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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you know what the single biggest factor is in helping children make good progress in school? Is it class size? Teacher subject knowledge? Behaviour in class? Or the kind of home a child comes from? Whilst these all make a marginal difference to children's success all global research points to one dominant factor alone that has a huge and undeniable influence, way above all others. It is a child's own view of themselves as learners and an adult's expectations on that child. Where a child believes that they 'can' but maybe just not yet or when they are prepared to try and fail but will persevere until they get it 'right' will almost always determine ultimate success. In a well known experiment fleas were put in a jar and the researchers observed the fleas slowly but surely all escape by jumping out. They then repeated this but put the lid back on. After a few days they took the lid off. They found that the fleas would jump no higher than the top of the jar and none were able to escape. None of us can claim to have mastered a skill or learnt something new overnight. Very few of us can pick up a musical instrument and play it straight away. Indeed doing anything well takes a great deal of perseverance and this is what we teach our children. It is ok to make mistakes, fail but not give up. In short believe in themselves and see failure as an opportunity to grow. At Southway we concentrate on praising effort and accepting mistakes rather than solely looking at marks, grades or results as a measure of individual success.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston S. Churchill

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

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Diary Dates:

February

7th Y5/6 MSA Basketball competition @ Burgess Hill Academy

Y6 Rainbow Theatre Visit - Moses & Egyptians

8th Y5 RNLI visit

10th Netball workshop at Hurst College (selected pupils)

17th Awards Assembly 10am - 10.20

20th-24th HALF TERM—School Closed

27th Feb-3rd March—Book Week

28th Feb Y6 Dig—non uniform

Reminder

Can we please remind you that the lower playground is **not a car park** and we do not allow parking or pick up at any time, including before or after school.



For safety reasons we would also ask that you supervise your children at pick up times and do not allow them to play in the school car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Out of School Achievements



Amelia Bamblett-Wells from Dali Class has worked very hard in her swimming lessons to attain her ASA Level 5 Swimming Award. In order to achieve this, she had to tread water for 30 seconds and swim 10 metres of each stroke. Well done Amelia!

Thomas Wallman of Churchill class, who plays for Hurst Hornets Under 11's, was awarded Man of the Match last Sunday. Congratulations Thomas!



Grace Arnold & Chloe Baker, both of Dali class, have been busy planning and holding tea parties for their Brownies Hostess Badges. They even had to learn how to tidy away and wash up afterwards! What an achievement! Keep up the good work girls,



Isobel Thomas of Einstein Class performed in the Junior Chorus of the Burgess Hill Theatre Club's recent production of 'Puss in Boots'. She had great fun on stage and made lots of new friends.

Performance review of 'Puss in Boots' by **Bradley Earley** of Pankhurst Class -

" I really enjoyed the exciting Burgess Hill Theatre production. My favourite part of the whole production was when the actor shot water into the crowd and everyone was soaked!

INSET DAYS FOR 2017/2018

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 4th June 2018