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**SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

# NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher Message

Dear parents and carers

No doubt you will be aware of the WorthLess campaign Headteachers and Governing Bodies of West Sussex schools have been waging for some time now. As media coverage gathers pace it is clear to see that schools throughout England are expressing their deep misgivings about the government's newly proposed Fair Funding formula, which in reality is anything but fair. Based on this newly proposed formula we have calculated that Southway would benefit to the tune of approximately £1000. However, this is in reality a funding cut given the rise in inflation and future rise in basic costs. Having spoken to Headteachers across Burgess Hill and beyond, some schools are in fact going to be significantly worse off and are facing a genuine crisis. What might this mean in reality? In effect myself and the governing body of our school will have no choice but to make choices about what we can offer for our children and what we can't. This is all set within increased expectations from parents and from services about what schools can deliver. Cuts to health, social care and children's mental health services has meant that schools have been pressured to take on these roles and to offer access to services to support families and children in crisis when we are only funded to fulfil our duties of education. This is, of course completely unsustainable. For the past three and a half years we have been able to improve the school building, employ extra support staff and invest in our children's future. This has now come to a grinding halt and I am deeply concerned about what happens next. This week you will have received a copy of a letter all West Sussex Headteachers have sent to their local MP expressing their concerns and urging them to take immediate action. I would urge you to do the same before it is too late. Please join me in expressing this message loud and clear to those who have the power to give us the resources to ensure a world-class education system that our children deserve.

Mr P Newbold. (Sir Nicholas Soames [nicholas.soames.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nicholas.soames.mp@parliament.uk))

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### Diary Dates:

#### March

**Fri 24th** - H S A Family Bingo/Quiz Night - CANCELLED  
- Comic Relief Cake Sale from 3.15

**Mon 27th—Science Week.** Y5 Shipwreck Day

**Tues 28th—Y4 Pupils & Parents 2018 France Trip meeting** 3.30-4.30

**Weds 29th—Instrumental Morning at London Mead**  
- Y5 Dance Workshop Visit

**Thurs 30th & Fri 31st—Herstmonceux Science Centre Visiting**

#### April

**W/C Monday 3rd—Tesco Farm to Fork Workshops**

**Tues 4th—Y6 Ancient Egypt Museum** - Parents invited from 1.30pm

**Weds 5th—EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** Y5&6 Tag Rugby Tournament

**Thurs 6th—Movie & Popcorn for invited children** 3.30pm –5pm

**Fri 7th— LAST DAY OF TERM** (Back on Monday 24th April)

## IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please **do not** send your child in with any food containing nuts (e.g. cereal bars). We have several children with severe nut allergies, for whom this could be very dangerous.

**Thank you for your help with this.**

### Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that we have recently appointed Gareth Kirkby as our new Premises Officer. He lives locally and will be starting in summer term. I am sure he will be an asset to the school and we are looking forward to welcoming him to Southway.



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# Out of School Achievements

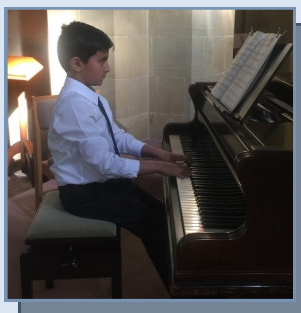


**Oscar John** (Shakespeare) Was awarded a certificate by Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club, after playing in the Sussex Mini Rugby Festival on 5th March. Well played Oscar!



**Scarlett Chilvers** of Dickens Class has gained her Level 5 Gymnastics Award, after just a year of taking part in the sport. Keep up the good work Scarlett!

This is **Ayden Salajee** of Hawking Class performing at the Young Musicians Showcase, after being selected by Haywards Heath Music Society as one of the best musicians aged under 18 in West Sussex. Well done Ayden, what an achievement!



**Bethany Yabsley-Gavin** (Rowling) has earned her Yellow Belt in Karate just a few months after taking up the sport. Congratulations Bethany!



**Barnaby Mendez** (Mandela) & **Cavan McNaboe** (Churchill) recently played in the Mid Sussex Youth & Minor Football League Under 11a Cup Final, representing their team Marle Place Wanderers. They played really well & were crowned champions after a 3-1 win. Congratulations to them both.



**Michael Mann** of Dickens Class managed to earn his 25m, 50m & 100m Rainbow Swimming Awards, all within a week. Very well done Michael!

Following on from World Book Day, Southway Drama Club had fun exploring characters from well known stories & fairy tales. Here they are taking the part of characters including Mrs Trunchbull, Mary Poppins, Hermione Granger & Matilda Wormwood.



Here is **Fletcher Mepham** of Shakespeare Class with his brother Louis. The boys & their family recently completed a 5 mile sponsored walk in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital. They raised the fantastic sum of £1350 for the charity. Well done to the whole Mepham family.