



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



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## Newsletter 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

# Southridge Arts Festival

The creative juices have been flowing at Southridge! We've had a fabulous week - please check school bags for our Arts Week Newsletter.

**Bags to school** - will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please leave bags outside the office on the day.

**Uniform Sale** - Advance notice that after Easter the PTA will be holding another uniform sale so please keep any items of used uniform that you would like to donate until after the Easter holidays - further information will follow early next term.

**World Book Day** takes place on Thursday 1st March 2018 - We would like to invite your child to come to school on World Book Day, dressed as a character from a book they particularly enjoy. It would be lovely if they could bring a copy of the book with them so they can share it with their class. Every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token.

### SPORT - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Our children are extremely lucky to access a wide variety of sports supported by our Sports premium Grant. 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, tchouk-ball, golf and dance. 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.

**Skipping Festival** - Congratulations to our Year 2 pupils - they are 'Super Skippers'! A group went to The Parks and competed against 6 other schools from Whitley Bay in a variety of skipping activities. We won a range of medals from bronze, silver and gold. We were also the best overall team which means our children will compete against schools from other areas just before Easter.

### Hockey Festival Year 4

We took 5 teams of 6 players for a tournament at Marden Bridge Middle School this week. Team A went through to the next round and were successful in getting to the North Tyneside final. Mrs Harrington said their teamwork, and positional play was excellent. They were stars of the tournament with their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.

**Fencing** - a group of Year 4 pupils took part in a Fencing Festival before half-term 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 and are realising just how fast they need to move to dodge the ball!

**Sport Relief Event** - This year our Sport Relief Event will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**



**(PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE DIARY DATES WERE ISSUED AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM)**

We will be hosting an Olympic athlete, Peter Bakare, in conjunction with 'Sports for Schools - Athletes who inspire kids'. Peter (a volleyball player), will do a fitness session with each class in the hall for a **£2 donation per child**. Once the fitness circuits have been completed by all the classes he will do an assembly to the whole school, sharing his experiences and telling the children how hard he has worked to achieve his goals. Our fund raising will be split between Sport Relief and Athletes for Schools. The children are invited to come to school on the day wearing sports kit - jogging bottoms, hoodie, t-shirt and trainers.

**Book Look** - thank you for your response slips on the Book Look - this event will be included in our calendar next year in the spring term and you appreciated the slots at both the beginning and end of the school day. We will also try and find time in the diary to do a 'Book Look' per year group to give parents and children a little bit more space in the hall. The children work incredibly hard and both they and the staff are very proud of the work in their books - teachers appreciated your feedback.

*'We really enjoyed this special time together. The pride he felt when he showed me every bit of work really touched my heart.'*

*'Relaxed, well organised session - thank you.' 'The session felt very relaxed which was nice - great to see the teachers too.'*

*'It was lovely to listen to my child talk about her work in such a proud manner!'*

*'It was obvious how proud she was of her achievements and the progress she has made was clear to see - a really lovely session.'*

**Musical Celebration Event** - On Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in the school hall children in our choir (from Year 2, 3 and 4) will perform alongside the violinists. Next week information will be 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 afternoon of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and the morning of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children may bring £3 in a named envelope or purse if they wish to purchase a gift.

**A request from Miss Hepworth** - 'I run Film Club with Year 1 and as the year progresses we are getting through our stock of DVD's! If you have any DVD's (U certificate) that you would be prepared to donate they would be enjoyed by the children. They can be handed to me on the yard or left at the school office - thank you.'

### Reminders:

**Parents Evening** - takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments are being sent out over the next week so please check school bags. If you are unable to attend on these dates staff will always endeavour to fit you in at another time.

**Jewellery** - Please can we remind you that the children should not be wearing jewellery in school. This includes earrings which should be removed for the school day.

 **'Once a Week, Take a Peek'** - Please check your child for head lice on a regular basis. Within most schools at any time there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. We currently have reported cases in school but if you could inspect your child's hair at least once a week we can keep numbers to a minimum. If you think your child has head lice, please seek advice/treatment from your pharmacist, tie long hair up and continue to check for eggs regularly.

**KS1 SATs presentation for parents** - On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Myers and Miss McIntyre will deliver a presentation to parents on the SATs tests which Year 2 children will sit in May. They will be offering a 9am session and repeating it at 5pm.

**Friends of Southridge** - G - Force Disco - 22nd March. The P.T.A. are organising a disco that will be held in the school hall at 5 - 6pm for Year 1 and 2 and 6.15 -7.15pm for Year 3 and 4. Entry is £3.00 on the door.

**SPRING TERM DIARY DATES - see over**



<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	HIGH BORRANS - YR 4 Mrs McIntosh / Mrs Young
28 <sup>th</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HIGH BORRANS - YR 4 Mr Harrington
<b>MARCH</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>World Book Day</b> - children are invited to come in to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please bring your book to share with others.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Progress Meetings / Parents Evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm Reception - Year 4 Morning Nursery - 9.30 to 11.15 am and 3.45pm to 5.45pm Afternoon Nursery - 1.00 to 3.15pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Progress Meetings - same times as 5 <sup>th</sup> March <b>** SPORT RELIEF EVENT: Come to school in Sports Kit and make a £2 donation**</b> <b>(Note -change of date)</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Gift Shop (afternoon)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Gift Shop (morning) Reception - St Mary's Church (am) Year 4 Dance rehearsal - (aft) / Year 4 Dance Festival - Evening Performance - Whitley Bay Playhouse
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK - Theme of 'exploration and discovery'</b> <b>Reception - St Mary's Church (am)</b> <b>SPORT RELIEF - Please note that our school event will now take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Kirkley Zoo Trip Year 1
22 <sup>nd</sup>	G - Force Disco Yr 1 -2 5pm -6pm Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm £3.00 payable on the door
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Dodge Ball competition
26 <sup>th</sup>	'Be Safe' workshop - Year 4 - afternoon - 1 hour per class
27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service Reception 2.30pm Music Celebration Concert - 6pm in school hall for choir, violinists
28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service Year 1 and 2 - 9am Easter Service Year 3 and 4 -2.45pm <b>Please note only one adult per family as we have limited space in the hall</b>
29 <sup>th</sup>	BREAK UP for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm

