



# Newsletter

May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

Dear Parents,

## Staff changes

We are very sad to be losing Mrs Collyer in the school office at the end of next week. Mrs Collyer has worked at Southwood for 3 years and been a real asset to the school during that time. Sadly for us, Mrs Collyer is moving away with her family. We will all miss her and wish her and her family well in their new adventures.

## BMW Grounds Day

We really have been spoilt in school today. A group of volunteers from BMW Finance gave up their day in the office to help us with some extra grounds projects and they brought along some of their special cars and bikes! WOW!

The group of 20 volunteers began the day with a special assembly and challenged the children to design a car for the future!



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## Grandparents Tea Party

We had a lovely day last Friday at our annual Grandparents Tea Party. All the classes, Recorder Club and the Songbirds performed beautifully in the hall while the grandparents enjoyed tea and cake. The children then escorted their grandparents to their classes and showed them their books and our learning environment. In the afternoon the Year 1 and 2's did guided tours of the school.

A huge ***Thank you*** to the team of parents who came in and set up tables, served drinks and sold raffle tickets. We could not invite our community into the school without your continued support. It was a special day for everyone and we had many lovely comments about our school and children.

*Dear Mrs. Southgate,*

*Thank you so much for inviting me to the Tea party today. It was so lovely and such a delight to be entertained by all the children. Isaac was so proud showing me round the school and all his work. As a Grandparent, I feel very honoured and very special to share his joy and progress in all his achievements at school.*

*With all good wishes,  
J. Goatley*

## Royal Wedding Lunch

Many thanks to the lunchtime team who put together a super buffet lunch on Thursday. Feedback from the children was positive.

**Freya**

I liked the cake and sausages



**Tate** reported that "the ham sandwiches were great because they had butter in."

I liked the pizza bites

**Keira**

**Izzy**

It was good. My favourite food was pizza and ice cream

## Holiday Requests

One or two people have put in requests for holidays. Just to remind everyone, there is no discretion for me to grant a holiday and any period of unauthorised absence (or persistent lateness – after registration has closed) of 10 or more half-day sessions (i.e. 5 days) within any 100 sessions on a rolling calendar (these do not need to be consecutive), will be subject to a penalty notice. We really, really don't want to have to issue penalty notices. Please see the Hampshire Code of Conduct April 2018 on our website under policies.

## Music Concert

Last Wednesday we were treated to a visit from Hampshire Music Service who played a range of string instruments including the violin, viola, cello and double base. The children listened and joined in with lots of rhythmic activities.



## Silver Jubilee Celebrations

As you are all aware Southwood Infant School is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this summer with a very special Arts Week.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June all the children will be working with the artist Emily Yearsley. Each child will design and paint a pebble which will be arranged into our school logo in a wooden frame. The pebbles will then be set in clear resin, which will make them weather resistant so that they can remain outside. This legacy art piece will be positioned on the bank in the main playground.

Other planned activities include; sewing bunting, decorating teacher's chair competition, time capsule and Street Party.

We are very excited about our street party on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm. Please look out for your special invites on Parentmail next week. Some of our Year 2 children have been busy writing invitations and we have already heard that the Mayor of Rushmoor and his deputy have accepted. The children will be performing a concert.

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)

## Data Protection Law

We are writing to you to inform you that we are preparing for the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) coming into effect on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. GDPR places new requirements on all organisations, including schools, with regards to the way data is stored and used. The majority of the obligations under the current Data Protection Act 1998, continue but with some additional obligations and considerations. Our new Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy is available to view on the school website under the policies tab.

## Jewellery and Earrings

Children may wear watches and stud earrings but both must be removed for PE or earrings covered with tape. Pupils with earrings must apply their own tape to cover their earrings. No other jewellery is allowed in school.



## **PE Kits**

There are a number of children in school with no PE kits. Please ensure they have them so they can participate fully in the curriculum. The dry, sunny weather means we can get out on the field at this time of year so please make sure a pair of plimsolls or trainers is included. All kit should be named!

## **Walk to School Week**

Walk to School Week starts on Monday. Children we fill in a class chart this year and certificates will be issued at the end of the week. We do appreciate that for some children walking to school is not possible, but it has been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. So perhaps if you do park in Morrisons Car Park you could park a bit further away and walk those extra steps!

## **What's coming up!**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year R pirate day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May KS1 Around the Globe dressing up day

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Southgate

<b>May SATS period for Year 2 runs throughout May</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	YR Pirates Day
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
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Morning 9 - 10.30am
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
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	YR Trip to the Canal Centre, Mytchett
<b>July</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day and Picnic
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Common Transfer Day – YR children to visit new classes
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	FSIS Summer Fayre 10am – 2pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 trip to the Aldershot Military Museum
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

## 11 May 2018

### Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Tate B

Maxwell H

Ana Maria S

Evan S

Lilia M

Keira G

Charlie W

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### Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Sahara L for writing a super Gruffalo story  
Sara B for really careful thinking when she was writing to make sure it made sense  
Amy G for amazing maths in fractions  
Oliver B for concentrating really hard to add interesting details to his twisted tales story and concentrating on his spellings  
Evelyn T for a fantastic twisted tale of The Gingerbread Man

### Good Neighbour Award

Tallulah B for following the golden rules and working hard during sparkle time  
Zayn A for always following the golden rules, especially working hard during sparkle time  
Freya H for being kind and helpful to others  
Zoey B for always being a kind and helpful friend and for always following the golden rules  
Hallie-May D for always trying her best, smiling, being polite and kind all the time

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Oliver B

Sebastian N

Ruby W

Freya N

Jake E

Tallulah B

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