



Newsletter

October 19th 2017

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

Dear Parents,

This term seems to be flying by. The children seem to have happily settled in their new classes and there is a real sense of learning and enjoyment around our school.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival assemblies. The children sang beautifully. Through sharing their Harvest poetry, bread making and thank you prayers the children reminded us what Harvest time really means.

We received a huge collection of donated food for our Harvest collection. This will be collected by the Farnborough Foodbank tomorrow. Many thanks for your generosity.

Staff News

Our congratulations to Miss Royston who gets married on Saturday. She returns to school after the half term as Mrs Taylor. We wish the newly married couple every happiness on their special day and for their future.

Mrs Andrews and Mrs Nichols are due to return on Monday 30th October. Thank you to Miss Gardener for stepping in and covering Mrs Andrews' duties in Orange Class.

Sadly Mrs Sinclair will remain off school until the end of January. We all wish her a speedy and successful recovery. Mrs Patterson will now move from Purple Class to Blue Class to cover Mrs Sinclair's teaching assistant role.

Paralympic Athlete visit



On Monday 30th October we will be welcoming Tom Aggar to school. Tom will lead an assembly and link our school values - Excellence, Respect and Enjoyment - to his Paralympic story.

Tom made history in 2008 when he was crowned men's single scull Paralympic champion in Beijing. He returned to the Paralympic Games podium eight years later after winning a bronze at Rio 2016. He is also four-times World Champion and is the longest-serving member of the GB para-rowing squad. We are looking forward to welcoming Tom to Southwood.

Excellence- Respect- Enjoyment

Judo Club

Congratulations to Tallulah Bardell who is this week's Judo Champion and takes home the gold medal and mascot.

Judo club is on Wednesday morning 7.40 am - 8.30 am
There are still spaces if your child is interested please contact Ashley McKenzie on 07375110843



Sport Taster sessions

We started our Southwood sporting year with SCL giving the children a taster session on gymnastics. We plan to do more sessions throughout the year giving the children the opportunity to try a variety of different sports. The school council have been busy surveying all the children to see which new sports they would like to try. To follow this up we are planning to hold a **Fantastic Friday** in the spring term where all the children can try out a range of different sports ranging from golf to dodge ball.

This Week in Reception

This week the children in Orange and Yellow classes have been following a fruit salad recipe and all chosen fruits to make their own.

They learnt how to carefully cut and chop a range of fruits and thoroughly enjoyed eating them afterwards.

The outside area has been busy with children writing recipes and mixing concoctions in the potion laboratory.



Farnborough News

Yellow and Orange classes featured in Wednesday's edition of the Farnborough News in the *Class of 2017 supplement.*

Data Collection Sheets – Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

Coming home this week are the Data Collection and Medical Conditions forms for you to check and update. Please return the first week back after half term.

Parent Governor Election

The school will be holding a parent governor election so if any parent would like to stand for election please contact Carly Jones or Nina Lynch by the 3rd November.

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Year 1 and 2 have been learning all about bread this week as part of the RE curriculum. We had a visit from Rev Stewart who talked about the value of bread as a symbol to Christians. The children all learnt how to make bread and made individual bread rolls. Yum! Yum!



A lot of concentration was needed to sew their animal puppets! What a fantastic effort... all that designing, cutting out and joining of materials.



Parking

Under NO circumstances are parents allowed to drop children off using the staff car park unless they have made prior arrangements with the Head teacher for medical reasons. **The children's safety is paramount.** Morrison's community car park is a very short distance from our school entrance and allows easy, safe access for all. Thank you to everyone who follows our parking rules. Can I also remind you that the approach road is only to be used by staff and for deliveries.

School Day Procedures

Please ensure your children arrive in school between 8.35am and 8.50am for registration. The doors close at 8:50am. If your child is late to school, or is returning from a medical appointment, an adult must accompany them into the Office and sign them back into school please. Please remember that access for parents and visitors is via the School Office only.

Money in Envelopes

Please ensure any money is sent to the school office in a **sealed envelope**, clearly stating your child's name, class and the purpose of the money. **Please enclose the correct amount of money.**

New Lunch Menu

Just a reminder about the new lunch menu which starts on Monday 30th September. You will recall that the picnic option will be replaced with a jacket potato option. However, the jacket potato option will not be available until Tuesday 31st October.

From all the staff at Southwood we hope you enjoy a lovely half term.

Wendy Southgate
Head teacher

October	
Friday 20th October	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Half term
November	
Wednesday 1st November	Year R fancy dress disco 5pm Years 1 and 2 fancy dress disco 6.15pm
Thursday 2nd November	School photos
Thursday 9th November	FSIS Meeting 7pm
Friday 17th November	Mufti day – Children in Need
Friday 17th November	FSIS Bingo and Quiz Night
December	
Friday 8th December	Carol Service at Southwood Church 6pm
Saturday 9th December	FSIS Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th December	Year 1 Christmas play 9.15am
Tuesday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas music evening 6pm
Friday 15th December	Year R Christmas play 9.30am
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December	Elf sponsored run 10am
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm
January	
Thursday 4th January	Spring Term Starts
February	
Friday 9th February	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 12th – Friday 16th	Half term

Southwood Awards

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Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Sophie Critoph for making a wonderful home for a hedgehog

Sara Bhandari for amazing maths

Lily Fox for her great non-fiction writing for her book about meerkats

Kieran Kanja for concentrating really hard

and working super hard on his non-fiction book on komodo dragons

Sofia Kinsella for working independently on her ice bear style non-fiction book

Good Neighbour Award

Cerys Latrache for fabulous listening

Migin Pun for beautiful manners

Eva Newall for working hard and being helpful in the class

Emily Wood for always working hard

and coming into school each day with a smile on her face

Lily Thomson for showing perseverance in her sewing and helping other children

Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Ksawery Wrona

Niamh Reilly

Ruby Wright

Summer Hills

Freya Huddleston

Elliot Ramsier-Lloyd

Jack Mallett

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