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# **SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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### **STRANGER DANGER**

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN  
TO BE VIGILANT WHEN OUT ON  
THEIR OWN.

- **BE VERY CAREFUL  
WHEN WALKING  
HOME.**
- **DON'T WALK DOWN  
UNLIT, ENCLOSED  
AREAS.**
- **IF POSSIBLE WALK IN  
GROUPS.**
- **MOVE QUICKLY  
AWAY FROM  
POTENTIAL THREATS.**

THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF  
SUSPECTED ISSUES IN THE AREA SO  
WE URGE YOU TO REMIND YOUR  
CHILDREN OF POTENTIAL DANGERS.



### **SUSSEX CRICKET FOUNDATION**

Weekly Sessions aged 11-15  
Hassocks Sports Centre, Dale  
Avenue, Hassocks, BN6 8LP  
Tuesdays 5pm -6pm  
19/01/16-22/03/16  
Contact:  
[charlotte.burton@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.burton@sussexcricket.co.uk)  
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## **Headteacher Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Southway hosted the teaching staff of a nearby school with the purpose of looking at our teaching practice. The morning was a huge success and the visiting teachers left telling me they had been 'inspired' by what they had seen. Of course this does not come as a big surprise to me. I appreciate how creative, talented and hardworking Southway staff are. But I did ask myself the question, 'How did we come to the point where excellent teaching is now just the norm here?' This reminded me of an analogy I had heard at a conference I attended many years ago called 'boiling the frog'. It sounds gruesome but goes some way to answering my question. If you put a frog in a pot of boiling water it will simply jump out with the shock. But if you put the frog in a pot of cold water and slowly boil the water it will not notice until it's too late. Now I am not recommending that we try this! However, at Southway we have gradually but persistently raised the standards over the last two years, such that excellence is now the norm and it usually takes visitors to remind us of just how good we are. We can all too easily take it for granted. Next week we have the senior staff from a West Sussex junior school visiting, again with the purpose of looking at why we have been successful. Onwards and upwards.

*'Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.'*

**Benjamin Franklin**

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

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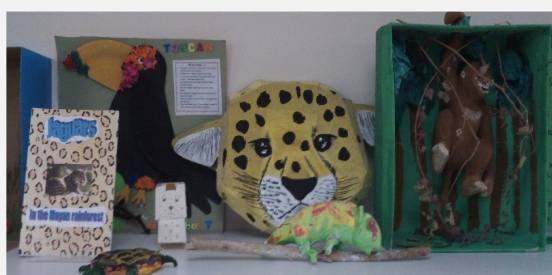


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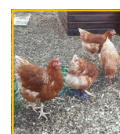
## YEAR FOUR HOMEWORK - MAYANS

The children were asked to research an animal that lived in the South American Rainforest and design a piece of artwork or a model. These would then be displayed on top of the Y4 lockers and in corridors to represent the environment of the Mayans



## SOUTHWAY CHICKENS EARNING THEIR KEEP

YOU CAN EMAIL YOUR EGG REQUESTS IN TO: [parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk) **WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION** - EMAIL SUBJECT - SOUTHWAY EGGS REQUEST, in the body of the email - CHILD'S FULL NAME / CHILD'S CLASS / I would like half a dozen eggs and will bring my £1 donation into school when you notify me they are ready for collection.

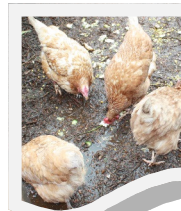


**PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN THE £1 DONATION BEFORE YOU COLLECT YOUR EGGS, BUT BRING IT ALONG AT TIME OF COLLECTION. THANK YOU**



## SOUTHWAY CHICKENS

Our Year four children are currently responsible for looking after our chickens, supervised by Mrs Martin our Premises Manager. They collect eggs, feed them and clean out the area.



## CYCLING INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Are you a keen and enthusiastic cyclist?

Would you like to share your passion for cycling?

West Sussex County Council is currently recruiting motivated individuals to help deliver Bikeability cycle training to children and adults in the Horsham, Mid-Sussex, Chichester and Bognor areas.

Full training will be offered to the right candidates.

For more information please contact

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## 'INKPOTS' IN THE MIDDY

Full piece available <http://www.midsussextimes.co.uk/news/local/mid-sussex-editor-proves-writing-is-for-all-ages-1-7144490>

'Started on 1 January 2013 by Gill Pawley the Ink Pots workshops are aimed at children and young people who enjoy writing stories, drawing and reading all kinds of books.

They run after school clubs at various local schools including Southway Junior School.

Gill has over 30 years' experience of working as a publications editor. She started Inkpots as a new challenge after her own children had grown up and left home.

On her website she says: "I have worked with words for many years and I believe passionately that everyone has a story in them that is waiting, ready to burst out. I love talking books and telling tales - and meeting those who feel the same is an absolute joy."



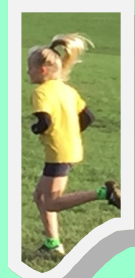
**Madeleine Wright** was awarded a certificate for her exam in Tap Dance. She had to perform a parody, shuffle and hopscotch steps. Very well done!

## Out of School Achievements

One of our Year 6 star runners, **Lyla Lawrence**, was entered into a Cross Country competition recently and on coming in the top group went through to the next round: Lyla writes:

*"When I got to East Grinstead college my heart was pounding. I could see that the track was on a hill and it looked exhausting! I was hoping that I would do well. As I walked over to the start I was looking at my competition, they all looked like they would be hard to beat. When the lady blew her whistle we set off; I was determined to come under 15th place. I always stayed on the inside because it gets you round quicker. After I had gone through the finish line I was directed to where I had to go. We got told where we came and I came 14th out of 75 people! I was thrilled that I got to the next round."*

Very well done Lyla, you are representing Southway beautifully, we are proud of your achievements so far....watch this space for the next round!



### Diary Dates:

#### January

18th	Y4 Parents meeting - Lodge Hill	15.30-16.30
19th	Y3 Butser Farm Trip	
20th	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
22nd	Class Dickens Assembly (Dickens parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
27th	Gymnastics competition at St.Paul's	12.00-14.00
28th	Y4 Hindu Temple Trip	09.00-12.00

#### February

3rd	Y5/6 Basketball at Oakmeeds	
4th	Y5/6 Netball away St.Lawrence	15.30-17.00
5th	Y6 Amex Stadium Trip for Maths	
5th	Class Dali Assembly (Dali parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
9th	Y5 RNLI Visit	13.30-14.30
11th	Locality Orchestra Morning at St. Pauls	09.00-12.00
11th	HSA Cake Sale	15.00-16.00
12th	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20

#### 15th - 19th HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

22nd	Y3 Rainbow Theatre Visit - Romans	10.20-12.20
26th	Y5 Ropes & Knots - visit by Mark Chorley	
29th Feb - 4th Mar	BOOK WEEK	
29th	Girls football match v St.Wilfrid's (Home) <b>TBC</b>	15.30-16.30

#### March

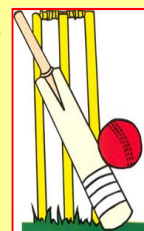
1st	Boys football match v London Meed (Away)	15.30-17.00
1st	Choral Competition - Burgess Hill District Lions	18.30-20.00
2nd	Parent Consultations	
3rd	Parent Consultations	
3rd	WORLD BOOK DAY	
4th	Class Pankhurst Assembly (Pankhurst parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
4th	Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball (A team) tournament at St Lawrence <b>TBC</b>	13.00-15.00
9th	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
11th	Picasso Assembly (Picasso parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
11th	Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball (B team) tournament at St Lawrence <b>TBC</b>	13.00-15.00
11th - 16th	TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR	15.00-16.00
15th	Y5 Seven Sisters Trip	
15th	Y6 Climbing Wall	
17th	Y5/6 Boys Football v St.Wilfrid's <b>TBC</b>	13.00-15.00
21st	Y5 Shipwreck day - visit by Mark Chorley	
22nd	Y5/6 Girls football v Birchwood Grove <b>TBC</b>	15.30-17.30
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	

### GIRLS CRICKET CLUB

Sussex Cricket & St. Andrews Cricket club currently have **three spaces** available in our after school girls club.

Fridays 3.20pm - 4.20pm £7.50 for the remainder of this term.

If you are interested please contact the school office.

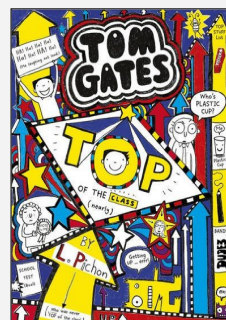


### BOOK CLUB REVIEW

#### Tom Gates - 'Top of the Class'

*Reviewed by: Emma Hunt & Chloe Tyrrell*

This book is about a young boy called Tom who tries to become top of the class. He faces many different challenges along the way but perseveres and overcomes the obstacles ahead of him. We would recommend this book to ages 8 and above especially if you love comedy.



We would suggest reading the Tom Gates books prior to this first as it is more likely to make sense to you.

We would definitely rate this book **10/10**.