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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had a full day's visit from two senior Local Authority advisers. Their role was to evaluate our school's quality of teaching, the breadth of our curriculum and the effectiveness of our leadership and management. The visit involved wide ranging discussions with myself, senior leaders, various staff members and children as well as spending a lot of time in classes observing our teaching practice. We received the final report this week and I have sent out a copy to you for your information. You will see that it is wholly positive and we are delighted that yet again our work is recognised by West Sussex. Indeed one of the advisers described Southway as 'unique' in offering such a broad and exciting curriculum whilst maintaining such high standards and expectations of children. Teaching and learning was described as 'outstanding', which is a term principally used by Ofsted and not one I feel is useful. I prefer to think of Southway as 'great' and our aim is to do the very best we can as often as we can, despite the significant pressures brought to bear on schools by government.

This week I spent time in classrooms talking to children about their views on various subjects, including maths. I was overwhelmed by the positive responses I received. One of our lovely year 3 girls told me that she 'loved maths because it gave her an opportunity to learn things and it was fun.' We will continue on our path of improvement and we appreciate the support you provide us with.

"No matter how good you get you can always get better, and that's the exciting part." **Tiger Woods**

Have a lovely half term holiday Mr P Newbold

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Diary Dates:

February

20th -24th HALF TERM—School Closed

27th Feb-3rd March Book Week

27th Feb Author Nick Cook Visiting

March

2nd World Book Day—Come as your favourite character

3rd A Team Netball at The Triangle

3rd Bring It On 5.30pm-8pm

6th Y6 British Museum Trip

10th—15th Travelling Book Fair

Reminder



Please be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off or collecting children by car, and think about the safety of children and other road users.

Dangerous or antisocial driving should be reported to Sussex Police on 01243 642222 or www.operationcrackdown.org

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Out of School Achievements

Harry Friend (Pankhurst)
Has been awarded Best Comedian of 2016 at The Pauline Quirk Academy. Harry will be performing at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End in October. Congratulations!



Finley Melville from Turner Class entered in a 5 mile charity run for Cancer Research and came 1st out of twelve runners — well done Finley.



Jonathan Beckett from Hawking is also quick on his feet. He recently ran 2k in a Sussex Primary Schools cross-country race, and came 45th out of 135 runners. Excellent result—well done!



If you would like to see your child in our "Out of school achievements" gallery please email details including photos to parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk by Wednesday. Thank you

Don't forget

BRING IT ON!

Friday 3rd March

A "free" fun filled evening for all parents / carers and children to play games together

Our gymnastics & Y5/6 basketball teams recently participated in local competitions. They were a credit to the school. Well done to all who took part.



Parent / Carer Consultations can be booked via the VLE from Monday 27th February. You will need your VLE login and password to do this. If you do not have your login details please contact the school office. If you are unable to make your booking online please email parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk or call the

