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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a good break with your children. We are looking forward to a very exciting summer term with plenty of sunshine (I'm an optimist!).

Can you remember the last time you read aloud to your child or children? If you can you may well be one of only **17%** of parents that do this regularly. Yet recent research amongst 6 to 17 year olds suggests that this is something children love. There are so many good reasons for adults reading to children. When you read you're modeling how to read language. You pause at commas and full stops. Your voice inflection changes when you read questions or exclamations and you can show what you, a fluent reader, do when you come to a word you don't know. When you pick a challenging book that your children can't read on their own, you are exposing them to a wealth of new vocabulary words. This stretches a child's language development, particularly if you stop to talk about the meaning of these harder words. Reading aloud can get children hooked on a new author or series of books. Once a child falls in love with the story or author, it's hard to hold them back from reading it on their own. Plus, reading aloud gives kids a chance to explore genres and texts they wouldn't normally select. I have very fond memories of travelling through Spain as a child in the back of the car, with my mum reading a very exciting story to keep myself and my sister from murdering each other! It worked. In this day and age of electronic devices it is all too easy to occupy children by providing them with a tablet. But I firmly believe they would be missing out.

'Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.'

Vera Nazarian (author)

Have a lovely weekend, Mr P Newbold

 **OVERSTRAND
YEAR 6
RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

THE FINAL PAYMENT FOR THIS TRIP WAS DUE TODAY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT MANAGED TO PAY YOUR FINAL INSTALLMENT PLEASE EITHER FORWARD FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT NEXT WEEK OR CONTACT MRS CARTER URGENTLY

Whatever the weather it is essential that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. It has been proven that hydrated children concentrate better in class. We have bottles for sale here at

**school
for
£1.20.**



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Y3 Stunning Start - Pirates

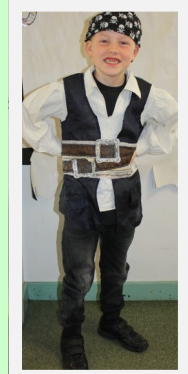
*Year 3 Summer term learning journey is...
'Scoundrels at Sea'*

The children started their journey by dressing as pirates and looking for treasure!

"We enjoyed dressing up as pirates and doing the treasure hunt. We also enjoyed doing the pirate activities such as doing our flags!" Aleya Adams & Mia Draper

"On Monday we did a treasure hunt and I found one of the clues and Lewis found the treasure chest. We dressed up as a pirate. It was sunny and exciting for our learning journey."

Oscar John & Taylor Gurr



Y4 Stunning Start - Astronauts Year 4 learning journey is...

To Infinity...and beyond!

The children started their journey dressed as astronauts

Chloe Collard – "During space school, we had great fun being dressed up and taking part in lots of NASA challenges!"

Luca Litchfield – "I enjoyed Astronaut day because we got to dress up in space gear. It was really fascinating!"

Onubhab Hossain – "This week has been amazing because we took part in lots of space related activities. For example, we got to make papier-mache planets on the second day!"

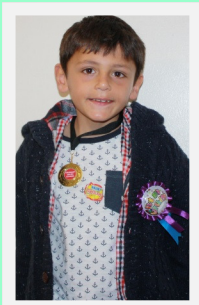
Hannah Thomas – "I really enjoyed Astronaut day because we got to come to school dressed in space gear and did lots of fun activities!"

Isobel Thomas – "On astronaut day we dressed up as an astronaut and made planets and gadgets and it was fun!"

Rebecca Larcombe – "I liked working as a team when we had to invent a space gadget."



Out of School Achievements



Arun Khursheed plays for Ifield Youth in the Crawley Youth League and was awarded with this fabulous medal for completing the season.

Well Done Arun!



Jake Hopper has had a fantastic season playing for Southdown Rovers. He earned a wonderful 'hand' trophy for being the best goal keeper; he was awarded '**player of the year**' cup and received his medal for a full season within the Crawley Youth team.

Very well done Jake!

In Year 3? Want to find out about netball?

Join us for High 5's Taster Sessions in the summer at the **Triangle Leisure Centre**

Sessions will be active, lots of fun



FREE

Dates: June: 16th, 23rd & 30th

Time: 6-7pm



If you have a daughter who is currently in Y3 and would like to give netball a go, please email us to reserve a place for her

Places are limited, so don't delay

We look forward to meeting you over the summer

Any queries or to book a place, please contact us:

Gill Lewis and Jo Chanter (U9 coaches)

u9@midsussexnetball.org.uk



Junior BAKE OFF



...is looking for Britain's best young bakers.

Does your child love baking and fancy putting their skills to the test? Can they make the most mouth-watering shortbread; are they potty about pies or simply bonkers about bread?

CBBC is looking for junior bakers aged between 9-12 years across the country to take part in the brand new

Junior BAKE OFF!

Email: juniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Tel: 0207 067 4820

Terms and Conditions of Entry: All applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 12 years for the period of 1st July 2016 – 1st September 2016. All **completed applications** must be sent back to us by **midnight Sunday 1st May 2016**. The programme's filming period is likely to be between the 23rd July and 21st August 2016. All applicants must be resident in the UK. Any child with immediate members of their family or members of their household who are employees/directors/agents of either the BBC or Love Productions are not eligible to appear on the programmes or participate in the application process. All applicants must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian at the audition and during filming. Submission of an application form and compliance with the above terms does not in any way constitute an offer to appear on the programme. The Production Team's decisions regarding selection to the programme are final.

From the producers of *Pointless* and *The Million Pound Drop* comes an exciting new family entertainment TV show for Sky 1...

THIS SUMMER, WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME BRILLIANT CHILDREN TO SPELL SOME BIG WORDS IN AN EXCITING NEW TV COMPETITION.

If your child is aged between 9 and 13, has a love of words and would enjoy taking on a host of fun spelling games and challenges...



Then we want to hear from you both **NOW!**
To find out how you and your child can apply, go to:
<http://www.spellingstarapplications.co.uk>

The closing date for all completed applications is midday on 20th May 2016. Auditions will take place between 21st May and 12th June 2016. Filming will take place for two consecutive weeks between 18th July and 14th August 2016.

Children must be between the ages of 9 and 13 years during the production period of 18th July to 31st August 2016 (so born between 1st September 2002 and 18th July 2007) and have the right to reside in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man to be eligible to apply



RRS TEAM - RSPCA

The RRS team have extended the RSPCA donations for tins of animal food. PLEASE BRING THEM IN BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK - THANK YOU. We will then pass these on to the RSPCA.

Diary Dates:

April

15th	Y6 Overstrand - FINAL PAYMENT DUE	
15th	Leavers Hoodies / T.Shirts available to try on	15.15-15.45
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
21st	Queen birthday Garden Party (Picnic lunch)	12.15-13.15
SAT 23RD	Fairtrade Day of Dance - Martlets Hall	from 11am
25th	Y6 SRE DVD Parent DVD Viewing	15.20-16.00
26th	Y3 Booth Museum visit - Dali 09.30-12.30 / Picasso 12.45-15.15	
27th	Y3 Booth Museum visit am - Turner 09.30-12.30	
27th	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
27th	Y5/6 Boys Football Match v St. Wilfrid's away	15.30-16.45
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
9th - 13th May	Y6 SATS WEEK	
11th	HSA Bag2School home - returned today in to the DT Room (Zone) morning	
12th	Y4/5 Kwik Cricket Festival - Ansty TBC	13.00-15.00
13th	Y6 Stone Age Workshop - Sir Teachalot	
16th	Y3 PC Broad - General Safety/Being Nice/Stranger Danger	
16th	Y6 Chessington Trip	
17th	Y4 PC Broad - Safety/Choices/Internet	
18th	Y3/4 SRE Parent DVD Viewing	15.30-16.30
19th	Leavers Photos	
20th	Mandela Assembly (Mandela parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
26th	Y6 Magistrates Visit	
26th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival - Sidney West TBC	
27th	Awards Assembly (Parents of selected pupils welcome)	10.00-10.20

30th BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

31st May - 3rd June HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

June

6th	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
7th	RETURN TO SCHOOL	
13th	Y5 PC Broad - Safety / Enhanced Road Safety	
15th	Y6 Overstrand Trip Meeting	15.30-16.30
16th	Y6 PC Broad - Harmful Substances	
17th	Shakespeare Assembly (Shakespeare parents welcome)	10.00-10.20
20th	Houses of Parliament Visit - Youth Councillors	
20th	Y3 Splats visit - Treasure Island	
21st	Y5 Exploring Nature with Mark Chorley	
22nd	Area Sports afternoon at Oakmeeds	time TBC
22nd	Youth Council Meeting	13.45-14.45
24th	HSA Disco for Y3/4/5	17.30-18.30
30th	Sports Day	afternoon
30th	Oakmeeds parent eve for Y6	

July

SAT 2nd HSA Summer Fayre

4th	Y6 Leavers Production	13.30-15.00 & 18.00-19.30
5th	Gattons Sports Dat	
5th	Y6 Leavers Production	18.00-19.30
6th	Y2 Transfer Morning	
7th	Oathall parents eve for Y6	
8th	France Trip - Final Payment Due	

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Kentucky Thriller by Lauren St John

Reviewed by: **Bethan Wright**

If you like the tingling feeling of a mind-twisting mystery, then this is the book for you! Laura, a soon to be super detective, loves to solve a mystery so when a star race horse gets stolen, Laura immediately steps in.

I absolutely love the part when Laura and Tariq find the hurt horse in the road, because it sets off the whole mystery really well and it makes you think. What are they going to do? What's going to happen next?

I recommend it to ages 10 upwards. I rate this book a solid **10/10** for its amazing twisting and turning story line!



Burgess Hill Fairtrade Festival

Saturday 23rd April at 11am

Dance of Life

The Rebirth Network a fresh urban dance company fusing hip-hop, contemporary, and dance theatre.

Southway are participating in this wonderful event, please go along to show your support.

Ticket £4 (adults) £2 (16 and under)

Call 01444 24288 or book online:

Queen's Birthday Garden Party



Thursday 21st April

Children are invited to a garden party at lunchtime. Children will be asked to bring in a picnic lunch, however if your child has hot meals then arrangements will be made. Children to dress in red, white or blue. **No football kit. No face paints and no hair colourings.**

