



Newsletter

February 2nd 2018

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

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be sharing lots of good news with you this week.

Reindeer Run



A huge thankyou to everyone at Southwood for taking part in our Phyllis Tuckwell 2017 Reindeer run. I am delighted to tell you that the school raised a fantastic **£1,297**. This year over 30 local schools took part, so far raising over £50,000! It is thanks to support from schools like Southwood Infant School that allow them to continue the hospice care in the local community and looking after patients and their families free of charge.

A message from Peter Foxtton, Director

"We are really grateful for the school's continued support and this wonderful donation. We know these sponsored runs couldn't happen without all the support from staff, parents and children, so please pass on our sincere thanks to all."



On Tuesday I visited Yellow class to discover it was a crime scene! Someone had broken a chair and left footprints... The children soon got to work investigating and looking for clues. With the help of Sergeant Kinsella they wrote a police report....naughty Goldilocks!



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Music Award



Hampshire Music Service have recognised the value that we place on music in our curriculum and awarded us a Music Mark. We are proud that our hard work ensures that pupils are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education.

Tesco Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £2000 from the Tesco bags initiative. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us collect those blue tokens.

FSIS Supporting Southwood Infant School



The Friends of Southwood Infant School have made a donation to the school of £1800 which will allow us to buy another 6 iPads. These will directly support teaching in the class. We will be able to access many educational apps that allow our children to practise essential skills in print awareness, phonics, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. Thank you to FSIS and to you for supporting them.

The school is committed to providing a high quality learning environment for the children and we have several areas we wish to improve and update over the next few years. These include updating our interactive white boards in the classrooms and creating an open plan library.

The chronic lack of funding to support schools really means that we are more and more reliant on the support of parents and the community. You may be aware of the huge differences in the way the National Funding Formula leaves some authorities with much less money per pupil than other authorities from April 2018. Hampshire schools are now the 2nd lowest funded authority in the country.

I hope we can all support FSIS with their fund raising events this year.

Please look out for the following events coming soon.

Children's Valentine's Disco Wednesday 7th February

Children's Mother's Day gifts (please return orders by 7th February)

Bags2school collection Thursday 26th March

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 24th March 10 - 12

Local Grants and Sponsorship

Mrs Padday and I would be very keen to hear from any parents who work for local companies who provide community grants or funding. This could be in the form of financial support for our major projects or in volunteering their time. We have been successful this year with gaining extra funding in this way. Every penny really does help!

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A message from Miss Park

On Saturday 31st March I shall be taking part in the Action Challenge 25 Mile Easter Walk. I hope to raise lots of money for our wonderful school. As a school we would love to buy some much needed new learning resources to help revamp both our outside learning environments in Year R and in KS1. If I could raise just a little bit of money towards this it would be fantastic for the children. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-park2018>

Pancake Day Special Menu

Julie, our school cook, is preparing a special lunch on Thursday 8th February.

Please note the new options for that day will be

Red – pork sausages in a roll, waffles and beans or peas

Blue – vegetarian sausage in a roll, waffles and beans or peas

Yellow - jacket potato with cheese

Pudding – pancake with syrup and ice cream or a selection of other cold desserts

Parent evenings

Please book your consultation slot via the on-line booking system which went live today at 8am and will close on Friday 23rd February at 6pm. If you are unable to book on line please phone the school office who will arrange an appointment for you. The on-line booking is available through Parentmail – there is also a link on our school website

Tuesday 27th February 4 - 7pm

Wednesday 28th February 3.30 - 5pm

E-Safety workshop for KS1 children and all parents

On Tuesday 6th March Andrew Woods, an IT trainer from Harrap IT (who provide our IT support) will be coming in to hold workshops for our KS1 children and all parents on internet safety. Andrew will do a 45 minute presentation to Year 1 and 2 children highlighting the importance of keeping safe whilst using technology, covering:

- The great things we can do online: websites, apps and games
- A video to watch and discuss
- Importance of being polite online
- What is a stranger?
- What is personal information?
- Top tips to stay safe

He will then hold a 40 minute presentation outlining the importance of E-Safety in the home, for Parents (2pm-3pm). He will cover;

- Q & A session, time to highlight any concerns you may have
- How children are growing up online and what they use technology for
- Potential risks to children online
- Setting parental controls
- Importance of talking to your child about the ways in which they use the internet
- Summary and tips for parents

We cannot express enough how important E-Safety is and strongly believe that our children are not too young to learn how to stay safe whilst enjoying the benefits of the internet. Following recent press attention, please be reassured that thorough safeguarding measures are in place to protect children when using the internet in school.

Mother's Day Assemblies

The children would like to invite all their mummies to a special Mother's Day assembly on Friday 9th March. Early Years (Yellow and Orange classes) will hold their assembly at 9.15am and KS1 (Purple, Blue and Red classes) will hold their assembly at 2.15pm.

Focus Class Assemblies

Parents are invited to attend our class focus assemblies in the school hall at 9.15am on the following dates. This is a chance for the classes to show you their topic work and the diverse range of skills and knowledge they have learnt.

Red class – Friday 20th April
Blue class – Thursday 10th May
Purple class – Wednesday 16th May
Yellow class – Friday 8th June
Orange class – Wednesday 20th June

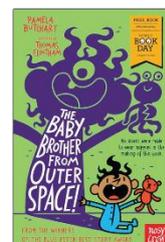
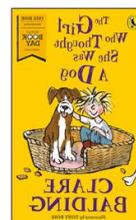
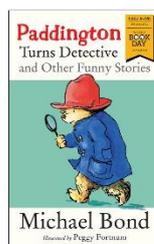
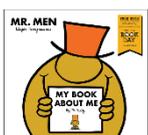
The Book Fayre is coming on 19th March so we can celebrate stories and a love of reading

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March it will be World Book Day. We would love the children to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character** (not a TV/film character) and be ready to talk about who they are and why they chose that character. Each class will choose a book for the day and plan special tasks around it based on drama, reading, writing and art work. Every child will be given a £1 book token

HOW TO USE YOUR £1 BOOK TOKEN

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local book shop and swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books!



Visit www.worldbookday.com for more information

Advert for a Parent Governor

Southwood Infant School is a friendly place full of well-behaved, hard-working children and staff. Since achieving a well-deserved 'Good' from OFSTED in 2016, Southwood has gone from strength to strength and are continuing to improve under strong leadership and enthusiastic staff.

Southwood Infant School are seeking to appoint motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join our friendly governing body which provides strategic leadership and accountability to our excellent community school.

Our school cannot run without wonderful volunteers being part of our team and we value the different areas of expertise that community / parent governors bring to the school.

You will receive guidance, mentoring and training to support you in this rewarding and essential role.

If you are interested please speak to Nina Lynch (07980 570882) or Carly Jones (07985 391206).

In the current edition of 'Your Hampshire' there is further information about becoming a governor and how rewarding this role can be. Please see the (very long!) link below

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Pyjama party for Year 1 and 2

Please do not forget to return your reply slips for the Pyjama Party by Thursday 8th February. We can then confirm to you that the event will be going ahead so you can start collecting sponsors!

Request

We are running short of boys' pants for our spare supply in the medical room. Any donations would be welcomed. Many thanks.

Parking

For the safety of your children, all parents and staff please use Morrisons car park. Parking is not permitted at any time in the school car park or on the approach road.

The approach road is for staff and school deliveries only.

Driving so close to the school puts children in danger. Unlike most schools we are very fortunate that we have alternative parking arrangements. In future I will be writing directly to any parents who park in the school car park or approach road to ask them to respect our rules.



Thank you for ensuring the continued safety of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wendy Southgate
Headteacher

January	
February	
Wednesday 7 th February	FSIS Valentine disco
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Half term
Tuesday 27 th February	Parents evenings 4 – 7 pm
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents evenings 3.30 – 5 pm
March	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March	E-Safety workshop for KS1 and parents
Friday 9 th March	Mother's Day Assembly Year R 9.15 / KS1 2.15
Thursday 15 th March	Dance Challenge for year 2 in Princes Hall
Friday 16 th March	Mufti Day – donations for Easter Egg Hunt – details to follow
Monday 19 th – 23 rd March	Book Fair
Saturday 24 th March	FSIS Easter Egg Hunt 10 - 12
Thursday 26 th March	Bags 2 School
Tuesday 27 th March	FSIS Easter Disco
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 29 th March – 13 th April	Easter holidays
April	
Monday 16 th April	Summer term begins
May SATS period for year two runs throughout May	
Thursday 3 rd May	Inset Day – school closed to children
Friday 11 th May	Grandparents Tea Party Yellow and Orange classes -10.30am Purple/Red/Blue classes - 1.45pm
Saturday 12 th May	FSIS BBQ 4.30 – 7.30
June	
Monday 11 th – 15 th June	Year 1 Phonic Testing
Tuesday 12 th June	New parents Presentation 7pm
Monday 25 th – 29 th June	Arts week celebrating the 25 th Anniversary of Southwood Infant School
July	
Monday 2 nd July	Sports Day and Picnic
Tuesday 3 rd July	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday 7 th July	FSIS Summer Fayre
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 19 th July	Year 2 Leavers disco
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm

Southwood Awards

26 January 2018

Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Jessica Dearlove for writing a fantastic description of Mr Wolf
Radley Samson for trying really hard to learn his flashcards at home
Freya North for her great diary writing of Adika
Ross Armstrong for approaching his diary writing really sensibly, taking his time
and making sure the start of it is really good
George Smith for writing a lovely opening to his story independently

Good Neighbour Award

Max Astbury for being a good friend and following the golden rules
Sara Bhandari for taking up the challenge to play with someone new
Jamie Greenwood for working hard and always trying his best
Sophie Whitlock for really concentrating on her handwriting
and the presentation of her work
Lewis Battarbee for working independently
and getting his things together to be able to learn

Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Lily Thomson

Evalyn Pilgram

Franklin Rowe

Isabelle Ruby-Campbell

Maia Hardy

Sophie Whitlock

Joshua Ball

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Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Noah Sabanos for wonderful writing

Elsie Bushnell-Redman for trying really hard to have an 'I can' attitude,
especially in phonics

Ellie Grannell for her super maths work

Evie Russell for contributing some fantastic adjectives while working in a group

Jack Mallett for working hard during literacy and writing a super story opening

Good Neighbour Award

Jessica Dearlove for looking after Milly who joined Yellow Class on Tuesday

Michael Ivanov for always following the golden rules

Austin Dyer for always working hard

Zoey Beckford for helping to keep the golden rules and keep our classroom tidy

Sebastian Walker for following the golden rules and being really studious in class

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Jack Mallett

Leela Hoare

Theo Hedley

Lily Fox

Ross Armstrong

Isabelle King

Jamie Greenwood

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