



Newsletter

April 20th 2018

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It seems incredible that we are embarking on the summer term already! The children have returned with their lovely smiles and they were very pleased to see their teachers and friends again. The sun has finally arrived and we are looking forward to a warm summer term when we can enjoy our lovely school grounds and have lots of fun learning outside.

Class arrangements for September 2018

With the allocation of school places, we have now received our provisional numbers for children joining our school in September. At present we have 45 new children joining us in Year R, although this number is likely to change. This allows us to continue running our current class structure of two Year R classes and three mixed Year 1 and Year 2 classes next year. Our pupil admission numbers from September 2019 will be 45, which means we will be running at full capacity.

We have had considerable interest in the vacancy for class teacher in Purple class with some very strong applications. We have short listed five good candidates and will be interviewing next week. I will confirm our appointment very shortly. I will announce our final staffing arrangements in early June (teachers and teaching assistants).

Mrs Cooper, our teaching assistant in Yellow class will be commencing her maternity leave on the 30th April. Mrs Patterson will be covering Mrs Cooper during her absence. She is well known to the children and will be working alongside Mrs Cooper next week to ensure continuity and a smooth transition for the children.

The Green Team

Congratulations to the Green Team who have been awarded a Bronze Eco School Award for their achievement in working towards a sustainable lifestyle.

Inset Day

For the benefit of our Reception and Year 1 parents, please note that Monday 3rd September will be an Inset day here at Southwood Infant School.

Rushmoor in Bloom Competition

Mrs Kinsella, Mrs Andrews and our budding Gardening Club have entered the Rushmoor in Bloom Competition. Thank you to Jamie G, Sophia K, Charlie W and Cole F for attending the opening ceremony yesterday afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing their gardens grow in the next few months. Gardening club starts next Thursday.



Year 2 SATs

During May our Year 2's will be working extremely hard towards their Standard Assessments Tests (SATs). Where possible we try to incorporate these tests in with their normal class routines and try to keep them as low key as possible. The tests cover: two reading papers and two maths papers. Along with on-going teacher assessments these will be used to judge their attainment at end of Key Stage 1. Past experience has proved that most children enjoy doing them and often ask to do more!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

These will take place the week beginning 11th June. The phonics screening check is a short and simple assessment of phonic decoding. It consists of a list of 40 words, half real words and half non-words, which Year 1 children read to their teacher. Administering the assessment usually takes a few minutes. The threshold last year was 32 words out of 40 (80%) and is likely to be similar this year.

All children need to be able to identify sounds associated with different letters, and letter combinations, and then blend these sounds together to correctly say the word on the page. The same skill is needed whether the word is a real word or a non-word.

Grandparents Tea Party on Friday 11th May

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents into school which is always a popular event.

Grandparents of children in Yellow and Orange Classes are invited to arrive at 10.30am for morning tea and cakes in the hall. At approximately 11am they will have the chance to visit the children in their classrooms to look and share their books. We will ask them to leave at 11.30am so we can set up for lunch.

Grandparents of children in Red, Blue and Purple Classes are invited to arrive at 1.45pm for afternoon tea and cakes in the hall. At approximately 2.15pm, they will visit the children in their classrooms and leave at 2.45pm so we complete our end of day procedures.

Whilst tea is served in the hall, the Grandparents will get the chance to listen to a short performance by their grandchildren, listen to our recorder club play and the "Southwood Songbirds" sing.

If you have children in more than one class then of course the grandparents can choose which session to attend, or they can attend both. A reminder that if Grandparents are taking children home they will need to wait until 3pm.

We really need some helpers to set up and serve. If you can volunteer a couple of hours please let Mrs Southgate know. Thank you

Playground Squad

The school council have decided to extend the role of our playground squad. They will no longer be known as "yellow hats" as these have now been replaced with high viz vests. Each member of the playground squad will be given a specific responsibility such as buddy, monitor or organiser.



Congratulations to Harry A, Sophia K, Daniel W, Miya D, Harry W, Yazmin S, Lily F and Annabelle T who are this half terms playground squad and will help support our golden rules ensuring everyone plays sensibly and has fun.

Polling Day 3rd May

We will be closed on this day as schools have a duty to allow their rooms, if requested, to be used as polling stations. This requirement is set-out in Rule 22 of the Parliamentary Election Rules.

Miss Park

On Saturday 31st March Miss Park successfully completed the Action Challenge 25 Mile Easter Walk and raised an incredible £550 for the school. The money raised will be used to buy some much needed outdoor provision for the Early Years Area. Thank you to everyone who supported Miss Park in her long distance walk and a special thank you to Miss Park for taking part in this challenge and for raising so much money. Well done.

PE Kits

There are still a large number of children who do not have a PE kit in school! Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school at all times – the kit should include plimsolls/trainers. Many thanks.

Warmer Weather

At the risk of chasing away this lovely spell of warm, sunny weather, please ensure that on sunny days your child has a named sun hat in school and that sun screen is applied before school. Many thanks.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book fair at the end of last term. I am very pleased to tell you that we raised £75 commission! Each class was able to choose £10 worth of new books and the remainder was used to purchase new books for our library. Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Southgate

| May SATS period for Year 2 runs throughout May | |
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| Thursday 3 rd May | Inset Day – school closed to children |
| Monday 7 th May | Bank Holiday - school closed |
| Thursday 10 th May | Blue Class focus Assembly 9.15am |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 16 th May | Purple Class focus Assembly 9.15am |
| Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June | Half term |
| June | |
| Friday 8 th June | Yellow Class focus Assembly 9.15am |
| Monday 11 th – 15 th June | Year 1 Phonic Testing |
| Friday 15 th June | Science morning 9 - 10.30am |
| Tuesday 12 th June | New parents Presentation 7pm |
| Wednesday 20 th June | Orange Class focus Assembly 9.15am |
| 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 10am – 2pm |
| Tuesday 17 th July | Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.15am |
| Thursday 19 th July | Year 2 Leavers disco 6pm |
| Friday 20 th July | Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm |
| Monday 23 rd July | INSET DAY school closed to children |

Southwood Awards

29 March 2018

Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Theo H for writing a super recipe

Jessica R for amazing effort with her writing especially in phonics

Mason P for his super writing

Sophie W for concentrating really hard to make sure her work is neat,
using joined up writing

Yusha A for super maths work

Good Neighbour Award

Sophie C for being kind and helpful

Devon S for great listening on the carpet

Lilia M for working hard

Evan S for always being polite,
which sets a good example of beautiful manners for others

Hallie-May D for always being polite, persevering and being friendly

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20 April 2018

Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Flórián R for writing a super dinosaur fact book
Ethan W for great effort with his dinosaur writing
Austin D and Toby P for great partner work during our maths sessions on capacity
Hetty S for super capacity work recognising the containers were counting in 5s and 10s
Lewis B for reading out his assembly words in a big clear voice

Good Neighbour Award

Noah S for being a good listener
Evalyn P for showing great kindness
Mason P for his hard work over the holidays
Ana Maria S for settling into our class so well and following our golden rules
Lucy G for practising her lines for our assembly
and trying really hard to be a good example

Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Hallie-May D

Lexi B

Theo G

Aaron S

Sophie W

Ethan W

Sofia K

Excellence- Respect- Enjoyment