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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Message

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week at Southway, with year 6 children putting the finishing touches to their end of year production, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' (groan) and preparations for the annual summer fayre. Not surprisingly we have one eye on the weather. I would like to thank the Home School Association for their hard work in organising the event and I have no doubt it will all go well. I look forward to seeing you all there.

This week we have also had visiting headteachers and deputy headteachers coming along to evaluate the teaching practice at Southway and I am currently waiting for a written report from them which I will share with you in good time. The comments shared with me from these visitors included 'You need to bottle Southway and sell it' and 'I feel inspired by what I have seen'. Of course we are justifiably proud of what we achieve here on a daily basis. But this only happens because we have a dedicated, motivated and determined staff.

On a separate note can I please just remind you that we have a clear uniform policy and I have asked the staff to be vigilant in ensuring our children follow it. This includes no coloured socks, inappropriate headbands or earrings that are not simple single studs. Can you please support us in maintaining the high standards and expectations we have here at Southway.

'Set high standards and few limitations for yourself.' Author: **Anthony J. D'Angelo**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Newbold

Many parents will be aware of the case on the Isle of Wight where a parent challenged the local authority on the issue of his child's 'regular attendance'.

We have received guidance from West Sussex County Council to say that the decision of the High Court has not changed how schools should record absences. The Headteacher can still only approve absence in **'exceptional circumstances'**. "Exceptional" is likely to be rare, significant, unavoidable and short. There is no entitlement to take a child out of school for a family holiday.

If the guidance changes, we will of course inform you of this.

Research shows that going to school regularly is important for your child's future. For example, children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance shows potential employers that your child is reliable. Students are only in school for 190 days each year. There are 175 other days for holidays and activities. We appreciate that as parents you work closely with us to ensure that students attend school regularly and we look forward to continuing to do so.

- ◆ Headteacher Message
- ◆ Absence from school
- ◆ Adventure Playground
- ◆ Y4 Space Seeds
- ◆ Sports Day
- ◆ Athletics club finished
- ◆ Y5 Greek Day
- ◆ HSA Summer Fayre
- ◆ Out of School Achievements
- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Lost & Found
- ◆ VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)
- ◆ JK Theatre
- ◆ Various Summer Holiday Activities

**PLEASE KEEP UNDER 7'S AWAY
FROM THE ADVENTURE
PLAYGROUND WHEN
WAITING FOR THEIR
SIBLINGS. THANK YOU**



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

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Year 4 Space Seeds

At the start of this term, Year 4 had an exciting delivery of space seeds from the I.S.S.! Our mission: to plant, grow and measure two packets of seeds, recording data to send back to the Space agency. But which packet contained the space seeds? As the seeds grew and developed, we noticed that those from the blue packet were smaller with fewer leaves. Did this mean they were from the I.S.S.? A video from Tim Peake himself confirmed that our prediction was correct!

We have enjoyed the challenge of becoming seed scientists this term, and learned even more about what is happening on the International Space Station.



SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY 7TH JULY



Children will need to wear **T-shirts** in the **colour of their houses** and the rest of their PE kit.

Children **MUST** have their inhalers with them for this event. Please check beforehand that they have two in school, one in their classroom and a spare in the medical room.

Please note: all timings are approximate.

Rotation one: 12:35-1:00pm

Y3 - Track

Y4 - Long Jump

Y5 - Handball

Y6 - Vortex throw

Rotation two: 1:05-1:30pm

Y3 - Vortex throw

Y4 - Track

Y5 - Long Jump

Y6 - Handball

Rotation three: 1:35-2:00pm

Y3 - Handball

Y4 - Vortex throw

Y5 - Track

Y6 - Long Jump

Rotation four: 2:05-2:30pm

Y3 - Long Jump

Y4 - Handball

Y5 - Vortex throw

Y6 - Track

ALL YEAR GROUPS 2:35-2:45 - Relays (track)

ATHLETICS CLUB



HAS NOW FINISHED FOR THIS TERM.

Y5 Greek Day -

Tuesday 19th July. Children to wear Togas to school.

Parents invited to see their work 13.30-14.45.



HSA SUMMER FAYRE

TOMORROW (2nd July)
12.00-15.00

COME ALONG FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!



Out of School Achievements



Elliot Newbery achieved his Stage 1 swimming. He swam 5 metres, performed a push & glide, floated and demonstrated entering & exiting the pool safely. These are all great skills to have well done Elliot!

Jake Hopper performed well in the Uckfield Grasshopper football tournament recently.

He also played in the Worthing tournament as defender, no goals were scored in all 6 games - great defending Jake, well done!



Reuben Heather played in defence for Hurst Hornets and received this great trophy for being part of the U10's squad.

A great season Reuben, well done!

Harrison Whitehouse competed in a Triathlon recently in Horsham. He came 14th out of hundreds of competitors - wow! He enjoyed the cycling part the best and plans to compete in more.

He also played in a football tournament with Marle Place Wanderers where they had great fun!



Diary Dates:

July

	SAT 2nd	HSA Summer Fayre	12.00-15.00
4th	Junior singing morning at St.Paul's		09.30-11.30
4th	Y6 Leavers Production	13.30-15.00 & 18.00-19.30	
4th	Warden Park parent eve for Y6		
5th	SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO TEACHER STRIKE ACTION		
5th	Y6 Leavers Production	18.00-19.30	
6th	Y2 Transfer Morning		
6th	Parents opportunity to discuss assessments / reports	15.00-15.45	
6th	Y2 Transition - Headteacher presentation	17.30-18.00	
7th	Book Club - Best Books at Oakmeeds (book club children only)	13.00-15.15	
7th	Sports Day		
7th	Oathall parents eve for Y6		
8th	France 2016 Trip - Final Payment Due		
8th	HSA Y6 Leavers Disco	17.30-19.30	
11th - 15th	Y6 Residential Trip - Overstrand		
11th	Y4 Violin Concert (Parent's invited)	11.15-11.45	
11th	Area Sports afternoon at Oakmeeds	13.00-15.00	
12th	Gattons sports day		
14th	Y5 Ardingly Trip		
18th	Y3 Parents invited to share childrens work	14.15-15.15	
19th	Y5 Fab Finish - Greek Day (Parent's invited)	13.30-14.45	
21st	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20	
21st	House Winners - Movie & Popcorn Night	15.30-17.00	
22nd	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents only)	10.45-11.45	
25th	SUMMER BREAK STARTS		

September

5th	INSET DAY		
6th	RETURN TO SCHOOL		
12th	Y6 French Trip (October 2016) Meeting (parents of current Y5)	15.30-16.30	
13th	Y5 Lodge Hill Meeting (Y5 Parents)	15.30-16.00	
14th	School Photos		
15th	Y4 Curriculum Meeting for parents	15.30-16.30	
16th	Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents	15.30-16.30	
19th - 23rd	Harvest Festival donations		
19th	Y5 Curriculum Meeting for parents	15.30-16.30	
20th	Y6 Curriculum Meeting for parents	15.30-16.30	
21st	Y5 Hampton Court Trip		

LOST & FOUND we have a sports watch, a pair of glasses and a bracelet. If you have lost any of these items please contact the office. Thank you



Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Before half term all parents were sent a personalised letter with their unique user name and password for access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This will give parents access to information about their child and going forward allow us to utilise the on-line booking system for parents' evening.

Thank you to the parents who have logged into the system and down-loaded the app. The more parents who download the app the easier and cheaper it will be for the school to communicate information to you.

PLEASE NOTE ~Year 6 Overstrand all updates and photos will be added to the 'Overstrand' group which parents have been assigned to. You will therefore need to log into the VLE to have access to this information.

All other parents – **please acquaint yourself with the system prior to September as we will be asking you to login to book your appointment for parent consultations in the Autumn term.**

Thank you for your assistance.



HISTORY SLAM!

TUESDAY 5TH JULY FROM 9AM- 2.30PM
SCOUT HQ, STATION ROAD, BURGESS HILL

YEARS 3- 6

Get creative with JK Theatre Arts and travel through history with our curriculum lead one day theatre workshop.

The day will include exploring history through;

- ☐ Poetry
- ☐ Soundscapes
- ☐ Character narration
- ☐ Creating songs & rap rhythms
- ☐ Choreography for dance
- ☐ Crafts for stage

Culminating in an exciting showcase to parents at the end of the workshop day. All children will receive a certificate of achievement.

Let your child become a text detective!

Cost per child: £25 with sibling rates available.

To book your child's place please contact Sarah- Jane at info@jktheatrearts.com or 07504 059640.



SUMMER WORKSHOP

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th August 2016

From 10.00am - 3.00pm

Location: Scout HQ, Burgess Hill

Cost: £100 per child & £90 per sibling

To book please contact us at info@jktheatrearts.com (subject: SUMMER WORKSHOP)

Or call: 07504 059640
www.jktheatrearts.com



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**26th & 27th August
2.30pm & 7.30pm**

Box office 01293 553636

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SPORTY SUMMER CAMP

Football and Multi-sports activity camps for boys and girls aged 5-12

**Mon to Thurs 4 day weeks 9:00 until 15:30
(8:45 drop off allowed)**

**8th - 11th Aug, 15th - 18th Aug, 22nd - 25th Aug
Oathall Community College, Haywards Heath
Appledore Gardens, RH16 2AQ**

£20 for single days!!

**Contact Jordan@tinytekkers.com /
07702 433227**

Mid Sussex Play Day

**FREE fun activities for everyone
Thursday 4th August at St John's
Park 11am-3pm**

Rio comes to Mid Sussex!

Carnival Fancy Dress for U11s

Learn to Samba

Sports Events

Drumming Workshops

Art Workshops

Prizes

Rain Forest Theatre