the school hall. The P.T.A. committee will be sending out more information in school bags. If you are able to help with refreshments / on a stall we would be very grateful - please email your details to southridgefirstpta@gmail.com. The committee would also be



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grateful for any teddy bears for the Teddy Bear Stall and empty bottle bags for the Bottle Stall.

Nursery places in September 2017 - Please remember to return application forms to secure a place for your child in Nursery for September 2017 by **2nd December**.

Staffing Update - Mr Merryweather will be leaving us at Christmas. Over the summer he and his wife bought a local business 'Busy Bees Nursery' on Beaumont Park. Mr Merryweather's wife is a Nursery teacher and he will be joining her from January to help run the business. We will miss his contribution to our school but understand his desire to support his wife as they make the transition from working in a school environment to running their own business. I would like to wish Mr Merryweather and his wife every success in their new venture. Mrs Shierig will be teaching Year 4 from January and we look forward to welcoming her to the Key Stage 2 team.

Leadership Team - Our Leadership Team has been expanded to include Mrs McIntosh (Year 4 teacher) as part time Assistant Head. She will continue with her class responsibility as well as working alongside Mr Willcock the Deputy Head. Staff roles and responsibilities are:

Mrs Hall - Headteacher

Mr Willcock - Deputy Head, Key Stage 1 Leader, Year 1 class teacher

Mrs McIntosh - Assistant Head (P/T), Key Stage 2 Leader, Year 4 class teacher

Miss Parker - Early Years Co-ordinator, Reception class teacher

Miss Walker - SENDCO, Year 2 class teacher

High Borrans Meeting - Year 4 parents are invited to a meeting in the school hall on Monday 14th November at 5.30pm where Mrs McIntosh will give a presentation on the residential visit.

Flu Vaccine - Year 1, 2 and 3 only. On Thursday 24th November children in Year 1, 2 and 3 will receive the flu vaccine via a nasal spray. Further information and permission slips will be sent out nearer the time. Please note that as this is a live vaccine **we only have 3 days from when we issue the consent forms to obtain permission.** Please look out for them in school bags from Thursday 17th November. These must be returned by Monday 21st November. (Staff will endeavour to contact you if the form is not returned)

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE: SUMMER TERM TRAINING DAY

Polling Day - 4th May 2017.

School will NOT be closing on the day of the Local Elections - 4th May 2017. Our site will be open for pupils in Reception to Year 4. The Nursery will be closed that day as the Polling station will be set up in the Nursery mobile and voters will be using the Nursery entrance to access the polling station.

However, as this day was being used as one of our teacher training days this will now take place on Friday 26th May.

Reminders:

Parking - a reminder that there are parking restrictions in Cranleigh Place and Earnshaw Way which are being enforced by regular visits from traffic wardens, the camera van and Community Police Officer. Please be considerate of local residents when parking and if it is possible to walk to and from school please do so.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016

NOVEMBER	
14 - 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
14 th	High Borrans Residential - meeting for Year 4 parents - 5.30pm in school hall
18 th	Children in Need
24 th	Year 1, 2 & 3 - Flu Vaccination Programme.
DECEMBER	
1 st	Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
2 nd	Christmas Fayre
6 th	Year 3 Performance 2pm
7 th	Year 2 Performance 2pm
9 th	Early Years Performance - Reception and morning Nursery - 9.30am Reception and afternoon Nursery - 2pm

13 th	Christmas Lunch
13 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Disco 5 - 6pm Year 3 & 4 6.15 -7.15pm
14 th	Year 1 Performance 2pm
15 th	Party Day
16 th	BREAK UP

January 3rd 2017- Staff return to School - Teacher Training Day

January 4th 2017 - Pupils return to school

PLEASE NOTE - Summer term Teacher Training Day will now take place on Friday 26th May (instead of Thursday 4th May)