



Southway Update

**Autumn Term
2018-19**

'Keeping you informed'



Dear Families

We have had another busy and exciting term at Southway as we begin a new school year.

Our 'nearly new' year three children have settled in to life at school and quite frankly have produced some amazing work. The standards they have set are exceptional and I have lost count of the number stickers I have given out to the children to recognise their efforts.

The variety of learning experiences our children have had and the opportunities staff have presented to them continue to impress and I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in organising these events.

Our fundraising efforts on behalf of the worthy charities we support have been exceptional this year. Thank you very much for the food donations received at harvest time, which went directly to needy families in Burgess Hill and for the £1,070.00 raised for Children in Need (a school record!). The presents under our Christmas Giving Tree also numbered over 120!

Our year 6 children continue to take their leadership responsibilities seriously and their duties have included looking after the bird hide, the sensory garden, supervising the games courtyard and representing the school at events such as Armistice Day. They are doing a great job and we are really proud of them.

Our Governors continue to monitor the effectiveness of the school and play an active part in holding us to account as well as supporting the improvements we continue to make. I would like to thank them for their hard work, which is purely voluntary.

Excitingly next term we are having an outdoor, all-weather gym installed on the playground, next to our tyre park. This will be a great opportunity for the children to keep active all year round.

Finally we say goodbye to Mr Kirby, our Premises Officer, at the end of this term. He has been an important part of the improvements made since he took up the position and we wish him well as he moves on to different pastures with South East Water.

I remain ambitious for the school and your children and I would like to thank the numerous parents who have supported our efforts this term. Your positive comments, emails and cards are much appreciated.

In the meantime I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Year 3

We have been busy learning all about the world around us. We have been on a town trail around Burgess Hill, visited Sonny the meerkat at Drusillas and taken a flight to Africa. We have looked at the effects of plastics on our oceans and talked about recycling.



Year 4

The children have immersed themselves in Victorian Britain this term, with a visit from Queen Elizabeth II to talk about her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria. Early in September, we visited Burgess Hill and looked at all the Victorian buildings and learnt about Burgess Hill Pleasure Gardens. With a visit to Preston Manor and a day in a Victorian school they have been very busy. The culmination of all their work was on display at the open afternoon for families to wonder at.



Year 5

We found ourselves transported back in time to Tudor times studying the Battle of Bosworth, Henry VIII and Shakespeare. We visited Hampton Court and learnt all about life in Henry VIII's court. In DT we made Tudor purses from felt. We proudly showed our families everything we have been learning during our open afternoon.



Year 6

Expeditions to Antarctica and a survival day have grabbed Year 6's imagination this term. Working as a team and learning to rely on other the children have been tent and shelter building, orienteering and Had the opportunity to complete the climbing wall. They have learnt about survival in the coldest places. The children experienced a fantastic trip the Brighton & Hove Albion AMEX stadium for a maths day. Many of the children took part in the residential visit to France again this year and had a fantastic time. The other children spent a week in school looking at recycling, baking, creating wooden art projects which are on display in the boardwalk.



Have a wonderful
Christmas Break and
see you in January

