



Newsletter

May 12th 2017

Southwood Infant School's biweekly publication for Parents, Teachers, Governors and Friends.

Dear Parents,

New Appointments and Staff Changes

We are very sad to be losing our wonderful Mrs Tugwell at the end of the year. As many of you know Mrs Tugwell lives near Andover which is a long way to travel every day and she has decided to work nearer to her home.

We are delighted to announce we have appointed Mrs Newman to the post of Early Years Teacher from September. Mrs Newman will attend our New Parent's Presentation on the 13th June and will be available to meet parents over the second half of the summer term. Mrs Newman has previously worked at South Farnham Primary School.

I am also delighted to let parents know that Mrs Walker will take up a permanent position as KS1 teacher from September. I think you will all agree that Mrs Walker has been a great asset to the Year 2 team.

Mrs Laver will be returning from her maternity leave on the 5th June. Mrs Hughes will however, remain Miss Royston's job share partner in Blue class until the end of the year. Mrs Laver will cover PPA time across the school and support booster lessons. She will also cover Miss Blamires' leadership day on Tuesdays in Purple class, and Mrs Tugwell's Mondays in Orange class until the end of term. Mrs Laver will be working in Orange class on 24th May so she can meet the class. Please pop in and say hello when you collect your child.

Mrs Astovasadorian, who is currently on maternity leave, has secured another teaching post. She will not be returning to Southwood in September. We wish her success in her new role.

Mrs Christie will continue to cover on a supply basis.

Class arrangements for September 2017

With the allocation of school places, we have now received our provisional numbers for children joining our school in September. At present we have 46 new children joining us in Year R. There are currently 38 children moving to Year 1 and 41 moving to Year 2. This coupled with the cut in the school budget has dictated the rearrangement of our classes for the next academic year. There will be two Year R classes and three mixed Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

Year 1 and 2 study the same curriculum, Key Stage 1, and we will carefully differentiate our teaching to meet all our children's needs from their individual starting point. In every class there will be children of differing abilities, needs and interests. The teaching staff will work closely together to make sure that the transition is as smooth as possible. Our experienced teachers and support staff will ensure all children make good progress and achieve the KS1 programme of study. We will be asking the children to tell us who their friends are and who they feel they work well with later this half term and we will take this into account when we plan each class.

We will confirm our final staffing arrangements in June (teachers and teaching assistants) and your child's class will be confirmed on Common Transfer Day which takes place on July 6th. This is when all the children move up to their new classes and meet their new teacher for the morning. Your child will come home that day with a letter which will inform you of their new class and teacher.

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Most of our Year 2 leavers will also be moving up to their new schools that morning but for those who are going to settings which do not take part in this Common Transfer Day we will ensure those children have a busy morning of activities whilst this 'move up' takes place.

We are planning to hold an open afternoon from 2.30pm - 3.30pm on 11th July so your child can share their work with you. This will also give parents an opportunity to meet their child's new teacher.

If you want to see the impact of the Governments new funding formula on our school please visit www.schoolcuts.org.uk and search Southwood Infant School.

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 visited Hillier's Gardens this week and had an amazing time. We had two guided sessions led by the educational staff. There was a real 'awe and wonder' moment when the children explored the sensory garden. We also enjoyed a very active plant life cycle session and tree identification lesson. After a much needed lunch stop the children had time to discover more of the grounds and visited the pond, the wobbly bridge and bamboo tunnel – it was brilliant! There were so many reasons to feel proud of our children throughout the day – from their wonderful manners and good listening, to the quality of their questioning.



Road Safety Training for Year 2

Red and Blue classes are taking part in a 3 week road safety programme. They will learn the Green Cross Code, the safest places to cross and the dangers associated with crossing the road and dealing with traffic.



Music Concert



On Thursday we were treated to a visit from Hampshire Music Service who played a range of string instruments including the violin, viola, cello and double bass. We participated in listening, singing and joining in with lots of rhythmic activities.

Term Time Absence

Please see the separate parent mail which clarifies procedures to be used when children miss school without permission. This has been jointly issued by all local headteachers to ensure that the law is applied strictly, fairly and consistently.

Science Day

Please note that we have changed the date of our Science Day to Friday 16th June. This is to coincide with Father's Day. We would like to invite all fathers in for an open morning from 9 am until 10.30 am where you will get the chance to work alongside your children on a range of scientific investigations.

Health and Safety Reminders

Parking is not permitted on the approach road at any time, including before and after school clubs. This is to ensure the safety of all our children and parents. The road is a private road and is for staff access and delivery vehicles only. Thank you for your co-operation – please make sure that your friends and family who pick up your children are aware of this.

School play equipment is not to be used before or after school. The school does not supervise children at these times so will NOT accept any liability for accidents.

What's coming up!

FSIS BBQ is on Saturday 13th May 4.30pm- 7.30pm

Walk to school week 15th May - 19th May

Pirate Day for reception classes 22nd May

Yellow Class Assembly 26th May (9.15am)

Around the World Day for year 2 19th May

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Southgate

May	
SATS period for year two runs throughout May	
Friday 12th	Grandparents Tea Party Blue/Green/Orange classes - 10.30am Purple/Red/Yellow classes - 1.45pm
Saturday 13th	FSIS Family BBQ 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 26th	Yellow class focus assembly 9.15am
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
June	
Thursday 8th	INSET DAY General election - school closed to children
Friday 9th	Orange class focus assembly 9.15am
Monday 12th – 16th	Year 1 phonic screening
Monday 12th	Year 2 trip to Old Portsmouth
Tuesday 13th	New Parents Presentation 7pm
Friday 16th	Science Day / Fathers open morning 9am – 10.30 am
Wednesday 21st	Year R trip to Basingstoke Canal Centre
Monday 26th - 30th	Multi-cultural themed week
July	
Monday 3rd July	Sports morning 10.30am and Picnic Lunch
Tuesday 4th July	Reserve sports morning 10.30am
Thursday 6th	Common Transfer Day
Friday 7th	End of Year school reports
Saturday 8th	FSIS Summer Fayre 10am – 2 pm
Tuesday 11th	Open afternoon 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Leavers assembly 9.15am
Thursday 20th	Leavers Disco 6pm – 7pm
Friday 21st	End of term Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 24th	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 25th	INSET DAY - school closed to children

Southwood Awards

5 May 2017

Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Elliot Ramsier-Lloyd for fantastic writing

Yusha Ali for excellent writing about what could be inside the giant eggs

Austin Dyer for writing a super fantasy story with adjectives

Sophie Corke for excellent fantasy story writing

Tamana Jabarkhil for great fact finding about China

for our non-chronological report

Felicity Jackson for Antarctica facts researched at home
and for a lovely poster design

Good Neighbour Award

Niamh Reilly for working hard and helping her friends

Ellie Grannell for being friendly and helpful

Finlay Clifford for trying super hard to follow the Golden Rules
and working really well

Harry Wirth for good listening and excellent behaviour

Jessica Williams for always following the Golden Rules

Halle Bland and Jassmina Jabbi for sitting with a friend at lunchtime
and then playing with her because she was sad

Lunchtime Mega Stars

for super manners, eating well and good behaviour in the playground at lunchtime

Lachlan Rae

Oliver Bryant

Charlie Dearlove

Max Hatcher

Bailey Terry

Theo Gibson

Josie Jabbi

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Thomas Smith

Daisi Cassin

Elliot Ramsier-Lloyd

Ksawery Wrona

Lewis Battarbee

Lucy Gibb

Miya Durkin