



# Newsletter

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

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

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to all our new children. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and that you are looking forward to another busy and rewarding year at Southwood. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your kind wishes, gifts and cards at the end of last term.

This year we welcome Mrs Newman to our team as Class Teacher in Orange class and as many of you know Miss Park is now our new Assistant Head Teacher.

We are all very impressed with the way the Year 1 and 2 children have returned to school this week. They have already settled into their new classes, lessons and routines brilliantly.

Purple Class discussing the rules for the quiet reading corner



Blue Class exploring the zoo shop



Purple Class playing an animal game



Red Class using the new laptops



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## Golden Rules

This week the children have been reminded of our Golden Rules and have been learning them in class and during our assemblies.

**We are kind and helpful**

**We are honest**

**We are gentle**

**We listen to people**

**We look after property**

**We work hard**



## Curriculum Presentation

Please come along to our Year 1 and Year 2 Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. This is your chance to find out how we teach the KS1 curriculum. There will be lots of information about English, maths, phonics, reading and our topics. This session will be really informative about the curriculum, assessment and expectations of the year groups. Wine and nibbles will be available! Carly Jones is offering to open Schools out for Fun that evening. If you are interested please phone Carly on 07985 391206 (during club hours) or 07794 336069.

## Phonics and Reading meeting for Early Years Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.15pm

For parents of children entering Early Years there is a phonics/reading information session. This will give a fun but very necessary briefing on how to reinforce the taught phonic skills children require in order to become successful readers. All Early Years parents welcome.

## Parents Evening

Towards the end of the half term we will be holding our parents consultation evenings where we will discuss your child's individual learning and set targets. These will be held on the Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 4 pm – 7pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3 pm – 5pm.

## New Parents Presentation – Children Starting School September 2018

We will be holding an information meeting for new parents on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity for new parents who are considering sending their children to Southwood in September 2018 to visit the school ask questions and meet the staff. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next year please can you let them know?

For opportunities to visit with children during the school day, please call the school office.

## Parent Helpers

We warmly welcome support from our parents, grandparents and special friends to help with cooking, sewing, reading or general classroom support. In order to do this we have to obtain DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance. If you would like to offer your time then let us know and we will complete the necessary arrangements.

## Inset Days this Academic Year

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

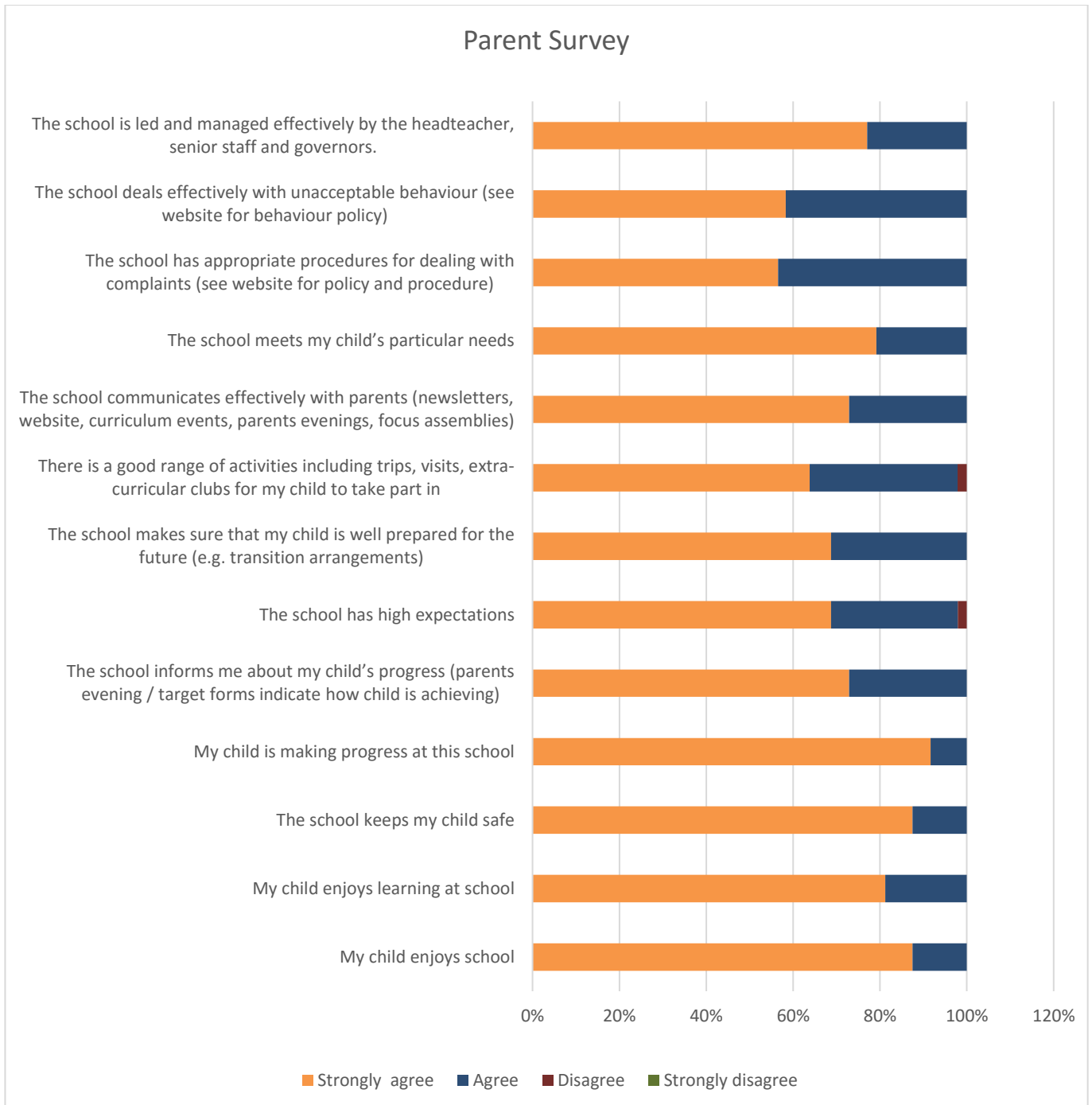
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 (polling day)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

## Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone for returning feedback slips from reports and our annual questionnaire. It's so lovely to read all of your positive comments and to get your suggestions for making our school even better. Governors and staff have had the opportunity to read all your comments and they give us a good base upon which to move forward, as well as celebrate what we already do well.

Most importantly for us, 100% of parents feel that their children are happy, safe and making good progress at Southwood.



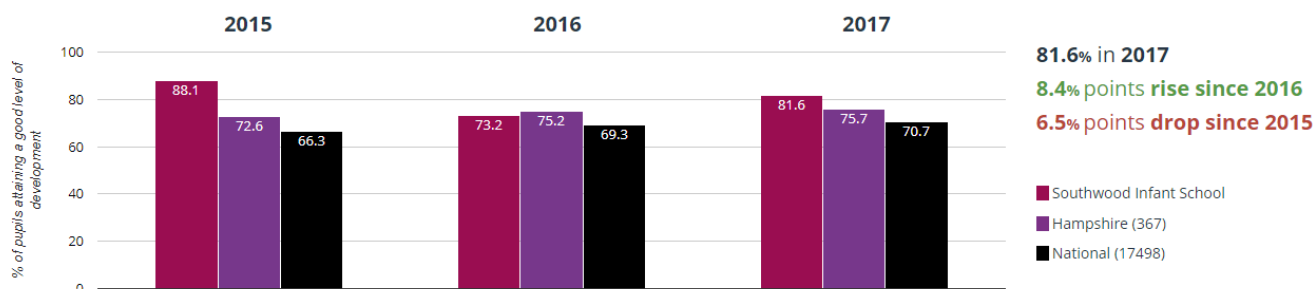
## The School's End of Year Results 2017

We continue to achieve good outcomes which are above national standards across all year groups and we are very proud of the quality of teaching as well as the children's super efforts which produce these results. A snapshot of data is shown below and is on the school website.

### Data Headlines – Early Years

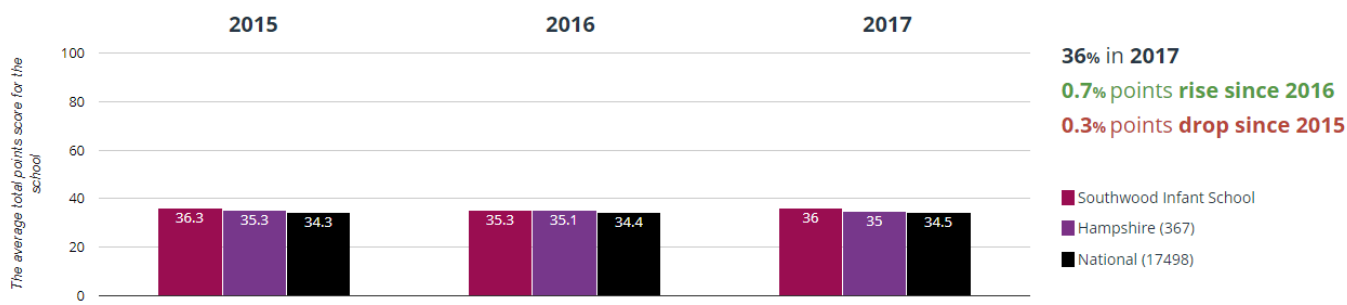
#### Attainment

##### ★ Good Level Of Development



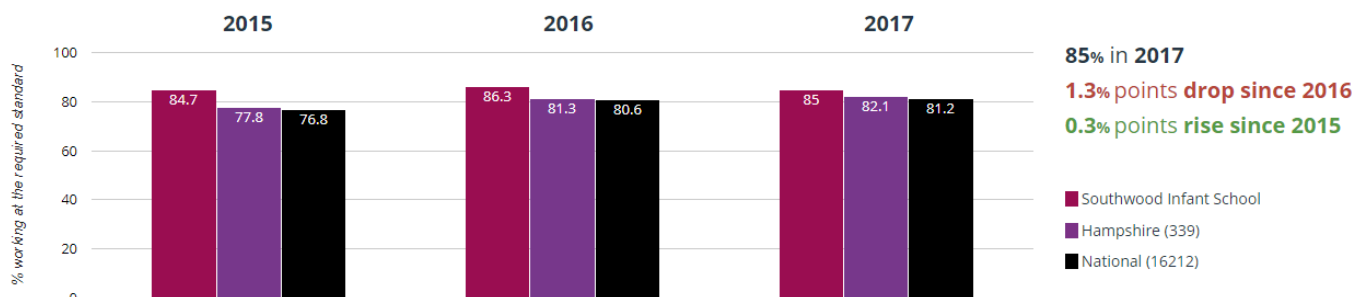
#### Progress

##### % Average Total Points Score



### Data Headlines – Year 1 phonics

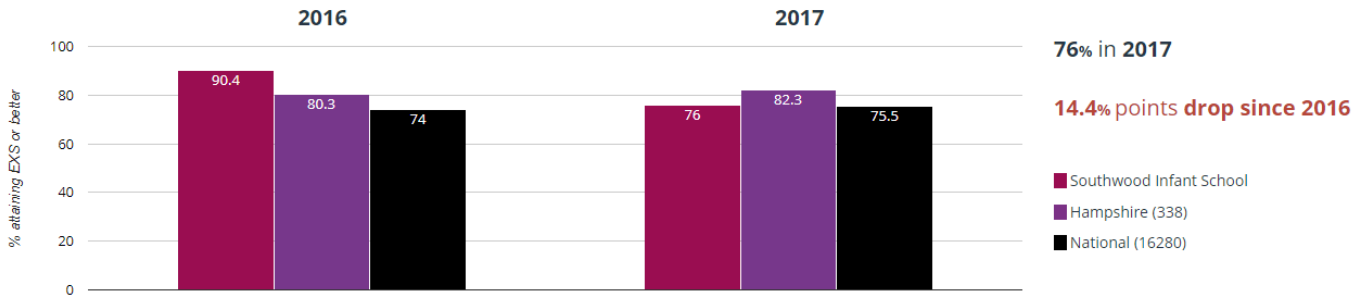
##### Year 1: Working At



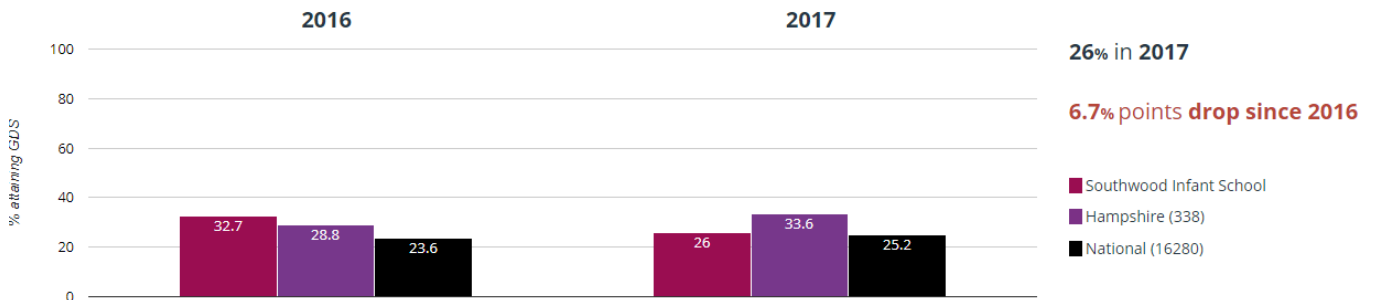
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## Data Headlines – Year 2

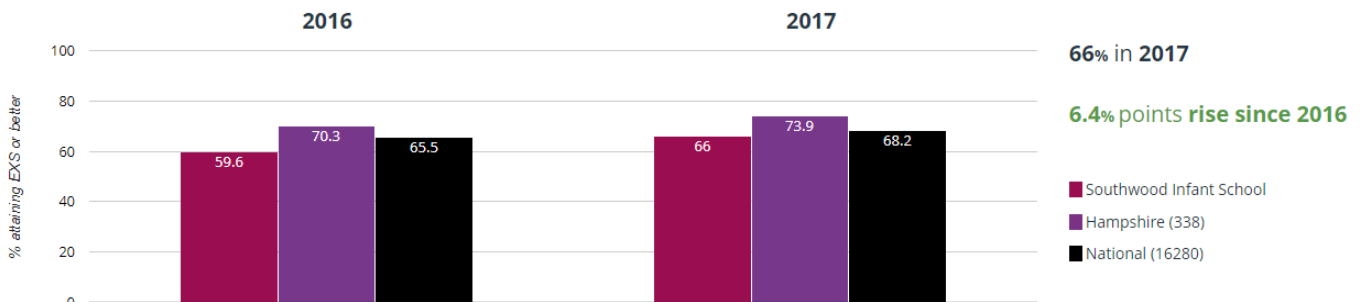
### Reading - attaining EXS or better



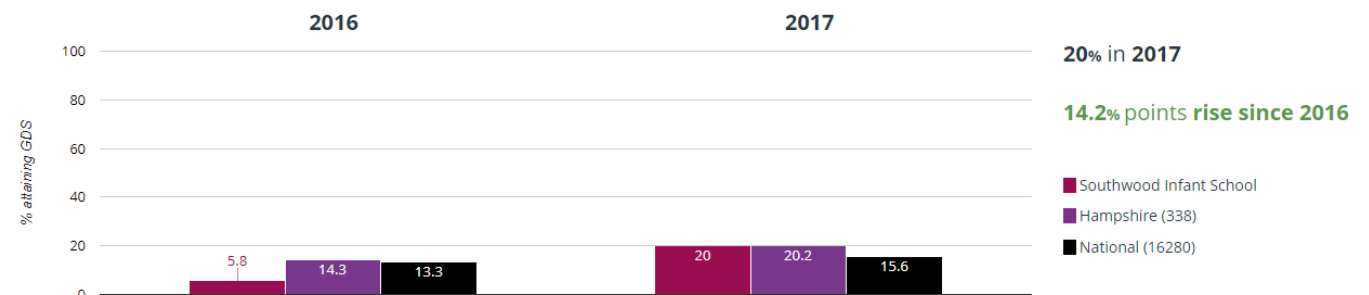
### Reading - attaining GDS



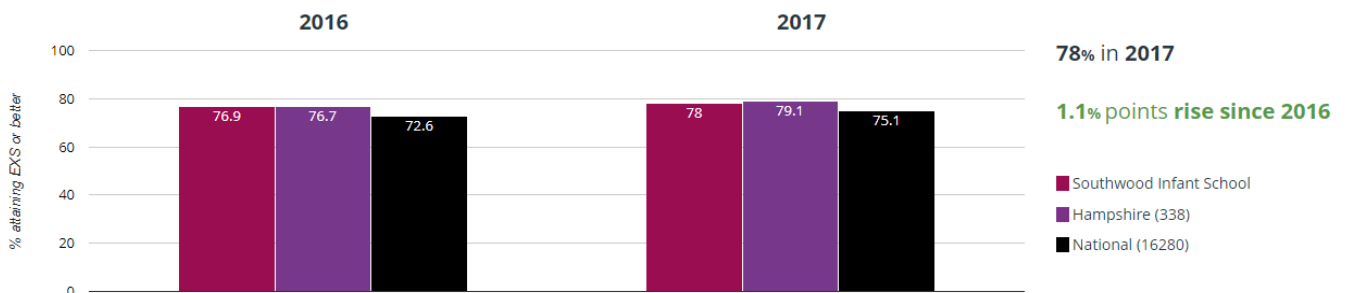
### Writing - attaining EXS or better



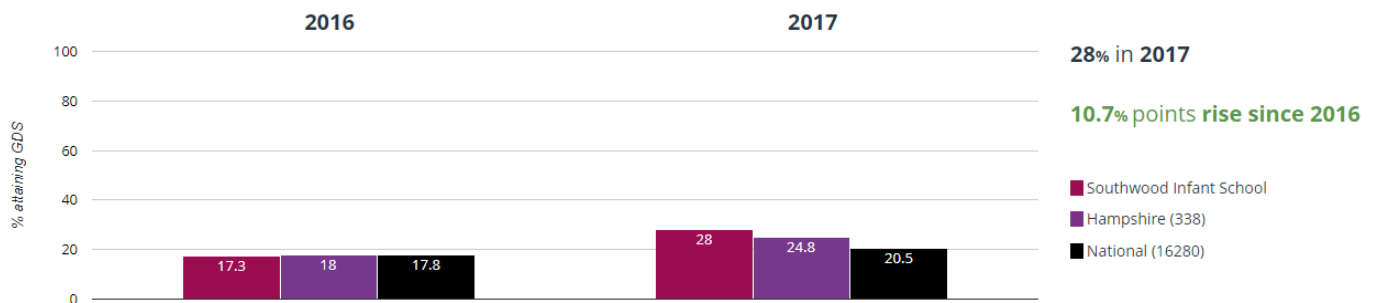
### Writing - attaining GDS



### Maths - attaining EXS or better



## Maths - attaining GDS



## Strategic Plan 2017-2018

Our Strategic Plan brings together the detailed plans needed to implement the school's vision and aims. It is based on the school's self-evaluation and sets out areas for development for the next year. This is available on the school website under "our school" tab.

There are five key areas for development

1. Strengthen the quality of teaching and learning so that it is consistently good or better for all pupils
2. Increase the % of children meeting the expected and higher standards in maths
3. Raise attainment in writing for all pupils
4. Develop high quality effective leadership at all levels
5. Develop an outstanding whole school curriculum

## Help with School Grounds

We have great school grounds but they do need quite a bit of looking after, particularly during the autumn and spring terms – leaf clearing, general tidying. We would really appreciate your help with this. If you can spare a few hours please see Mrs Southgate or Mrs Padday.

## After School Clubs

Monday – YEM Street Dance (starts Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September)  
Tuesday – SCL Gymnastics (starts Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September)  
Wednesday – SCL football (starts Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September)  
Thursday – YEM Ballet (starts Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September)

The YEM Theatre School offers dance classes after school at Southwood Infant School on Mondays and Thursdays in Street Dance and Ballet.

Monday Street Dance 3-3.45pm, £4 per class (paid termly) For ages 4-7 years, with the opportunity to move up into our "Street with Acro" classes for ages 7+

Thursday Ballet 3.15-3.55pm directly after school, £4 per class (paid termly) For ages 4-7 years, with the opportunity to take exams with the Cecchetti ISTD Exam Board and move up through the grades when they are ready, from primary to intermediate level and above. Exams are optional.

For more information or to book a free trial please visit [www.yemtheatreschool.co.uk](http://www.yemtheatreschool.co.uk) or call Lucy on 07739 814940 to book your child's place.

## **Could your child be eligible for pupil premium money?**

Extra money is provided to schools when parents or carers are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits. This money goes directly to supporting your child. If you would like any further information, help and support or to know how to see if your child is eligible please email [s.royston@southwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.royston@southwood.hants.sch.uk). Miss Royston works in school on Mondays, Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. There is further information on our website under our school "pupil premium" tab.

- Income Support
  - Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs<sup>1</sup>
  - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- You can check your eligibility at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm>.

## **IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING**

### **PE Kits and Coats**

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit and coat in school at all times.

### **Parking**

A polite reminder that parking is not permitted in the approach road to the school or in the school car park. Parents are requested to park in the community centre car park. Please can you make sure that childminders, grandparents and friends are aware of this rule.

### **Contacting the School**

Please note the School Office is open from 8.30 – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. If you wish to report your child's absence out of these hours please leave a message on the answer phone which is checked daily.

### **Labelling School Uniform**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can we ask that all clothing is named; this helps us return your child to you with his/her own clothes! Lost property will only be kept for a few weeks so those name labels are really important!

### **Contact Details**

Please can you make sure that we have updated contact details for your child. It is vitally important that we have current mobile phone and home numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

### **Medicines**

Please can we ask that any medicines which you wish us to administer are taken directly to the school office and not into class. This frees up the class teacher to greet your children warmly and give them a calm start to their day. All medicines should be clearly named and any prescribed medicines must have the prescription label attached. You will need to fill in a form at the office in order for us to administer any medication in school. This form is also available on the school website.

AND FINALLY... Please regularly check the 'Dates' section of the newsletter and the website calendar as this is being added to every fortnight.

Please remember we operate an open door policy, so if you have any concerns or questions relating to your child, please do contact us.

We look forward to a happy and successful year together and to supporting all the children in continuing their learning journey here at Southwood Infant School.

Wendy Southgate  
**Head teacher**

<b>September</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>KSI trip to Marwell Zoo</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>KSI curriculum presentation 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>New Parents Presentation 2pm &amp; 7pm</b>
<b>October</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Early Years Phonics &amp; Reading Meeting 2.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents evening 4 pm – 7 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents evening 3 pm – 5 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival YR – 9.15 am / KSI – 2.15 pm</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed to children</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>November</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Individual School Photos</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Mufti Day – Children in Need</b>
<b>December</b>	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Service at Southwood Church 6pm</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>FSIS Christmas Fayre 10am – 1pm</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas play 9.15am</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 2 Christmas Music Evening 6pm</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year R Christmas play 9.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Phyllis Tuckwell sponsored Elf Run 10am</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm</b>



# Southwood Awards

## 8 September 2017

### Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Joshua Ball for doing some writing on his own and working hard  
Jack Bell for working super hard in maths this week and impressing us with his maths skills and then continuing his hard work in literacy  
Isaac Duroe for super writing

### Good Neighbour Award

Beth McLay for settling in really well  
and keeping to the golden rules  
Rosalia McGrath for being a kind friend and looking after Evie  
Bella Colbert for helping children to settle in  
and showing or telling them what to do

### Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Theo Gibson

Ross Armstrong

Lucy Gibb

Daniel Wraight

Eva Newall

Izzy King

Harry Andrews

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