



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Musical Celebration Event - On Wednesday March 22nd at 6.00pm in the school hall children in our choir (from Year 2, 3 and 4) will perform alongside the violinists. If your child is in the Choir or plays a violin please look in school bags for the tickets that you have ordered.

Year 2 - last week Joe from the 'Think Physics' team returned to school to work with Year 2 and carried out experiments on plants. They all became 'Botanists' for the workshop using magnifying glasses and electronic microscopes. This week the Fire Service visited Year 2 and talked to the children about The Great Fire of London and Fire Safety.

Science Week - 13th - 17th March - we are busy putting together a cross curricular programme of activities which the children will complete during Science Week. Mrs Pringle, Nursery teacher and Science Co-ordinator is also planning a STEM week for later on in the academic year.

Friends of Southridge



Disco - A disco will be held on Thursday 17th March for Year 1 and 2 at 5pm -6pm and for Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. Entrance is £2.50 - payable on the door. (Children may also bring a small amount of loose change for the tuck shop)

PTA Social Evening - This event will be held at The Beacon on 17th March. Tickets will be £10 per head to include a buffet and are available from the school office. These evenings have been very enjoyable and well supported by parents so please look out for further details from the PTA in school bags.

Mother's Day Gift Shop - once again our PTA will run a gift shop for the children in the library on the morning of Tuesday 1st March and the afternoon of Thursday 3rd March. The children may bring £3 in a named envelope or purse if they wish to purchase a gift.

Easter Assemblies - please note that the assemblies will start at 9.10am in the school hall where the children will share an 'Easter Medley' for you and the PTA will provide refreshments afterwards.

IMPORTANT NOTE - only one adult per child as we have limited capacity in the school hall.

March 29th - 9.10am Easter Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and 2 (Miss McIntyre's class)

March 30th - 9.10am Easter Assembly - Year 2 (Miss Walker's class), 3 and 4

The PTA will also be on the door selling raffle tickets for an Easter Hamper (£1 each)

After School Clubs - (Block 2) are running for 5 weeks this half-term before we break up for Easter.

Letters will be issued in the next few weeks to enable you to sign up for activities in the summer term.

The Lawns Care Home - we have many links with our local community but last week a group of children in Year 3 established a new one and brought a ray of sunshine in to the lives of others. They went to The Lawns Care Home and sang some of our favourite songs to the residents. The children were superb and a real credit to the school. We will be returning again at a later date.



SPORT - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Our children are extremely lucky to access a wide variety of sports. Every day we have Ross, a sports coach on the yard at lunchtime working with the children in our 'Fit For Life' sessions. This ensures that the children are active at lunchtime and Ross also helps them to develop sportsmanship and a sense of fair play.

We also run a wide range of sports clubs across each term for each year group which enables the children to try different sports during their time at Southridge e.g. netball, football, badminton, gymnastics, rock-it ball. In addition the children have access to specialist coaches during their P.E. lessons e.g. gymnastics, rugby, hockey, football, dance and fencing. They also have the opportunity to take part in competitions and festivals.

Hockey Festival - Year 4

We took 5 teams of 6 players for a tournament at Marden Bridge Middle School a fortnight ago. Team A went through to the next round this week and were successful in getting to the semi-final. Mrs Partis said they were 'pipped to the post' by one goal but were stars of the tournament with their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.

Fencing - a group of Year 4 pupils took part in a Fencing Festival last week and enjoyed demonstrating the skills they had been practising over the last half-term.

Dodge -Ball - our Year 3 pupils have just started some training sessions in preparation for a Dodge Ball Festival later in the term.

Gymnastics - last half-term, Gail a specialist gymnastics coach worked with Year 2 and Year 4 and this term she will work with Year 1. In the summer term Nursery and Reception will have the opportunity to access some short gymnastics sessions.

Next term our School Council will be conducting a survey and review of our 'Healthy School' status and they will be looking at our sports provision, school meals, and healthy school culture.

Health and Safety Audit - In January the Local Authority carried out a full Health & Safety Audit of our school and we were awarded a Gold standard with an impressive score of 97%.

Year 2 SAT's Meeting - Miss Walker and Miss McIntyre will be holding a short, informative meeting for parents on Tuesday 14th March at 9am or 5pm - see letter in school bags.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality - The office staff review our attendance data, and late signing in sheets on a regular basis. Our children love coming to school and our attendance is very good. We ask for your support in ensuring that these high standards are maintained. We do not authorise holidays in term time except in exceptional circumstances and it is very important that children in Year 2 are in school during 15th - 26th May for their SAT's tests. If a child's attendance level falls below 90% it is classed as 'persistent absence' and is monitored carefully. In the morning school starts at 8.55am when the children line up on the yard which helps to ensure a prompt start for classteachers.

A Home-time reminder - Please leave school promptly at the end of the school day via the main gates and stay off the field. After the Easter holiday pupils may stay and use the climbing frame and adjacent section of field until 4pm when Mr Bell secures the school site. (Please note that parent /carer supervision is required and the school accepts no responsibility for accidents / injuries)

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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.



SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

March	
13 th – 17 th	British Science Week
15 th	Dance Festival (Year 4) – Whitley Bay Playhouse
16 th	Reception – Church Visit (HM)
21 st	Be Safe Workshop – for Year 4
21 st	Afternoon – Mother’s Day Gift Shop
22 nd	Musical Celebration 6pm - for children in Year 2,3 and 4 who are in the Choir or play the violin
23 rd	Morning – Mother’s Day Gift Shop
24 th	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
29 th	Easter Assembly – Reception, Yr 1 & 2 - 9am
30 th	Easter Assembly – Year 2, 3 & 4 – 9am
	Please note only one adult per child as we have limited space in the hall.
30 th	G Force Disco Yr 1 -2 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm
7 th April	Break up for Easter holidays
	SUMMER TERM
24 th April	Return to school for the Summer term
24 th - 28 th April	Year 4 High Borrans Residential Visit
	PLEASE NOTE:
	4th MAY
	SCHOOL OPEN FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 4 ON 4th MAY (Election day)
	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR NURSERY
	26th MAY – TEACHER TRAINING DAY
	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS (including Nursery)

