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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER

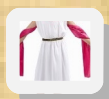


Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
When I was at primary school (a little while ago!) I remember being very excited about making a balsa wood boat and the joy of painting it. I don't really remember very much else apart from being sent to the headteacher for all the wrong reasons. How times have changed! You probably have some memories of your own that you have shared with your own children. There were no school trips to exciting places or special visitors in my day. All of this caused me to reflect on the opportunities we now provide for our children at Southway. Since September we have experienced visits to Hampton Court Palace, Butser Farm, Preston Manor in Brighton, the British Museum and a Victorian town trail. We have also had visits from Zoolab and their creepy crawlies, the RNLI, Rainbow Theatre group (three times) and a survival day. It is easy to forget how fortunate our children are to enjoy these experiences. This year, for the first time at Southway, our Year 5 children are being given the opportunity to take part in a short residential trip to Lodge Hill near Pulborough. They will take part in a variety of exciting and fun outdoor activities, spend time with their friends and develop new skills. I have no doubt that the children will benefit hugely from this experience. We remain committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum that includes plenty of memorable experiences. Perhaps in the future our children will talk about their 'balsa wood boat' moments with their own children! I hope so.

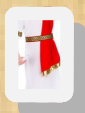
'The biggest risk is not taking any risk... In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks.' **Mark Zuckerberg** Have a lovely half term break .

Mr P Newbold

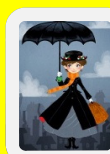


YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY 22nd FEBRUARY

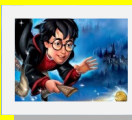
Year 3 are having a Roman Britain afternoon at school. The children may dress as Romans for the day and will have the chance to watch and take part in drama activities working with *The Rainbow Theatre Group*. The cost of this workshop is **£4 per child**; If you haven't already, **please make your payment and return the permission slip**. Thank you.



WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 3RD MARCH



All children and staff will celebrate World book Day by dressing up as their favourite book character. This is only three weeks away so get thinking now!



- ◆ Headteacher Message
- ◆ Y3 Roman Day - Dress Up
- ◆ World Book Dress Up Day
- ◆ Overstrand Payments
- ◆ Vulnerable Pupils
- ◆ Parent Consultation Booking
- ◆ Chair of Governors Marathon
- ◆ House Team Quiz
- ◆ Y5 RNLI visit
- ◆ Locality Orchestra Morning
- ◆ Best Book Author Visit
- ◆ Out of School Achievements
- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Y6 Writing
- ◆ JK Theatre Arts
- ◆ Parent GPS Work Shop
- ◆ HSA Diary Dates

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OVERSTRAND

Year 6 residential trip

The next payment of £60 is due on 26/02/16.

Remember you can spread your payments over the next few months. Full and final payment must be made by 15th April 2016. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact our **Business Manager**.



Protection of vulnerable children is one of the top priorities for Sussex Police. Here are some website links that our Sussex Police Neighbourhood Schools Officer feels are important to share:

<http://www.sussex.police.uk/cse>

<http://safeandsoundgroup.org.uk/>

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/?gclid=CJ6S1528ob0CFcuWtAodqSsAEA>

Child Sexual Exploitation is happening in Sussex

In Partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board

Booking process for Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be as follows:

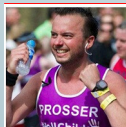
Wednesday 2nd March 15.30-19.00 & Thursday 3rd March 15.30-17.30

(Curie TBC) (Rowling 2nd 15.30-17.30, 3rd 15.30-19.00)

(SEN 2nd & 3rd 15.30-17.30)

Book your appointments **outside the Y5 doors near reception Monday 22nd until Friday 26th February** in the morning from 8.35am - 9.00am and after school 3.15pm - 3.45pm. You will find a clipboard for each Class/Teacher with their available dates and times. Please locate the class/teacher your child/ren is in and write your child's name next to the time slot you require. This will enable you to book times suited to you. Parents who may not be able to get to the school to book, can call the school office between 9.30am - 10.30am during the booking week, or email parentline: parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk with the subject 'Parent Consultation'.

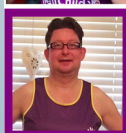
We would like to encourage you to bring your children with you so that it can be a constructive three way discussion.



Our Chair of Governors **Peter Izard** is running the London Marathon this year in aid of the **WellChild Charity**.

He says:

"As I write this email I am in training to run for my first ever marathon in London on the 24th April. along with 3 other Mortgage Industry contacts for an excellent children's charity WellChild, see their link <https://www.wellchild.org.uk/>



WellChild is a national charity that provides nursing care for seriously sick children in the UK. Every £20 that we raise will pay for an hour's nursing care for a child in the comfort of their own homes. If we reach our target that will mean we are funding 750 hours of nursing care for the benefit of these children, and we couldn't be prouder to support this cause.

We are all fathers ourselves and, while we hope we will never need to use their services, it is incredibly important that families across the UK have access to such crucial support when they need it most.

We would like to thank them for the opportunity to race in their name and raise plenty of money along the way.

None of us are natural athletes - as you can see from our picture above! - so we are all somewhat out of our comfort zones. However, when you are indoors when it's cold, wet, and freezing outside we'll be pounding the streets, clocking up our training miles ahead of the gruelling task of running 26.27 miles through the streets of London in under 16 weeks' time!

I thank you in advance for any donation amount it means so much to me and my fellow runners."

Peter Izard Donation Page <<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=PJ-MarathonChallenge>>

Please help Peter raise funds for WellChild either via his fundraiser page or donating via the pot in reception. Thank you





HOUSE TEAM QUIZ

Each House selected 8 children, 2 from each year, to represent them in the first ever Inter-House Quiz. We had several rounds, each on a different subject.

The questions were challenging but with the help of our knowledge and previous topics we were able to answer the questions!

The results were: Cliff **4th**, Beacon **3rd**, Hill **2nd** and Dyke **1st**...well done Dyke!

Written by: **Amy Read**



YEAR 5 RNLI VISIT

Year 5 were visited by the RNLI on Tuesday 9th February.

Our students wrote:

"I really enjoyed the RNLI because we learnt interesting facts about how they rescue people." – **Eva Kerr**

"I really enjoyed the visit from RNLI. He taught us how to be safe at sea as well as having fun." – **Caitlin Bell**

"I liked hearing about the rescue boats and seeing the uniform they wear." – **James Parsons**



LOCALITY ORCHESTRA MORNING

"I thought that it was beautiful listening to the melodies and the beats combined."

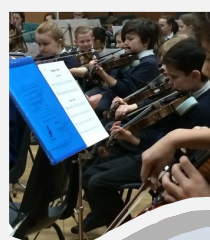
Tilly Swaine

"I enjoyed it when we listened to the melodies."

Freddy Searle

"I liked it when we all played as one and people were conducting!" **Robyn Preece**

"I liked it when we played Southern Skies and Western Winds because we went caterpillar, caterpillar, caterpillar!" **Henry Holland**



BOOK CLUB BEST BOOKS VISIT TO OAKMEEDS

On Tuesday, eight children from the Year 6 bookclub visited Oakmeeds for a fabulous author meeting which had tension and sadness, yet joy and drama! Heather Butler, the author of *Us Minus Mum*, was very cheerful and when she touched on the emotional subjects she soon boosted the energy in the room back up. Heather hadn't enjoyed reading much as a child and wasn't good at spelling but is now a successful

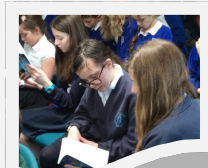
author. We learnt that if you persevere and if you try hard enough you *can* reach your goals. She made us feel really good about ourselves.

The meeting soon developed into a writing workshop and Heather gave us tips to help edit our writing – remember 'VERBS!' Part of the workshop was to make a story out of six random objects. Everybody had a chance to share their ideas and we eventually had a comical story about a giraffe, a narwhal, a robotic dragon, a singing chair, a shower sofa, a land octopus and the last remaining human on Earth!

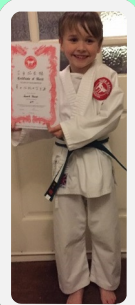
Overall, the afternoon was an exciting and memorable experience; bookclub enjoyed it thoroughly, and hope to meet some more authors soon.

If you are interested in a new author then read *Us Minus Mum* or *Milkshake Detectives* and look out for Heather's next book, *Dark Secrets*, due to be published in 18 months.

By Chloe Tyrrell, Catherine Whiskin, Emma Hunt, Amelia Hill, Mia Cetti, Anais Harris, Emily Benford and Bethan Wright



Out of School Achievements



Jamie Sharp proudly earned his second green belt in Karate. Well done Jamie.



Samuel Dean ran 2K for the **British Heart Foundation** at the Downs last Sunday. He was 1st up the hill and 2nd on the way down. A great achievement Sam.



Thomas Izard was 'Man of the Match' for his team, Hurstpierpoint, playing against Billingshurst U9s. He saved a penalty which resulted in his team winning. Well done Thomas!



Ayden Salajee earned 'Star of the Week' trophy from Burgess Hill Chess Club. He came 4th place and is able to win a game within 5 minutes!

Way to go Ayden!



Garry Harris recently played for Burgess Hill Rugby against Pulborough and scored three tries. He is an asset to his team, very well played Garry!

Diary Dates:

February

15th - 19th HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

22nd - 26th Parent Consultation Booking - daily before and after school
 22nd Y3 Rainbow Theatre Visit - Romans (Y3s to dress up as Romans) 10.20-12.20
 26th Y5 Ropes & Knots - visit by Mark Chorley
 26th Y6 Amex Stadium Trip for Maths
 29th Feb - 4th Mar BOOK WEEK

March

1st	Choral Competition - Burgess Hill District Lions	18.30-20.00
2nd	Parent Consultations	
2nd	RSPCA Assembly	
3rd	Parent Consultations	
3rd	WORLD BOOK DAY (Dress up as your favourite book character)	
4th	Class Pankhurst Assembly (Pankhurst parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
4th	Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball (A team) tournament at St Lawrence TBC	13.00-15.00
8th	Boys football match v London Meed (Away)	15.30-17.00
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 TBC	13.00-15.00
11th - 16th	TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR	15.00-16.00
14th	Girls Football Match v St. Wilfrid's (Home)	15.30-16.30
15th	Y5 Seven Sisters Trip	
15th	Y6 Climbing Wall	
16th	Parent GPS Workshop	15.30-16.30 & 15.30-18.30
17th	Y5/6 Boys Football v St. Wilfrid's TBC	13.00-15.00
18th	Sports Relief	
19th	HSA Bingo	18.00-20.00
21st	Y5 Shipwreck day - visit by Mark Chorley	
21st	Y6 (Autumn Term 2016) French Trip Meeting	15.30-16.00
22nd	Y5/6 Girls football v Birchwood Grove TBC	15.30-17.30
23rd	Easter Celebrations	
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	

April

11th	RETURN TO SCHOOL	
15th	Y6 Overstrand - FINAL PAYMENT DUE	
16th	HSA Spring Extravaganza (Car Boot Sale)	09.30-12.00
W/C 18th	HSA Bag2School home - returned by 11th May	
20th	Y5/6 TAG Rugby at BHRFC TBC	13.00-15.00
27th	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
29th	Turner Assembly (Turner parents welcome)	10.00-10.20

May

2nd	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
4th	Y4 Southdown Observatory Visit	
6th	Einstein Assembly (Einstein parents welcome)	10.00-10.20

A fabulous piece of writing by one of our Year 6 students

Life sinks like the ice
 Pearl peaks encrusted with
 knives
 Coldness-torturing
 Endless love flows through
 madness
 Cut off from humanity
 Alfie Feaver (Y6)



**Easter Holiday Theatre
 WORKSHOP 2016**

FAIRYTALE FIASCO

6-18yrs

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th April
 From 10am - 3pm

**A SPOONFUL OF MARY
 POPPINS**

4-8yrs

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th
 April
 From 9.30am - 12.30pm

Dear parents and carers,

Following our successful maths evening which we held back in Autumn Term, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)** workshop.

Since the recent change to the National Curriculum, the government has put a greater emphasis on GPS and the expectations for all children, across all year groups has risen.

We would like to invite you to gain an insight into the new curriculum, explain the latest vocabulary that your children will learn, and share ideas of how you can help at home.

There will be two opportunities to come along. We are offering childcare for the first workshop.

Date: Wednesday, 16th March, 2016

Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm and 5.30 – 6.30pm



HSA DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Family **BINGO** night - Saturday 19th March 6.00pm till 8.00pm

Spring **Extravaganza** (Car Boot Sale) - Saturday 16th April 9.30am till 12.00pm

Bags2School - Wednesday 11th May

Summer **Fayre** - Saturday 2nd July 12.00pm till 2.30pm

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Please note that girls football club will not take place on **Monday 22nd** February. The club will meet again on **Monday 29th** February

Ukulele Lessons

Mr Lucas Cook has kindly offered to hold Ukulele lessons here at Southway. Some of the children will remember Mr Cook from their Ukulele lessons at The Gattons. Lessons will be held on a Wednesday lunchtime (12.30 – 12.50 and 12.50 – 13.10) with a maximum of 10 children per session. The cost will work out at £3.00 per week, payable on a half termly basis. Mr Cook will supply the ukulele during the lesson. The aim is to start the lessons after Easter. Therefore in the first instance we would like to establish the level of interest from the children. If your child is interested please complete an expression of interest form which can be found on the school website under 'Parents / Clubs'. More information about the club and Mr Cook can also be found there.

SUSSEX JUNIOR CHESS BURGESS HILL ACADEMY EVENT Friday 19th February 2016 – Birchwood Grove Community Primary School



All day event:- 9.30.am registration; 4.45.pm finish with presentations

A Junior Chess event is to be held at Birchwood Grove Community Primary School, Birchwood Grove Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 0DP.

This event will be a training day entitled Minor Magician and focus on the use of the minor pieces, hopefully answering for all whether a knight or bishop is best for whichever type of endgame, but will involve competitive play in line with our now popular format. A Top School Trophy will be awarded at the final presentation, but there will also be individual prizes for year groups as well as the top three in the competition.

The object of the event is to encourage all levels and ages of junior players to play in and to increase their experience and enjoyment of tournament Chess.

The cost for the event will be £8. Cheques should be made payable to Sussex Junior Chess.

Sussex Junior Chess are not responsible for transport to/from Birchwood Grove School and children attending will need a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Refreshments will not be supplied.

Disclaimer: Organisers and helpers accept no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of any competitor or visitor at this event. Nor are they responsible for the effects of actions of anyone else attending this event.

Supervision: Organisers and helpers cannot act 'in loco parentis' for juniors. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children at all times and in all places during this event.

The deadline for entries is the morning post of Thursday 18th February 2016. Text/telephone 07790 018445 if there are problems post-entry.

Please send your entry form to: Mr Brian Stockham, 36 Scarletts Close, Rocks Park, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 2BA.

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I wish to enter my child for the Sussex Junior Chess Academy event on Friday 19th February at Birchwood Grove Community Primary School.

Name:

Date of birth:

School:

Parent/guardian name and email address:

Contact phone number:

Signed

Date

I enclose a cheque for £ payable to Sussex Junior Chess