



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Sport Relief Event - We hosted an Olympic athlete, Peter Bakare, in conjunction with 'Sports for Schools'. He was exciting and inspirational to our children. They loved the fitness exercises he did with them and his assembly captured the children's attention - our children were bouncing with excitement. We had a fabulous morning of fun and fitness and raised £551.65 for Sport Relief.



Mother's Day Gift Shop - 'Thank you' to our PTA for organising our gift shop. We hope you enjoyed the gifts your child carefully chose and the card they made in class.

Dance Festival - last week a group of Year 4 pupils performed at the North Tyneside Dance Festival. They worked with Laura Prince, a specialist dance teacher and enjoyed a choreography day to perfect their dance which was based on a rainforest theme. They were impressive on stage and a real credit to Southridge.

Hockey festival - one of our Hockey teams reached the final of the Whitley Bay tournament. A group of our children went to Marden Bridge Middle today and played extremely well, with a draw in one game and winning the other. Congratulations to them all.

'Hidden Heroes' in Reception - our younger children in Reception have also enjoyed visits from parents, the Police and Fire Service recently as part of their on-going work on people who help us. This has been an excellent opportunity to reinforce our school value of kindness and we thank you all for your support.

Mrs Rosario in Year 3 will be retiring at the end of the academic year in July 2018. She has taught at Southridge for 27 years and will be a real loss to school as she brings experience and significant expertise to our team and is a very hard working and committed member of staff. However, she would like to still come back and help us out on a supply basis next year for odd days if needed, so we will be keeping in touch. We are currently advertising the post and will be interviewing after the Easter holidays.

Changes to School Crossing - The Highways Department are creating a 'Parallel Crossing' outside of our school to reduce the speed of traffic travelling through the estate, with the work expected to take 4 -5 weeks. Mr Bell will still be on duty but will have moved further down the road near Cranleigh Place and it would be helpful if parents could avoid turning in to Cranleigh Place when he is on Lollipop Duty as he will be guiding people across the road at this junction. We have also been advised that the works will take place outside of peak times to try and reduce congestion at school pick up times.

Musical Celebration Event - On Tuesday March 27th 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 next week for the tickets that you have ordered.

Science Week - this week the children have taken part in a cross curricular programme of activities in their classes. We think we have some budding inventors and scientists emerging as our children have very strong investigative and problem solving skills.



Year 2 SAT's meeting - thank you to Mrs Myers and Miss McIntyre and those parents who attended the information session on Tuesday. A copy of the presentation is available on our website in the curriculum / overview section for those parents who were unable to attend.



Friends of Southridge



Disco – A disco will be held on Thursday 22nd March for Year 1 and 2 at 5pm -6pm and for Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. Entrance is £3.00 – payable on the door. Children may also bring a small amount of loose change for the tuck shop.

Easter Assemblies – please note that the assemblies will start at 9.10am in the school hall where the children will share a 'Spring Medley' with you.

March 27th - 2.30pm Reception Easter Assembly (this is one year group only so two adults per child may attend)

March 28th - 9.10am Easter Assembly - Year 1 and 2

March 28th - 2.45pm Easter Assembly - Year 3 and 4

(IMPORTANT NOTE - only one adult per child on 28th March as we have two year groups performing at each assembly and have limited capacity in the school hall.)

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 14th - 24th 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 class teachers.

School Meals - The summer term menu is on available on the North Tyneside website and will start after the Easter holidays.

Summer Uniform Reminder – After the holidays we move in to the summer term. I would like to remind you of our school uniform and ask for your help in ensuring that the children are dressed smartly for school.

Our school colours are maroon and grey

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| • Blouse/Shirt or polo shirt | White |
| • V-neck Sweater or cardigan | Maroon |
| • Sweatshirt | Maroon |
| • Trousers | Grey |
| • Skirt/pinafore | Grey |
| • Shoes - flat | Black |
| • Socks | Grey or white |
| • Summer Dress -optional | Blue stripe |
| • Shorts | Grey |

Hairbands - plain, slim line headbands in dark colours. Earrings should not be worn in school

Uniform is available to purchase from Anne Thomas Workwear in Whitley Bay.

MARCH	DIARY DATES
21 st	Kirkley Zoo Trip Year 1
22 nd	G - Force Disco Yr 1 -2 5pm -6pm Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm £3.00 payable on the door
23 rd	Year 3 Dodge Ball competition
26 th	'Be Safe' workshop - Year 4 - afternoon - 1 hour per class
27 th	Easter Service Reception 2.30pm Music Celebration Concert - 6pm in school hall for choir, violinists
28 th	Easter Service Year 1 and 2 - 9am Easter Service Year 3 and 4 -2.45pm Please note only one adult per family as we have limited space in the hall
29 th	'Tax Facts Fun' - workshop for Year 4.
29 th	BREAK UP for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm

We return to school on Monday 16th April

PLEASE NOTE:

3rd MAY SCHOOL OPEN FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 4 ON 3rd MAY (Election Day) but **CLOSED FOR NURSERY**

25th MAY – TEACHER TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS (including Nursery)

