



Southwood Infant School

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

Dear Parents,

Another Busy Year comes to an end!

Sadly, this is the last newsletter of the year and as such I would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who has supported the school this year; staff, governors, parents, volunteers, friends and family members. As the year draws to an end it is with much pride that we can look back on all we've achieved. The year seems to have flown by – the children have accomplished so much and had so many wonderful experiences. We will all have our own special memories. There have been many highlights including our Sports Day, school trips, Splash Day, a Chinese New Year party and our outstanding Early Years judgement.

Of course this is all made possible because we have a great team who work incredibly hard to give the children a rich and varied experience whilst maintaining our high academic standards. This is what Southwood is all about and what makes our school a special place to work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Southwood staff for their relentless drive to secure the best outcomes for each and every child, regardless of their starting points.

Summer Fayre

A HUGE thank you to all of FSIS members and parents who helped organise this event. The weather was kind to us and there was a fantastic turn out. Thank you to everyone who helped run a stall or just came and supported us. FSIS raised an amazing **£3,150** and every penny will go to support the children.

Sadly, we are losing some key committee members this year; Ali Whitlock, Lorraine Greenwood and Natalie Whelan are stepping down after giving 3 years of amazing support to FSIS. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Friday 19th July
Rock Steady concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July
Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm

Wednesday 4th September
INSET DAY

Thursday 5th September
Autumn term starts for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 12th September
KS1 Trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 19th September
KS1 Curriculum Presentation
6pm

Wednesday 25th September
All year groups Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 1st October
New Parent Presentation
2pm and 7pm

Monday 7th October
Early Years Phonic and Reading Presentation to parents 2.20pm

Friday 11th October
Harvest Festival
Early Years - 9.15 am
KS1 - 2.15 pm

Leavers Assembly - Year 2

The Year 2's certainly bought a tear to the eye on Wednesday when they performed their Leaver's Assembly. We are all so proud of you... what great singing, spectacular costumes and a wonderful show. Thank you Year 2.

I hope you will take a little bit of the Southwood spirit with as you journey on to new adventures and challenges. That sense of always doing your best and striving for **excellence**. Our core value of **respect** which underpins who you are and we hope you **enjoy** all that Year 3 and beyond has to offer. We will miss you all. Good Luck!

To everyone involved....

WOW! What an amazing production! The amount of work and effort that clearly went in to the organisation is phenomenal - what an incredibly dedicated staff team you have. And so see how each and every one of the children has developed since their first nativity in Year R really is a testament to you all. A very emotional morning, I'm still carrying my tissue! My son will really miss Southwood, and it's clear why - what a wonderful place!

Rushmoor in Bloom Competition

Following the judge's visit, I am delighted to report that Southwood School have been awarded the following

Best School Grounds: **Highly Commended**

Best School Grounds for Birds: **2nd Place**

Rotary Garden: **3rd Place**

Squire's Moth, Bee and Butterfly Pot: **Highly Commended**

Gardening for the Future: **Highly Commended**

Edible Patch: **Commended**

Many thanks to Miss Park and Mrs Andrews for running our Gardening Club and to Maxwell, Emily, Poppy, Lexi and Jamie for collecting the awards and vouchers at Squires Garden Centre on Tuesday afternoon.



Butterfly Release

The Early Years children had a magical moment last week when they released their butterflies in the flower garden. The children have watched them grow from tiny caterpillars into beautiful butterflies over the last couple of weeks. This 'awe and wonder' experience really got the children talking about life cycles and living creatures. We watched the butterflies fly away to find lovely new homes. We all waved them on their way!



Transplant Games

Well done to Max Hancox and his mum who raised £178.50 from their cake sale on Sports Day for the transplant games. They raised £110 from the sale of cakes and £68.50 was donated from the FSIS lolly sales.

Curriculum Presentations

We will be holding a KS1 Curriculum Presentation on Thursday 19th September at 6pm to explain how we teach mixed year classes. This is your chance to find out how we will plan and deliver the KS1 curriculum. Do come along to the session as there will be lots of information about English, maths, phonics, reading, flexible groupings and our topics. This session will be really informative about the curriculum, assessment and expectations of the year groups.

For parents of children starting Early Years this September there will be a phonics/reading information session on Monday 7th October at 2.20pm. This will be a fun but very necessary briefing on how to reinforce the taught phonic skills children require in order to become successful readers. All Early Years' parents are welcome.

Towards the end of the half term we will be holding our parents consultation evenings when we will discuss your child's individual learning and set targets. These will be held on Wednesday 16th October 3.30 – 5pm and Thursday 17th October 3.30pm – 7pm

New Parents Information

We will be holding information meetings for new parents of children school in September 2020 on Tuesday 1st October at 2pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity for new parents who are considering sending their children to Southwood in September 2020 to visit the school, ask questions and meet the staff.

If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next year please can you let them know?

Allergies

Please be aware that we have a child in school who has recently been diagnosed with a severe nut allergy. Please therefore ensure that any products in lunch boxes are nut free. Many thanks for your understanding.

Inset Days 2019/20

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Thursday 7th May (polling day) 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Calendar

Please check the end of this newsletter for some of the important dates for the autumn term.

We are also attaching a copy of the 2019/20 calendar from Hampshire County Council showing all the term dates. Do not forget that the May Day Bank holiday is now Friday 8th May – to celebrate VE day.

Happy Holidays

And finally ... We wish you all a very happy, peaceful and relaxing summer break. Good luck to all those who are moving on; we will miss you all! We look forward to seeing everyone else on Wednesday 5th September – school opens as usual at 8.35am.

Let's hope for some sunshine and lovely days out over the summer break. On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you and your families a very **happy summer holiday**.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Southgate
Headteacher

July	
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.15pm
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Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st Half term	
November	
Monday 25 th November	KS1 Hampshire Fire and Rescue service visit
December	
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 Nativity Play 9.15 am
Friday 13 th December	Year R Nativity Play 9.15 am
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 2 Music Evening 6pm

Southwood Awards

12th July 2019

Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Ethan P - For creating a fantastic leaflet about looking after a pet

Zoe W & Poppy T - For creating fantastic leaflets about pets

Jamie G - For super follow-up Science work from the woodland walk & working independently

Evalyn P - For working hard and keeping on task with the activities set

Theo H - For always trying his hardest every day in every lesson. Super Multiplication this week too

Good Neighbour Award

Max H - For always working hard

Poppy H - For always trying her best, especially displaying good learning in sparkle time

Olivia W - For always trying her best and being a kind classmate

Jack B - For voluntarily swapping bibs during football to even up the teams and being a great sportsman

Leela H - For helping Year 1's settle in and being a great role model

Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Daniel A

Emily W

Sophie W

Gerasimos N

George S

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19th July 2019

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Beth H - For fantastic reading

Everyone in Orange Class - Super handwriting in our class pet book

Zita L - For having such a fantastic work ethic and always being on task, doing super concentrating on her writing

Cerys L - For being a superstar in Blue Class. Cerys always gets on with her work and tries her best

Darcy M - For writing an amazing letter to White Star Line about the sinking of The Titanic

Good Neighbour Award

Tilly P - For being a good listener

Harrison S - For being a kind friend

Noah S - For turning around his behaviour when he has become upset by unexpected change

Noah H - For always being polite and kind to other children

Daniel A - For always being polite and respectful, setting a good example during playtime

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Hallie-May D

