

## Southwood Infant School

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

Dear Parents,

School is feeling almost normal, after an initial flurry of child related illnesses. Thankfully, we have no confirmed Covid cases in school yet and attendance is back to where it should be.

We have had a lovely couple of weeks and the children have certainly enjoyed learning outside in the sunshine this week.

Miss Park and I had a lovely morning last Thursday visiting all the classes and watching the children in action. As a headteacher, it is always a privilege to watch our wonderful teaching staff in action and the children were a delight, ably explaining their learning and super proud to show off their work.

### Harvest Festival

We will be holding special Harvest Festival assemblies for the children in their year groups on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Just to clarify that we are not allowed to invite parents or visitors in this year. However, we will post some photographs on Tapestry.

We have also been advised by the Farnborough Foodbank not to make our usual collection and therefore will not be asking for donations this year.

### Parent Consultations

This year we will be holding parents meetings after half term. This is an opportunity for you to have a ten minute appointment with your child's teacher and discuss their learning. These will be held virtually the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November. Staff will be receiving training next week on G-suite so we hope to be able to offer this rather than a telephone appointment. We will shortly be able to advise you on the booking process.



### Upcoming Events

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
Half term week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Inset day – school closed for training

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Southwood in Need Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parent consultations

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
All year group's nativity plays

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Flu Immunisations

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Class Christmas Parties

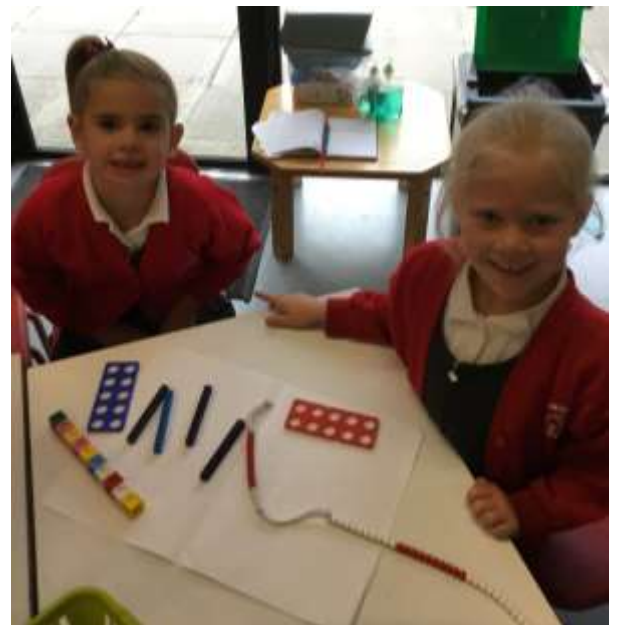
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of term we finish at 1.15pm

## Reading Challenge

The children now all have their own class insect on our reading wall to display their bronze, silver, gold or diamond reading challenge awards. Can you spot how many stars you have?



Year 1 enjoying different ways to make numbers using lots of mathematical resources



## Spotlight on Early Years

This week the children in Year R have had a wonderful time visiting the magical wishing tree and writing some super wishes which they have posted in our special post box.

They have also been counting red apples and adding one more to the apple trees which are growing in their classrooms. We are really proud of all their counting achievements and fantastic writing. Well done year R.



## Second Hand Uniform

We are pleased to say we are now able to resume second hand uniform sales. This is a great way of reusing and recycling uniform and raising money for the school. If you have any uniform to donate, please wash it and send it into school via your class. The uniform will then be kept aside for a week before being added to our stocks.

If there is an item you require please email [s.taylor@southwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.taylor@southwood.hants.sch.uk) and let us know what you need. All we ask is a small donation for the items which will go to our FSIS (Friends of Southwood Infant School).

## Sports Coach

As from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October we have a new sports coach on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Mr Jack Howard will be leading PE lessons in KS1 and positive games sessions at lunchtime. He takes over from Mr Goswell who has been promoted within the company to staff liaison manager. Many thanks to Mr Goswell who has worked at the school over the last year and I know the children and staff will miss his enthusiasm and sense of fun. He will be popping back into Southwood in his new role.

## Holiday Club – Half Term and Inset Day

We are pleased to tell you that Get Active will be open all day on our Inset Day on Monday 2nd November. You can also book places in their holiday camp during the half term week.

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# Holiday camp

26th -30th October 2020

**LOCATIONS IN...**  
Reading, Hillingdon, Didcot, Great Missenden, Windsor, Marlow, Farnborough, & Slough

Over 12? Find out about our Playleader Scheme!

**TIMES & PRICES**

Half Day Session 8am-3:30pm	£24.95
Full Day Session 8am-6pm	£28.95

Please note we are operating in social bubbles of 15 over the October half term.

**We Accept...**

- ✓ Tax Free Childcare
- ✓ Childcare Vouchers
- ✓ Credit/Debit Card
- ✓ CCG Service

**ACTIVITIES**

- Multi-Sports
- Football
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Talent Shows
- Team Games
- Dance
- Board Games

Book ONLINE

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# Teacher Training Day Holiday Camp

Coming to Southwood Infant School Monday 2nd November 2020

Come and join us this teacher training day for a day packed full of learning new skills, making new friends and doing what we love! Keep active and have fun this inset day!

Whether your child wants to become the next David Beckham or is mad about arts and crafts, we will keep them engaged and active this half term!

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## Breakfast and After School Club

Get Active are offering up to 30 places a day so please support the school as we receive a commission on every place. There are a few places available every day.

To book a place please visit <https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/event/81428>

## FSIS – AGM



### FSIS welcomes all new members!

We will be holding our AGM virtually this month. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join. Log on details will follow. The meeting will recap last year's activities, funds raised and the allocation of funds to the school. This will be followed by the election of our committee and welcoming of new members.

Please consider joining us - we cannot continue to operate without the support of our parent volunteers! Whether it's writing a newsletter, researching an event or sharing an idea, or taking on a leadership role, we'd love it if you could spare some time to help. The talents within the Southwood Infant School community are immeasurable and together we could achieve so much! Please email [southwoodfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:southwoodfriends@hotmail.com) or find us on Facebook if you would like to get involved.

**FSIS AGM: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

Thank you to FSIS for paying for two new welly racks in Year R. This will ensure that children's feet remain dry during the coming months and lots of puddle splashing can take place. We will let you know when they arrive and children can bring in their Wellingtons.

## Southwood in Need



This year instead of supporting Children in Need we felt we needed to support Southwood in Need. As we have not been able to do our usual fundraising activities for the last seven months we wanted to organise a mufti day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Year 2 decided they wanted it to be a Pyjama Day! Everyone can come to school wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns and comfortable shoes in exchange for a donation of £2. Please ensure pyjamas are knee length or longer and appropriate to wear to school. We are going to have a cozy, fun day with some special pyjama activities.

## Christmas is Coming!



### Christmas Plays

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite our parents to our usual amazing Christmas performances this year. It is heart breaking. This is due to the restrictions around social distancing, large gatherings and limitations on singing which have been put in place in schools. However, the children will take part in a Christmas play, act out parts and perform dances – the show must go on. We are planning to film each year's performance and professionally produce a DVD which will be available to purchase as a keep sake.

Sadly there will be no Christmas post box this year as we are unable to deliver children's Christmas cards.

### Christmas Lunch

Our special whole school Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Cards

This week the children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards and these will be available to buy along with mugs, gift tags and coasters...ideal for Grandparent presents. You will shortly receive a free sample card of your child's drawing along with an order form, so you can see before you buy. All items will be quarantined for 72 hours before going home.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to wear their party clothes on this day. We will provide a few nibbles and drinks as well as plenty of Christmas games and dancing.

### Colder Weather

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please can all the children come into school with coats for play and lunch times. Thank you.

**Once again – please check all the name labels in your child's clothes regularly. Thank you.**

### Thank You

Thank you so much to those parents who have ordered resources for our school through our Amazon Wishlist. We have received toilet rolls, pencils, rubbers, felt tip pens, post it notes and laminating pouches. We are very grateful for your support – it is much appreciated by the staff, children and governors. Your donations will help to alleviate the pressure on our very tight school budget.

If you would like to donate, just paste in the following link. We have recently up dated this list [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2STJ1M9QLK5XO?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2STJ1M9QLK5XO?ref_=wl_share)

Thank you as always for your support. STAY SAFE

Best Wishes,

Wendy Southgate  
**Headteacher**

# Southwood Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Mollie Evans - For her fantastic storybook and remembering Capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Eva Boorman - For excellent progress

## Good Neighbour Award

Freddie Watson Cross - for always being so helpful and respectful around class.

Amelia Warden - For being a fantastic helper and role model

## Lunchtime Mega Stars

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

Ishan J

Deanna-May M

Florence K

Daanya A

Robyn M

Saayam S

# Southwood Awards

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Headteacher's Award for Good Work

Max Hancox - For working so hard and challenging himself in Maths. Great positive attitude.

Dylan Brett - For fantastic independent writing in Science.

## Good Neighbour Award

Myles Mackenzie - For his consistently good attitude to learning and being an excellent role model.

Jessica Slocomb - For making good choices, role modelling and working hard in Maths.

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Ben G

Evie C

Stanely K

Dylan B

Isla K

Mae Kirby