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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to a new year. I hope you found the summer break restful and had an opportunity to spend time with your children. It was great to see all the children in their smart uniforms wearing excited smiles and keen to get busy. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new year 3 families that have joined us.

We have now published our end of year (2017) SATs results on our website.

I am delighted to tell you that yet again we have been able to build on our previous test result successes and that our children have demonstrated how well they have been prepared by their teachers to meet the demands of a challenging curriculum.

In reading we improved by 9% on last year and were well above the national averages. In maths we improved by 7% and were above national averages and in GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) we improved by 6% and were in line with national averages. In RWM (Reading, Writing and Maths combined) we improved by 7% to sit just below national averages.

Our writing results were disappointing in comparison to previous years and we are determined to ensure that this is addressed. Writing is a significant focus on our School Development Plan for the upcoming year and we expect our children to be either in line with or above national averages next summer.

I have always said that Southway is about developing the whole child and we take a serious approach to ensuring that we have an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum. In light of this we have added Miss Steer to our Senior leadership Team to lead on the Foundation subject curriculum.

Once again welcome back (or welcome!) and we look forward to another great year at Southway. *'A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials'.* **Lucius Annaeus Seneca**

Have a great weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates:

September

Fri 15th Y3 Curriculum Meeting at 3.30pm

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Y6 French Residential Trip

Tues 19th Y3 Town Tour (Turner & Picasso)

Weds 20th Y3 Town Tour (Dali)

Weds 27th Y5 Hampton Court Trip

Thurs 28th -Y6 Survival Day at Southway

-B.Hill Academy Open Evening (Y6 pupils & parents)

October

Mon 2nd-Tues 3rd Y5 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill

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School Office Hours

The School Office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you need to contact us outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answerphone, or email us at parentine@southwayjunior.co.uk. We will then respond when the office re-opens. Thank you.

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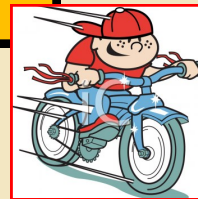


Sisters **Isla & Aleyna Adams**, of Dali & Hawking Classes, were recently awarded medals & certificates from the Burgess Hill Library. They each read six books during the summer holidays, as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done girls-keep it up!



Reminder

Please do not allow your child to ride their bike or scooter inside the school premises (including the playground), as this could result in other children being hurt or injured. Thank you for your help with this.



House Charities Fundraising News

Collections from school activities & the Y6 Production at the end of last term raised just over £550. This will be shared between our four House Charities - CLIC Sargent, The National Autistic Society, Young Minds & Diabetes UK. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.