



# Newsletter

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

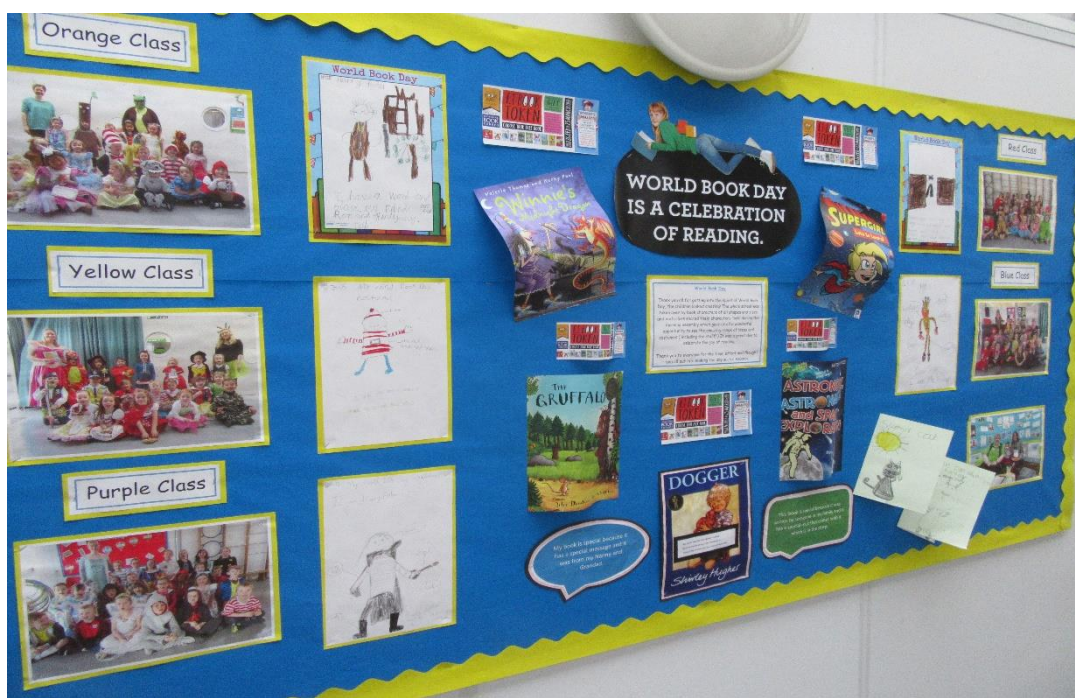
Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your understanding for the need to close the school last Thursday and Friday. As the Head teacher this is always a difficult decision to make but it is made with the best intention to ensure staff, children and parents are safe. I never thought I would be so grateful to see the rain!

It was lovely to see so many happy parents leaving our recent parent consultations. I'm sure you were pleased with the progress your child is making and enjoyed looking through their work. It is so important to have those discussions with teachers about next steps in learning so you can help to support your child at home.

## World Book Day

Thank you all for getting into the spirit of World Book Day, the children and teachers looked amazing! The whole school was taken over by book characters of all shapes and sizes and each class shared their characters 'look' during the morning assembly which gave us all a wonderful opportunity to see the amazing range of ideas and costumes. It was a great day to celebrate the joy of reading and being read to and we really hope it inspires children to share and enjoy books. Thank you to everyone for the time, effort and thought you all put into making the day such a success. Do pop in to see the class photographs which are in the corridor by the hall entrance.



Excellence- Respect- Enjoyment

## Asda Donations

Thank you to Asda who donated a box of world book goodies to the school which included stickers, badges, writing and colouring activities and bookmarks.



## Pyjama Party

The Pyjama party was a huge success and the children had a great evening of fun. A huge thankyou to the Year 1 and 2 team who organised this event and gave up their Friday night. We are still waiting for all our sponsorship money to come in. Please can you send this in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Eva Newall**

I liked using the torches in the dark and dancing.

**Isaac Duroe**

The torch hunt was fun and I liked it in the dark. I found all the letters and wrote them in the key.

I liked going to school in my pyjamas and slippers and eating sweet treats.

**Niamh Reilly**

**Summer Hills**

I liked dancing in my pyjamas and slippers.

I loved the torch hunt in the dark because it was really fun and I liked it.

**Jack Mallet**

### **Gardening Club**

Gardening club will start after the Easter break and will be run after school on Thursdays. Mrs Andrews and Mrs Kinsella will lead the club. A letter inviting children to join will follow shortly.

### **The Green Team**

Next week is *Waste Week* so the Green Team will be introducing our brand new recycling bins to the classes. Many thanks to Carly Jones for buying these for the school. Year 1 and 2 children will also bring home an optional waste audit homework.

### **Mufti Day**

There will be a mufti day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for chocolates and bottles for the FSIS Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The children can wear casual clothes but please remember that they must be able to work as normal and be warm at playtime and lunchtime so clothing must be appropriate for this.

### **Silver Jubilee Celebrations week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Southwood Infant School will be 25 years old this summer and we are planning to mark our Silver Jubilee with a very special Arts Week. Planning is under way and will include all children working with an artist to create a legacy art piece. We would also like to hold a street party for children and parents on the afternoon of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

This will obviously involve a lot of preparation and we are hoping to engage the help of some volunteers to support us with our planned activities. If you can spare a few hours that week and would like to be involved with our celebrations please email Mrs Taylor on

[s.taylor@southwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.taylor@southwood.hants.sch.uk)

### **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>

### **Bags4school Collection - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Our next collection date is coming soon. Your child will bring home a recycling bag. However, black bin bags or any big bags are also accepted. The bags may be filled with clean and dry clothes, paired shoes and footwear, handbags, belts, accessories, soft toys (teddies) & bed linen. Once filled, the bags then need to be returned to school by 9 a.m. on the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Unfortunately, we do not have the storage facilities to accept them any earlier. The bags will then be collected, weighed and a price per kilo paid to the school. It's as simple as that! Pass on your unwanted items and the school raises valuable funds.

### **Sports News**

Achieve Sports will be running our after school clubs after Easter. The clubs will be Multi Sports on Tuesdays, Football on Wednesdays and Dodgeball on a Friday. Further details will be following soon with information for signing up for the clubs.

Mrs Wendy Southgate  
**Head teacher**

<b>March</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Challenge for Year 2 at Princes Hall
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Fair
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Storyteller visit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	KS1 Cricket Taster day
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	FSIS Easter Egg Hunt 10 - 12
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FSIS Easter Disco
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
<b>April</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Red Class focus Assembly 9.15am
<b>May SATS period for Year 2 runs throughout May</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Blue Class focus Assembly 9.15am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Grandparents Tea Party Yellow and Orange classes -10.30am Purple/Red/Blue classes - 1.45pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	FSIS BBQ 4.30 – 7.30
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Purple Class focus Assembly 9.15am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
<b>June</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Yellow Class focus Assembly 9.15am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic Testing
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New parents Presentation 7pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Orange Class focus Assembly 9.15am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts Week celebrating the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Southwood Infant School
<b>July</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day and Picnic
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	FSIS Summer Fayre 10am – 2pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers disco 6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY school closed to children

# Southwood Awards

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### Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Elsie Bushnell-Redman

Devon Smith

Mia Downing

Annabelle Teasdale

Miya Durkin

George Smith

Dawid Nowotczynski