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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you identify a modal verb? Or recognise the difference between 'active' and 'passive' voice in a sentence? Or spot a relative clause? If you were able to attend our GPS (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation) workshops this week you will no doubt be aware that children of seven years of age and upwards are now expected to do the above, to demonstrate that they are meeting or will meet what is now called 'age related expectation'. The writing curriculum is very clear that unless a child can achieve these objectives by the end of year 6, and it also very clear that they must meet ALL of them, then they cannot be judged to have met the required standards as set out by the government. Spelling now plays a significant role in judging a child's ability to write and will also be a limiting factor in a child meeting age related expectation. No matter how inventive, exciting or creative a child's writing is judged to be by teachers, if they are not spelling consistently correctly then they will not be meeting age related expectation. I wonder how Winston Churchill would have felt, being a dyslexic himself. Indeed my wife is not very good at spelling (as she will freely admit) but she constantly reminds me of how much cleverer she is (Which I will freely admit!). We are all for raising standards at Southway and much of the new curriculum is good and worthy. My concern, shared with many teachers and Headteachers, is that the emphasis is now firmly on children demonstrating their grasp on the mechanics of writing and not the joy of writing for pleasure. I believe there is a place for both and at Southway we will continue to develop that love for the written word and prepare children for their future. I will leave you with the words of one of our great children's authors.

'It is really important that focusing on things such as spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting doesn't inhibit the creative flow. When I was at school there was a huge focus on copying and testing and it put me off words and stories for years.' **Michael Morpurgo**

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Please note that, for **school trips**, packed lunches are only provided for those children in receipt of Free School Meals.

Everyone else **MUST** bring in a packed lunch. Thank you.

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***'Learning and Achieving
Together'***

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Y5 Seven Sisters Trip

"I enjoyed the Seven Sisters trip because we learnt about rivers and saw World War 2 defences" **Jasmine Ross**

"I loved visiting Seven Sisters. My favourite part was hiking up the massive hill!"

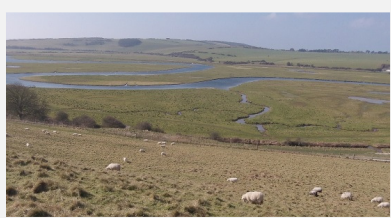
Josh Dadswell

"I liked walking up the hills, seeing all the views!" **Bradley Preston**
"Seven Sisters Country Park was amazing! My favourite bit was running up a hill!"

Ethan Evans

"My favourite part of having a tour was walking along the seafront and skimming stones - I did 5!" **Garry Harris**

"I had a great time, I liked going on the beach."
Yasmin Gull



Y6 Adventure Day

"It was great fun and an awesome opportunity. I was very excited."

Chloe Tyrrell

"The climbing wall was very fun and an enjoyable experience."

Matthew Preece

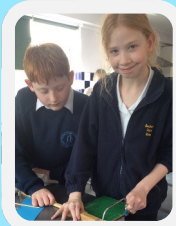
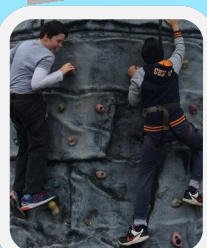
"I really enjoyed it, I was really nervous at first but I enjoyed it!" **Maggie Malyon**

"I looked forward to climbing the wall, I was proud that I climbed half way."

Zoe Thomas

"I really enjoyed the challenge of the climbing wall." **Kai Wright**

"It was really fun and I would do it again."
Harvey Baker



RUGBY MATCH V ST.WILFRID'S



Last Thursday (10th March) our Rugby team travelled to St.Wilfrid's for an afternoon of Rugby.

The afternoon began with a warm up and some skills work with members of the Burgess Hill Rugby Club. Then followed four mini matches with the following results: 4-4, 7-5 (Southway win), 5-6 (St. Wilfrid's win), 2-2. These are great results for our team especially as they haven't been able to get out and train for some time.

A great time was had by all!

Mrs Watts at St.Wilfrid's said *"What a great afternoon!!! - Thanks for organising it your end! A lovely bunch of kids you have at Southway - a few of them approached me after to thank me for having them! It was great to see lots of fair play and good sportsmanship on both sides too."*



Easter Eggstravaganza!

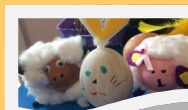
Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Model Competition

Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

Bring in your fabulous entries in on the 23rd, take them to the dining hall and complete an entry form there.

There will be **1st, 2nd and 3rd** place winners in each year group for both hats and eggs. All entries will be judged in the morning and the winners announced in an eggstraordinary assembly!

We look forward to seeing those eggceptional eggs and hats!



Out of School Achievements



Isobel Thomas took part in the Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Festival at the weekend. She performed a beam pair with her sister Abigail Thomas. This was the first time that Isobel had performed on the beam in front of an audience of over 100 people! Well done for staying on the beam!

Matty Wren achieved 25m swimming and was awarded his certificate.

Well done Matty!



Maisie Rae Byford came 4th in a skiing race.

Schloop schloop!

Jake Connolly & Sonna

Harris took part in a Rugby Festival at Burgess Hill Rugby Club at the weekend. It was the first time that Jake had taken part in a rugby tournament. Their team came 3rd having lost 2, won 1 and drawn 1 match – great effort boys!



Elizabeth Glyn-Jones, Abigail Thomas and Taliyah Freya Khan took part in the Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Festival which saw Elizabeth & Taliyah in the Y3 beam pairs coming 4th, Abigail in the Y4 beam pairs with her sister Isobel Thomas and the Y4 floor 6 where she had to perform various balances and won the bronze medal.

Very well done girls - our very own 'Southway Angels'!





FREE DYSLLEXIA TALK FOR PARENTS

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2016

ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, SUSSEX ROAD,
HAYWARDS HEATH, RH169 4DZ

9.30am FOR REFRESHMENTS TALK BETWEEN 10am and 11am
FOLLOWED BY A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER PARENTS, LOOK AT
RESOURCES AND MEET STAFF FROM THE HELEN ARKELL DYSLLEXIA
CENTRE WHO RUN 6 WEEK COURSES FOR PARENTS

Diary Dates:

March

19th	HSA Bingo	18.00-20.00
21st	Y5 Lodge Hill Trip Payment Due (current Y4)	
21st	Y5 Shipwreck day - visit by Mark Chorley	
21st	Y6 (current year 5 - Autumn Term 2016) French Trip Meeting	15.30-16.00
22nd	Y5/6 Girls football v Birchwood Grove	13.00-16.00
23rd	Easter Celebrations	
23rd	Y4 Fab Finish (children only)	
23rd	House Movie & Popcorn night	15.30-17.00
24th	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20
25th March - 8th April	EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	

April

11th	RETURN TO SCHOOL	
11th	Y3 Pirate Day (Dress up as a pirate!)	
14th	Y4/5/6 TAG Rugby @ Lindfield	15.40-16.30
15th	Y6 Overstrand - FINAL PAYMENT DUE	
16th	HSA Spring Extravaganza (Car Boot Sale)	09.30-12.00
W/C 18th	HSA Bag2School home - returned by 11th May	
20th	Y5/6 TAG Rugby at BHRFC TBC	13.00-15.00
25th	Y6 SRE DVD Parent DVD Viewing	15.20-16.00
27th	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
29th	Turner Assembly (Turner parents welcome)	10.00-10.20

May

2nd	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
4th	Y4 Southdown Observatory Visit	
6th	Einstein Assembly (Einstein parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
9th - 13th May	Y6 SATS WEEK	
11th	HSA Bag2School home - returned today in to the DT Room (Zone) morning	
12th	Y4/5 Kwik Cricket Festival - Ansty TBC	13.00-15.00
13th	Y6 Stone Age Workshop - Sir Teachalot	
16th	Y3 PC Broad - General Safety/Being Nice/Stranger Danger	
16th	Y6 Chessington Trip	
17th	Y4 PC Broad - Safety/Choices/Internet	
18th	Y3/4 SRE Parent DVD Viewing	15.30-16.30
19th	Leavers Photos	
20th	Mandela Assembly (Mandela parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
26th	Y6 Magistrates Visit	
26th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival - Sidney West TBC	
27th	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20
30th	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
31st May - 3rd June	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED	

June

6th	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
7th	RETURN TO SCHOOL	
13th	Y5 PC Broad - Safety / Enhanced Road Safety	
15th	Y6 Overstrand Trip Meeting	15.30-16.30
16th	Y6 PC Broad - Harmful Substances	
17th	Shakespeare Assembly (Shakespeare parents welcome)	10.00-10.20

MONDAY 21ST MARCH - YEAR 5 SHIPWRECK DAY

PLEASE COULD Y5 CHILDREN BRING IN BOOTS OR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR. IF THE WEATHER IS WET THEY WILL ALSO NEED TO BRING COATS AND WATERPROOF TROUSERS (if they have any). THEY WILL ALSO BE MAKING RAFTS SO PLEASE COULD THEY BRING MATERIALS IN e.g. plastic bottles, corks etc.

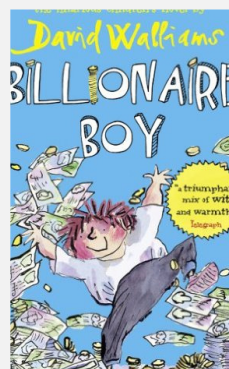


BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Billionaire Boy by David Walliams

Reviewed by: *Emma Hunt & Bethan Wright*

This book is about a boy called Joe Spud. His father is the owner of the world-wide known, best selling toilet paper company. Our favourite part is when he finds the rocket his dad made for him back in the day when he was poor, because it reminded us of his old life and how you should be grateful for what you've got. Our favourite character is Bob because



he stuck up for Joe and was the only one willing to be Joe's friend. We recommend this book for all readers that have a thirst for comedy. We give this book a solid 10/10.



Oakmeeds

Easter Sports Camp 2016

Fun - Action Packed Sports Camp for girls and boys in Years 4,5 & 6

**Mon 4th, Tues 5th & Wed 6th April
10am - 3pm**

£17 per day, £32 for 2 days or £45 for 3 days

9am drop-off £3 per day

Tel: 01444 241691 ext 271

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Easter Holiday Theatre

WORKSHOP 2016

FAIRYTALE FIASCO

6-18yrs

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th April

From 10am - 3pm

A SPOONFUL OF MARY POPPINS

4-8yrs

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th April

From 9.30am - 12.30pm

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