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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers

As a child I developed a love of reading early on. I was fortunate that my mum was happy to send me off to the local library with my sister, where we would spend a few hours each week, immersed in good stories. I fed my imagination and took great pleasure in being a member of the Secret Seven in my mind! I also found an author that had a lifelong impact on me, Alan Garner, who wrote *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen* and other wonderful tales that transported me to other worlds (They are still in print and I can't recommend them highly enough).

This year, as part of our ongoing determination to be the best school we can be for our children, we are having a whole school focus on reading. For the past few years we have had considerable success in raising children's achievements but we know there is always room for improvement. Amongst the new initiatives we have introduced are giving all children the opportunity to visit Burgess Hill Library once per term. These sessions are structured and include various challenges as well as storytelling.

We have also introduced a raffle system. Every teacher will be giving out one ticket a day to children that impress them with their enthusiasm, insight or sheer hard work around reading. Every month I will hold a book assembly where I will pick a winner for each year group. The winners will receive a copy of a brand new book funded by the school. The two books up for grabs this month are 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac and 'My Brother is a Superhero' by David Solomons. Having mentioned in my assembly that children seen reading in the storytelling garden would be noted and mentioned to their teachers I was gratified to see upwards of 80 children at the next break-time busily reading. I'm all in favour of a little bribery if it has the desired effect!

"Free time is a terrible thing to waste. Read a book." **E.A. Bucchianeri**

Have a great weekend Mr P Newbold

Harvest Festival donations

Don't forget that all classes are filling up their hampers in readiness for donating to Burgess Hill Foodbank. Your contributions are very welcome.



Diary Dates:

October

Tues 17th-Mandela Class Library Visit

Weds 18th-Area Girls Football@ Birchwood Grove

Fri 20th-Awards Assembly for parents

Mon 23rd-Fri 27th—Half Term Holiday

Mon 30th-INSET DAY—School Closed

Tues 31st-Pankhurst Class Library Visit

November

Thurs 2nd—Area Girls Football @ Manor Field

Tues 7th-Einstein Class Library Visit

— Y3 Drusilla's Trip

- Y5 Rainbow Theatre Visit

Weds 8th/Thurs 9th— Parents Consultation Evenings—On-line booking available from 18th October

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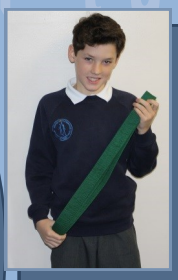
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Out of School Achievements



Chloe Wilson of Picasso Class received a certificate for taking part in the Hurstpierpoint Gym Club display at the St. Lawrence Fair in July.



Alex McVey (Dickens) & brothers **Frasier & Hayden Purnell** (Mandela & Shakespeare) all achieved their first green belt at the Renshinkan Karate grading last weekend.



Harrison Whitehouse of Pankhurst class won a trophy & medal for coming 3rd place in a competition where he ran & cycled several laps of the track.



Summer Middleton of Shakespeare Class was a zookeeper for a day at the Isle of Wight Zoo. She received a medal for working with small animals.

Harley Falconer of Rowling was awarded the Hassocks U9's Manager's Player of the week trophy, after scoring 3 goals in a recent match against Plumpton.



Chloe Baker of Shakespeare Class won a trophy for making the most effort in her group at Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club.



Clara Lewis of Dali class received a certificate for taking part in the Hurstpierpoint Gym Club display at the St. Lawrence Fair in July.



Ruth Campean of Dali class featured on the front page of a local magazine with her family, when they went on holiday to Spain in the summer.



Ollie Boyett of Turner Class was awarded a medal & certificate when Burgess Hill RFC came 1st in a festival in Crawley. The team also raised funds for some new equipment for their club.

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Ollie Laing of Shakespeare Class was awarded a trophy for coming 1st in the Y4 Times Tables Challenge, beating all other competitors in his Year Group.



Ayden Salajee of Churchill class was awarded a certificate for becoming the Year 6 Champion in the Times Tables Challenge.



Flu Vaccination Catch-up Clinics for Y3 & Y4 Children

If your child has missed the flu vaccination in school today, please see the attached flyer for catch-up clinics available in the local area. These are available on a drop-in basis, so there is no need to book an appointment.



Pick-up from after school clubs

From next week onwards, please collect your children from outside the main school office at the end of all after school clubs (except Pioneer). Thank you.



Road Safety

Following an incident this week, where one of our pupils was involved in a minor accident with a car, please could you reiterate with your children the importance of road safety, particularly when crossing roads where there is no school patrol. We will also be addressing this in school. Fortunately, the child was not badly hurt on this

Parking Reminder



If you need to drop off or collect your child by car, please consider our neighbours and other road users. We have again had reports of antisocial driving and parking in the area. Some parents are putting children at risk by driving too fast. Residents have also complained that their driveways are regularly blocked by inconsiderate parking. Burgess Hill Rugby Club, St. Edwards Church, The Woolpack and The Weald Public House all kindly allow parents to use their car parks at school drop-off and pick-up times, to try to alleviate the congestion near the school.

Use of toilets / safeguarding

Please note that we may be unable to accommodate requests for younger siblings to use our toilets at the end of the school day as they need to be accompanied by a member of staff for safeguarding reasons. Unfortunately, there is not always a member of staff available at this busy time. Thank you for your support.

Parents Consultation Online Booking System

The Parents Consultation booking system on the VLE will be open from Wednesday 18th October until Friday 3rd November for you to book an appointment with your child's teacher. New parents will receive their VLE logins on Monday 16th October.